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P.23/CS

C/S-C POSTAL SECTION

- GIFT PARCEL SERVICE -

OCT. 1944 - MAR. 1945

C/S-C POSTAL SECTION - GIFT PARCEL SERVICE - PARCELS - EXTERNAL

OCT. 1944 - MAR. 1945

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See 34

Postage

14c per 1 lb
1 lb =
2 lb =
3 lb =
4 lb =

14 lbs
28 lbs
42 "
56 "

Normal unit cost change as quoted
by V.G.
} 0.85 g.f. = 28.05 lbs
} 1.05 " = 34.65 lbs

assumed
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See (36)

1 Am 410 is Folio 50B.
382 - - 34B.
380 - - 13B

Source for Argentine 68

See 34

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Source from Argentine 68

Translation by G. sl. adi.

Ref. No. 426788/125/1/VA.

3rd March 1945.

SUBJECT:- Communications with Argentina.

With reference to your letter No. 246,2 03 of the 16th ult., we beg to inform you that we have referred the request of reactivation of the telegraphic and parcels post services between Italy and Argentina to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

We have, at the same time, acquainted the same Ministry with the details governing the actual gift parcel service from the United States so that it can, should it be the case, make use of same to interest the Argentine Government for an eventual direct understanding with the United States Authorities for effecting an analogous service.

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HEADQUARTERS
TOSCANA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

26 Feb. 1945

Ref. 88/1/

Subject: Parcel Service from U.S.A.
TO : Communications Sub-Commission, Headquarters, A.C.

1. Your P.23.73/CS of 21 February has been read with interest and the difficulties enumerated are fully concurred in:
2. So far as this Region is concerned, it would be practically impossible to handle the parcels traffic at this stage. At the two existing railheads, Arezzo and Livorno, as has been reported previously, the main Post Office premises (which in each case were badly damaged and not in use) have been taken over by the military and the parcel traffic could not be dealt with at the temporary premises. The prospect of obtaining other premises is remote; the Provincial Commissioner at Arezzo has already reported upon the difficulty of obtaining suitable accommodation for the Censorship Office; whilst at Livorno, where P.B.S. is in control, the accommodation question is now acute. (As is probably known, P.B.S. has ~~been~~ ejected the Censorship Office from the premises it occupied).

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4. The difficulties appear to be fully appreciated by the Sub-Commission, and it is desirable that the scheme should not be extended until rail facilities are available to each Capoluogo.

For the Regional Commissioner,

R.S. Drummond
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Regional Postal Officer

Director
D/Director
Chief Telecoms
Chief Postal

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H. Q. Com. O.
Asst. Chief Postal
Censorship
Chief Clerk

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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In reply
refer to : P.23.78/CS

1st March 1945

Subject : Alleged theft from foreign parcel.

To : Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecommunications

Will you be good enough to let me know, as soon as possible, the result of the enquiry on the particular point dealt with in para. 3 of my P.23.65/CS of 9th Feb. 45.

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

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HEADQUARTERS
~~ACG~~/AC
 ABRUZZI MARCHE REGION.
 C.M.F.

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TO : HQ. AC. Communications Sub-Commission. ←
 FROM : ACG/AC Abruzzi Marche Region.
 SUBJECT : Possibility of extending gift parcel service.
 REF : 517/6.
 DATE : 24 February 1945.

1. Reference your letter P. 23.73/CS of 21 February to the Ministry concerning the ~~M~~.
2. I believe this Region will have more difficulties than any other in distributing parcels due to the absence of train service in five Provinces Pescara, Aquila, Ascoli, Teramo, and Macerata. The present bus service would be obviously inadequate to handle parcel post. While this difficulty will be greatly eased with the extension of the rail road from Ortona to Ancona (scheduled to be completed this summer) the rail road will only stop at one capoluogo : Pescara.
3. Despite these difficulties I believe this service can be handled by the use of ~~ACG~~ trucks from rail heads to the Capoluoghi's. I have been forced to use ^{ACG} trucks to some towns(that were inaccessible because of snow except to military vehicles) and found the service satisfactory.

FOR THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER

[Signature]
 E. J. ALLEN
 1st Lt. Cav.
 Postal Officer.

HEADQUARTERS
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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22 February 1945

In reply
refer to : P.23.75/03.

Subject : Restricted Parcel Post Service from U.S.A.
To : Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomms.

The U.S.A. authorities have raised the point that a number of parcels being posted to Italy contain coffee, a commodity normally prohibited from transmission by such service.

These parcels are being allowed to go forward to destination, and it is thought that under present conditions your Government has no objection.

You may however wish to verify this; and we would be glad to have confirmation.

J.L.H.
J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 311.16-4

17 February 1945

SUBJECT: Resumption of Communications with Italy.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394

1. Enclosed herewith is copy of letter AGAO-P 311.1,
2 Feb. 45, The Adjutant General's Office to Commanding Gen-
eral, AFHQ.

2. Please ascertain the views of the Italian Govern-
ment and inform this Section in order that the AGO may be
advised.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

Incl:
as above.

Julius Byles
JULIUS BYLES
Major, F.A.



Director	<i>[Signature]</i>
Chief of Staff	
Chief Telecoms	
Chief Postal	
H. Q. Com. O.	
Asst Chief Postal	
Censorship	
Chief Clerk	

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File: AG-F 512.1
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Subject:
Resumption of
communications with
Italy

To: Commanding General,
Allied Force Headquarters,
APO 512, c/o Postmaster,
New York, New York.

WAR DEPARTMENT
The Adjutant General's
Office
Washington 25, D. C.

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Date: 2 February 1945

1. Reference is made to cable, MAT 395, dated 13 November 1944, which requested that tobacco and cigarette lighters be excluded from gift parcels to certain cities in Italy, and which stated that the Italian Government would then waive customs inspection and duty on such parcels.

2. It has been noted that a number of these gift parcels received by the United States Post Office Department contain coffee. Since the mailing of coffee and its substitutes from the United States to Italy was prohibited prior to the suspension of international mail service, advice is requested as to whether the United States Post Office Department should refuse to accept gift parcels containing coffee.

3. Parcels now being received containing coffee are dispatched to destination in the absence of a specific prohibition against shipping this item, and because of the permission given to include non-perishable foodstuffs in these gift parcels.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

J N Berdeen
Adjutant General

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AND
Communications Sub-Commission

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21 February 1945

In reply
refer to : P.23.73/CS.

Subject : Gift Parcel Service from U.S.A. - Possibility of
Extending.

To : Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomms.

1. We have carefully considered the points mentioned in your 3/8.1/1947 of 18th February 1945. Broadly speaking, this Sub-Commission's attitude towards any extension of the service is this:-
If you are prepared to say specifically that your Department, with its facilities as existing or as capable of being improved, is in a position to deal - in all its stages - with the treatment of the likely additional traffic, we should not wish at all to stand in the way of the desired development. In making this statement, it must however be mentioned that in respect of such related functions as Censorship in the United States, sea conveyance to Italy, and road transport from the docks to the Post Office at Naples, authorities other than ourselves would have to be consulted.

2. Although, as indicated, the decision as to the actual operating of the service within Italy is regarded as being essentially in your hands, we would make the following comments:-

(i) The number of parcels which have been collected by addressees outside the three cities involved, is but a fraction of what would be involved if the "city" restriction were withdrawn. To use the Capoluoghi as "delivery to callers" centres would inevitably mean large numbers of parcels steadily accumulating there, giving rise to accommodation difficulties and other complications.

(ii) Whilst it is the case that many of the Capoluoghi are now served by train, there are still several which are not, and existing road services would not be able to cope with parcel mail traffic in some instances.

(iii) In view of the fact that a number of Provinces in A.S.C. territory are served by train, it would be illogical to exclude these particular ones from any extended service.

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This factor, plus

(a) the anticipated early extension of train mail services in the Livorno-Florence-area and

(b) the fact that some of the parcel mails are actually disembarked at Livorno, would give rise to the desirability of establishing a parcel post depot at Livorno, where conditions are very far from favourable for such a step.

(iv) It is gathered that the number of "country" people with connections in America is appreciably more than those in the cities of Rome, Naples, and Palermo; and it is probable therefore that parcel receipts would be at least trebled. This would throw a very much heavier load on the already restricted transit work accommodation at Naples - even if the U.S. were able to make up the mail into separate Province bags, which is considered to be extremely unlikely in view of the large number of selections involved. In this connection it should be mentioned that the strongest possible representations have already been made (using a possible extension of parcel work as one of the arguments) for the derequisitioning of the half of Naples Ferrovie Office which is occupied by the British Army Base Post Office. I fear, however, that there is very little prospect that the premises will be released by the military at an early date.

(v) Lastly, there is the fact that postal conditions - apart from any other considerations - have so far precluded the introduction of an internal parcel post service. From a purely Post Office point of view, it is felt that the position of would-be users of such a service should not be lost sight of when considering the introduction of general parcel post facilities.

J.L. Henderson
J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

Copies to:

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

20 February 1945

In reply
refer to : P.23.72/03.

Subject : Parcel Mails U.S.A. to Italy.
To : Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomms.

1. In approving the arrangement under which the Port authorities handle and transport the parcel mails to the Civil Post Office, the U.S. Army Headquarters have made certain stipulations concerning responsibility and guarding which somewhat complicate the arrangements.
2. It has not been possible to obtain a relaxation of these conditions which are detailed in the attached letter to the Provincial Director, *Naples*.
3. The main difficulty likely to be encountered by the Provincial Director is in making the necessary agreement for guards to be available on request and he may need your support in this matter.

Handwritten signature
J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
 PO 394
 Communications Sub-Commission

20th February 1945

In reply
 refer to : P.23.71/05

Subject : Limited Parcel mail service from U.S.A. to Italy.

To : G-5 , I.F.W.O. 61-4

Reference your JII-1 of 28th January 1945.

1. The authority given for the 8th Port of Embarkation to handle and transport this mail to the civil post office at Naples is appreciated. It can, indeed, be stated that the situation as regards postal transport in Naples is such that without this help this particular service would probably have to be suspended.
2. The conditions laid down in AFMUSA letter G JII.1/168 D-O have been discussed at Naples, and the Post Office Provincial Directorate have been given clear instructions in a letter of which a copy is attached. It is necessary to mention, however, that the conditions laid down will not be easy to apply. Under the original informal arrangement, the unloading and transport of the mail to the Post Office was performed under the guarding of Italian military personnel, who are available within the port and are controlled by the Port authorities; and the mail was handed over to the civil authorities at the Post Office. It will be difficult to ensure, as now required, that the civil Post Office obtain at short notice the services of Police or other guards for duty within the Port and on the vehicles, in view of the irregular intervals at which these mails arrive. As the present conditions do not permit the civil Post Office authorities to have their normal facilities for accommodation in, and access to, the Port, and as the introduction of this special parcel service was urged from the highest level in the U.S., it might have been expected that the aim would have been to avoid introducing a complication which rests upon transferring responsibility at the quayside instead of at the Post Office.

3. Could arrangements be made for the arrival of all civil parcel mails sent by this service to be notified to the Port authorities independently of all other mails?

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civil -land in such a way that the PORT Officer is aware in advance of their pending arrival, and is so able to give the Post Office advance warning to obtain guards. It is understood that in some instances it has not been known, until a ship has docked, that civil parcel mails were on board.

For the Chief Commissioner.

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J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

1 Inc. Letter of 15 Feb. to Provincial Director PF.TT. Naples.

Copy to: R.C. Southern Region (information Naples Zone).

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394. U.S. Army.

SUBJECT: Parcel Mails U.S.A. to Italy.

TO: The Provincial Director, Posts and Telegraphs, Naples.

15 February 1945.

1. The U.S. Army Headquarters has now given instructions that the handling and transporting of civilian mail from the Port to the Civilian Post Office in Naples will be undertaken by the 8th Port of Embarkation only if the following conditions are complied with:-

- a.- That the 8th Port will not be responsible for breakage loss or damage incurred during the period of handling;
- b.- that the Italian Government will provide sufficient Postal Liaison Officers to maintain contact with the Port Commander on matters of Italian Civilian Mail.
- c.- That the Italian Government provide guards to protect mail; during unloading and while enroute to the Post Office from the Port.

2. In these circumstances you should arrange for a sufficient number of responsible officers to obtain port passes so that one of them is available to visit the Office of Capt. Armstrong, the Port Postmaster every morning for instructions and any advice regarding the arrival of parcel mails. It is very desirable that if the Liaison Officer does not speak English he should be accompanied by an interpreter.

3. Unless you are of the opinion that guarding by Post Office staff would be adequate, arrangements should be made to with the Italian Police or military authorities for guards to be supplied promptly on request for the duty specified in 1 (c). The Port Commandant indicates that there should be no difficulty or delay in obtaining temporary port passes for such guards when required.

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6 copies to :-
8th Port Battalion

TRADUZIONE

OGGETTO : Servizio Pacchi degli Stati Uniti d'America.

AL : Direttore Provinciale Poste e Telegrafi - Napoli.

i. Il Comando dell'Esercito Americano ha dato ora disposizione che il lavoro di consegna e di trasporto della posta civile dal Porto all'Ufficio Postale civile di Napoli, venga effettuato dall'Ottavo Porto d'Imbarco solo se saranno osservate le seguenti condizioni:-

- a.- Che l'Ottavo Porto non vuole essere responsabile per rotture, perdite e danni che possono accadere durante il periodo della consegna.
- b.- Che il Governo Italiano provveda un numero sufficiente di funzionari Postali di collegamento per prendere contatto con il Comandante del Porto su questioni concernenti la corrispondenza civile Italiana.
- c.- Che il Governo Italiano fornisca delle guardie per proteggere la corrispondenza durante lo scarico e durante il tragitto del Porto all'Ufficio Postale.

2. In tali circostanze voglia lei provvedere che un numero sufficiente di funzionari responsabili ottengano il lasciapassare per il Porto, in modo che uno di essi sia a disposizione per recarsi ogni mattina dal Capitano Armstrong, Ufficiale Postale del Porto, per qualsiasi informazione o avviso circa l'arrivo di pacchi. Se il funzionario di collegamento non parla l'inglese è molto opportuno che venga accompagnato da un interprete.

3. A meno che lei non è del parere che una vigilanza fatta dal personale Postale sia sufficiente, bisognerebbe prendere degli accordi con la Polizia Italiana o con le Autorità Militari perché vengano fornite delle guardie immediatamente dietro richiesta per il servizio specificato nel cap. 1 (c). Il Comandante del Porto dichiara che non vi dovrebbero essere difficoltà nell'ottenere dei lasciapassare temporanei per tali guardie, quando vengono richiesti.

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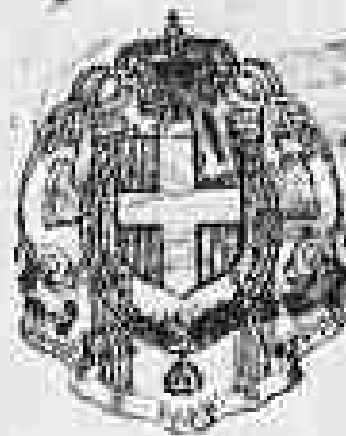
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Postal Officer.



MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI

Direzione Generale delle Poste e dei Telegrafi

Servizio IV Dir II Sez I
 Ord. N° 426584/725 Allegato
 Risposta al f. N°
 del

Roma. 19 FEB. 1946

AL. COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
 POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS
 SUB COMMISSION R O M A

OGGETTO: Pacchi provenienti
 dagli Stati Uniti d'America.

In relazione al foglio n. P.43.57 C.S.
 del 15 gennaio u.s., e come seguito alle note n. 426596
 inviata il 31 dello stesso mese si ha il pregio di signi-
 ficare che durante i primi — arrivi di pacchi sono da
 gli Stati Uniti d'America e precisamente fino al 31 gen-
 naio risultano giunti a Roma 14.746 pacchi di cui 961 a-
 variati, 66 per uffici delle provincie e 202 per fuori
 provincie;
 a Napoli 10.375 pacchi, di cui il 20% circa avariati,
 351 per le provincie e 52 per fuori provincie;
 a Palermo 9.277 pacchi, di cui 129 avariati, 138 per le
 provincie e 26 per fuori provincia.

Opportune istruzioni sono state date ai
 suddetti uffici perchè le segnalazioni accennate siano
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rivi e, pertanto, si fa riserva di comunicare gli ulteriori inconvenienti che si verificano e le proposte intese ad eliminarli anche in vista della possibilità che il servizio di cui trattasi debba avere una maggiore estensione.

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

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Date 19 FEB 1945

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Roma.

19. A

(Cigarette) Parcels from U.S.

(Riferimento)

(Veste) Ref. your P. 23.57/CS of Jan 15th and further to our 426596 of Jan 31st we inform you that with the first arrivals of ^{gift} parcels from U.S. the following numbers of parcels have been received:-

at Rome n° 14.746 parcels, of which 961 damaged, 61 addressed to officers in the provinces, and 202 for other provinces.

at Naples n° 10375 parcels of which about 20% damaged, 351 for the province and 52 for other provinces.

at Palermo n° 9277 parcels, of which 129 damaged, 138 for the province and 26 for other provinces.

The offices concerned have been instructed to repeat periodically the above notifications for further arrivals and we will inform you of further inconveniences that should be noted and of the proposals intended to eliminate them, also in view of the possibility that the service may be extended.

The Dir. Sec.

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IL SEMAFORO

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P.d'A.

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CALTANISSETTA

LA VITA SICILIANA

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notiziario

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RAGUSALA GAZZETTA
VITA NUOVAbisettimanale
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300ENNA

IL SOLCO

trisettimanale

notiziario

2.000

CAGLIARI

- 1) L'UNIONE SARDA
- 2) CORRIERE DI SARDEGNA
- 3) RIVOLUZIONE LIBERALE
- 4) PUBBLICAZIONI FACOLTA'
DI INGEGNERIA
- 5) RASSEGNA MEDICA
- 6) RENDICONTI SEMINARIO

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BRITISH POSTAL DIRECTORATE
ALLIED FORG HEADQUARTERS
C.M.F.

13 Feb 45.

P/12

Subject:- Postal Services - Extent and Charges.

To :- WO i/c Posts, Malta.

Reference your P/107 dated 5 Feb.

1. The services from A.P.Os in this Command that are now available to France are indicated in my P/123. These services should be adopted for British troops in Malta.

2. Correspondence between British troops in Malta and civilians in Italy is permitted but the only service available is the surface letter post.

The appropriate postage rates are :-

Letters not exceeding 1 oz. 3d.

Each additional oz.

(Subject to weight limit

of 2 ozs.)

Postcards

1d

2d.

The registration and parcel post services are not available.

3. The question of introducing a registration service has been taken up with Allied Commission (Communications Sub Commission) who stated the matter is under consideration but a decision has not yet been reached. The Italian Postal Administration has no agreement for the restoration of the Parcel Post Service with any Government but that of the U.S.A.

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(R.N. ROSEWELL)

Lt. Col. R.E.

for D.D.A.P.S.

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France are indicated in my P/123 for British troops in Malta.

2. Correspondence between British troops in Malta and civilians in Italy is permitted but the only service available is the surface letter post.

The appropriate postage rates are :-

Letters not exceeding 1 oz. 3d.
Each additional oz. 1d.
(Subject to weight limit of 2 ozs.) 2d.
Postcards

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Date 17 FEB 1945

EXTRACT FROM SUNDAY TIMES OF M. 1A DATED 4.2.45.

POSTAL SERVICES EXTENDED FOR FRANCE AND ITALY

The restricted postal services to France and Italy have been extended as follows :-

France

Private and business letters and packets up to 4 lbs in weight may be sent to all parts of France with the exception of the Departments of the Meuse, Meurthe et Moselle Vosges, Haute Saone, Doubs, Moselle, Bas Rhin Haut Rhin and territory of Belfort.

Business letters are still restricted to correspondence for ascertaining facts and exchanging information.

Registration and Express Delivery Service has been reintroduced; but money order and parcel post facilities are not yet available.

Letters and Packets must be prepaid at 3d for the first ounce or part of an ounce and 2d for every additional ounce or fraction of an ounce. The registration fee is 4d and the express delivery fee is 8d.

Italy

The letter service has been extended to the Provinces of Ancona, Perugia, Arezzo, Siena, Livorno, Rieti, and to the cities and provinces of Pisa and Florence; but correspondence to the cities and provinces of Pisa and Florence north of the River Arno will be held by the Italian Post Office until delivery is possible.

Letters and packets not exceeding 2 lbs in weight may be sent and registration has been reintroduced.

A limited parcel post service has been reintroduced and parcels may be sent to the Vatican City and the cities of Rome, Naples and Palermo. Such parcels are not to exceed 2 kilos in weight and 36 inches in length and girth combined. Not more than one parcel a month will be permitted for same sender to same addressee. Used clothing only may be sent. The value of the articles sent is not to exceed £6 sterling.

Letters and packets must be prepaid at 3d for the first ounce or part of an ounce and 2d for every additional ounce or fraction of an ounce. The fee for registration is 4d.

The rate of postage on parcels for Italy are : parcels weighing up to 1 kilogramme 1s. 8d; parcels weighing over 1 kilogramme 3s. 2d.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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IT.246.2.CS

16th February, 1945

SUBJECT: Communications with Argentina

TO: The Under-Secretary of State for F.T.

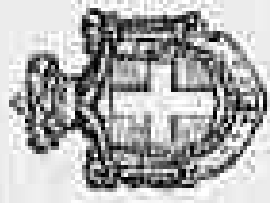
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1. Reference your S/S.3/30877 dated 13th Feb.
2. Regarding telegraph communications with the Argentine, it is not thought that an application would be favourably considered at the present moment. Our advice is to await the opening of service with the U.S. before making application.
3. Regarding parcels service with the Argentine, you are of course aware that the transportation and accommodation difficulties in this country have precluded the opening of any general parcels service, even for internal use. It is obviously undesirable to open a new service of a general nature with any particular country until such time as it can be authorised to all interested parties.
4. On the other hand this Commission would have no objection to the Argentine taking part in a limited gift parcel service restricted to Rome, Naples and Palermo on similar lines to the present U.S. service, if your department is satisfied that it can deal with the additional traffic and there are no objections from your Ministry of Finance. If you agree perhaps you would consider supplying your Ministry of Foreign Affairs with the details of the present service, to be passed to the Argentine Government requesting them to clear the matter with the U.S. authorities (who will have to agree to carry the parcels).

J.L.HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

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MINISTERO POSTE E TELECOMUNICAZIONI

SOTTOSEGRETARIATO DI STATO

SEGRETARIA

Prot. N°

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del

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
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OGGETTO: Pacchi dagli Stati

Uniti America.-

ROMA

Roma, 16 febbraio 1945

Varie corrispondenze pervenute a questo Ministero da cittadini americani insistono, da più tempo, con questa Amministrazione per ottenere che l'agevolazione concessa agli autotrasporti delle tre città di Roma, Napoli, Palermo, venga estesa ai cittadini dell'Italia liberata consentendo cioè che i pacchi oggi ammessi in partenza dagli Stati Uniti per le città suddette, possano essere diretti in ogni località.

Il Col. POLETTI recentemente di ritorno dall'America ha personalmente esposto al sottoscritto il suo favorevolissimo pensiero al riguardo insistendo perche, nel limiti del possibile, l'Amministrazione postale faccia qualunque sforzo per aderire al desiderio su espresso.

Constato che il servizio in parola ha potuto essere svolto nelle tre città sopracitate con assoluta regolarità, e eccessivo soprattutto in rapporto al limitato peso di essi e,

constato inoltre che i pacchi anche se diretti in località di provincia vengono ritirati nel capoluogo a cura dei destinatari che si preoccupano loro stessi di trovare il veicolo per ritirarli e trasportarli dal capoluogo alla periferia,

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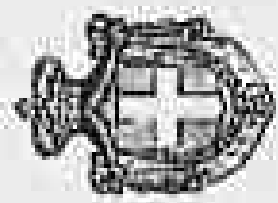
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MINISTERO POSTE E TELECOMUNICAZIONI

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O G G E T T O :

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Ritengiamo doveroso di dare notizia di questo nostro
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voglia riferire ed eventualmente disporre in conseguenza.

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(M. Pano)

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Date 17 FEB 1945

Subject: Parcels from U.S.A.

16 February

various correspondences received at this Ministry, from American citizens, insist, since a long time, with this Admin. to obtain that the facilities granted to the inhabitants of Rome, Naples & Palermo, be extended to the citizens of Liberaised Italy, accordingly that is to say, granting that the parcels that are to deny admitted our department from the U.S. for the said towns, may be forwarded to any other part.

Col. Polletti, recently returned from America, has personally shown his favorable views on the subject, initiating that in any possible way the Postal Admin. to ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~establish~~ ^{above} effort to satisfy mentioned wish.

Having ascertained that:

- 1) the service in question has been carried out operated in the 3 towns above, with absolute regularity
- 2) that the number of parcels is not all in relation to the

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Col. Politi, recently returned from America, has personally shown his favorable views on the subject initiating, ~~that~~ in any possible way, the Postal Admin. to ~~best~~ ^{best} ~~wishes~~ ^{wishes} above effort to satisfy the mentioned wish.

Having ascertained that:

- 1) the service in question has been carried out operated in the 3 towns above, with absolute regularity
- 2) that the number of parcels is not exceeding above all in relation to their limited weight.
- 3) that the parcels even when directed in parts of the provinces are withdrawn in the Capoluogo by the addressee that see themselves to find a common carrier to withdraw & transport them from the

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MINISTERO DELL'INTERNO
DIREZIONE GENERALE PP. IT.
Servizio Lavori e Patrimonio

CIRCOLARE N. 142
N. L. P. 13
Sulerno 11 e giugno 1914
POMI LE DIPENDENTI PROVINCIALI PP. IT. LORO SEDI

N. 90

OCCORRENZA: Accertamento consistenze immobiliari.

Al fine di rilevare la consistenza immobiliare e l'ubicazione dell'Amministrazione, di conoscere e disciplinare gli im-
piedi in corso per i locali presso in affitto e di avere un con-
tato quadro rappresentativo dello stato dei fabbricati in relazione
ai danni di guerra e provocati da altre cause, si invitano tutti
formulari pregando le singole Direzioni Provinciali di restituire
li con la massima esattezza e accuratezza.

Sono previsti 3 distinti formulari:

- 1°) - Immobili di proprietà dell'Amministrazione, adibiti ad al-
vizi;
- 2°) - Immobili di proprietà dell'Amministrazione, adibiti ad al-
loggi, dopo lavoro ecc.;
- 3°) - Immobili in affitto.

Per ogni immobile si dovrà compilare un separato modulo.

E' previsto che per particolari notizie, ad esempio per
quelle relative alla descrizione dei danni, sia necessario che
zio maggiore di quello disponibile nel formulario; in tal caso
i compilatori faranno uso di allegati (contrassegniati con la di-
cittura "allegato al n.") e richiederanno nel corpo del
formulario stesso i dati di maggior rilievo.

Le descrizioni dei danni saranno divise in due parti: nel-
la prima si indicheranno i lavori urgenti ed indispensabili (come
i danni al corpo del fabbricato - ai tetti - lesioni al fabbricato -
vetri - porte esterne - impianti d'acqua - luce - forniture ecc.)
nella seconda quelli di rifinitura e completamento (come tramezzare
porte interne - pavimenti -intonaci - rifiniture ecc.).

Alle V. S. 24 del formulario nel L. P. 3 Direzioni Provin-
ciali elencheranno succintamente i danni subiti dalle insediamenti
zioni destinate ai servizi pubblici (impianti telefonici, telegrafi-
ci ecc.), quelli subiti dalle macchine da scrivere, calcolatrici,
ciclostili ecc., e le averie subite dai mobili. Anche in questa
elencazione si dovranno riscontrare in altre cause.

liche da quelli che trovano riscontro nel Sig. - Direzioni
Sull'argomento si richiama l'attenzione dei Sigg. - Direzioni
Si prega di restituire i formulari con allegati

N° 90

OCCASIONE: Acc. numero consistente immobiliare.

Al fine di rilevare la consistenza immobiliare e l'ubicazione dell'Amministrazione, di conoscere e descrivere nel dettaglio le cose per i locali predetti in affitto e di avere un quadro preciso rappresentativo dello stato dei fabbricati in relazione ai danni di guerra e provocati da altre cause, si incarica il 3° formulari pregando le singole Direzioni Provinciali di risultare li con la massima esattezza e accuratezza.

Sono previsti 3 distinti formulari:

- 1°) -- Immobili di proprietà dell'Amministrazione, adibiti a servizi;
- 2°) -- Immobili di proprietà dell'Amministrazione, adibiti ad alloggi, docelavoro ecc.;
- 3°) -- Immobili in affitto.

Per ogni immobile si dovrà compilare un separato modulo.

E' previsto che per particolari notizie, ad esempio per quelle relative alla descrizione dei danni, sia necessario uno spazio maggiore di quello disponibile nel formulario; in tal caso i compilatori faranno uso di allegati (contrassegniati con la dicitura "allegato al n°.....") e richiederanno nel corpo del formulario stesso i dati di maggior rilievo.

Le descrizioni dei danni saranno divise in due parti e nella prima si indicheranno i lavori urgenti ed indispensabili (come i danni al corpo del fabbricato - ai vetri - lesioni al fabbricato - vetri - porte esterne - impianti d'acqua - luce - fognaie ecc.) nella seconda quelli di rifinitura e completamento (come ripanamento porte interne - pavimenti - intonaci - riscaldamento ecc.).

Alla voce 24 del formulario n° 1 L.P. le Direzioni Provinciali elencheranno succintamente i danni subiti dalle fabbricazioni destinate ai servizi pubblici (impianti telefonici, telefoni ecc.), quelli subiti dalle macchine da scrivere, calcolatrici, ciclostili ecc. e le avarie subite dai mobili. Anche in questa elencazione si distingueranno i danni causati da operazioni belliche da quelli che trovano riscontro in altre cause.

Sull'argomento si richiama l'attenzione dei Sigg. Direttori Provinciali. Si prega di restituire i formulari con sollecitudine.

Allegati: vari.

IL SOTTOSCRITTO DI STATO
F/so: Fano

"Capitals" to the outskirts.

3) Having also ascertained the improved railway service that caused the distribution in nearly all Prov. Capitals, by means of railway of the same parcels, this Ministry would be in favor to generalize the authorization of the parcels of parcels to all the territory under Ital. Govt. jurisdiction (mainly if it could be obtained that the parcels, suitably be grouped, were divided in separate bags, for each destination of Prov. Capitals).

It is thought suitable to inform your Commission of our ~~the~~ views, so that after having examined the question you can let us know something & eventually ~~dispose~~ consequently.

MINISTERO DELL'AMMINISTRAZIONE
DIREZIONE GENERALE P.P.T.
Servizio Lavori e Patrimonio

CIRCOLARI N. 143
SOL. P. / 2
N. 90
Solelmo 11 6 giugno 1944
A TUTTE LE DIREZIONI PROVINCIALI PP.TT. LORO SIDI-

OCCASIONE: Accertamento conseguenze infortuni.

Al fine di rilevare la consistenza immobiliare e patrimoniale dell'Amministrazione, di conoscere e disciplinare gli im-
pigni in corso per i locali preli in affitto e di avere un con-
piato quadro riassuntivo dello stato dei fabbricati in relazione
ai danni di guerra e provocati da altre cause, si invia n. 93
formulari pregando le singole Direzioni Provinciali di restituire
il con le massima esattezza e accuratezza.

Sono previsti 3 distinti formulari:

- 1°) -- Immobili di proprietà dell'Amministrazione, adibiti ad al-
loggi, dovoluti ecc.;
- 2°) -- Immobili di proprietà dell'Amministrazione, adibiti ad al-
loggi, dovoluti ecc.;
- 3°) -- Immobili in affitto.

Per ogni immobile si dovrà compilare un separato modulo.

E' previsto che per particolari notizie, se emanate per
quelle relative alla descrizione dei danni, sia necessario uno spo-
zio maggiore di quello disponibile nel formulario; in tal caso
i compilatori faranno uso di allegati (contenenti con la di-
catura "allegato al n.") e ricominceranno nel corpo del
formulario stesso i dati di maggior rilievo.

Le descrizioni dei danni saranno divise in due parti: del-
la prima si indicheranno i lavori urgenti ed indispensabili (come
i danni al corpo dei fabbricati - ai fondi - alle parti di fabbricati -
vetri - porte, ecc.) - impianti d'acqua - luce - gas - ecc.) -
nella seconda quelli di rifinitura e completamento (come tramezze
porte, ecc.) - impianti - riscaldamenti ecc.).

Alla voce 24 del formulario n. 1 L.P., le Direzioni provin-
ciali elencheranno succintamente i danni subiti dalle varie ammini-
strazioni destinate ai servizi pubblici (impianti telefonici, calcolatrici,
ciclostili ecc.), quelli subiti dalle macchine da scrivere, calcolatrici,
ciclostili ecc. e le averie subite dai mobili, apparecchiature, pel-
lencazione si distinguono i danni causati da operazioni bel-
liche da quelli che trovano riscontro in altre cause.

Sull'argomento si richiama l'attenzione dei Sign. Direzioni
provinciali. Si prega di restituire i formulari con sollecitudine.

OSCEZIO: Accertamento consistenze immobiliari.

Al fine di rilevare la consistenza immobiliare e patrimoniale dell'Amministrazione, di conoscere e descrivere gli immobili in corso per i locali messi in affitto e di avere un completo quadro riassuntivo dello stato dei fabbricati in relazione ai danni di guerra e provocati da altre cause, si invia n. 3 formulari pregando le singole Direzioni Provinciali di restituire il con la massima esattezza e accuratezza.

Sono previsti 3 distinti formulari :

- 1°) -- Immobili di proprietà dell'Amministrazione, adibiti a servizi;
- 2°) -- Immobili di proprietà dell'Amministrazione, adibiti a alloggi, dopolavoro ecc.;
- 3°) -- Immobili in affitto.

Per ogni immobile si dovrà compilare un separato modulo.

E' previsto che per particolari notizie, ad esempio per quelle relative alla descrizione dei danni, sia necessario compilare quelle relative alla descrizione del fabbricato in tal caso il maggiore di quello disponibile nel Comunalio; con la fine i compilatori saranno usciti di allegati (contrassegniati con la cifra "allegato al n.") e richiusi nel corpo del formulario stesso; i dati di maggior rilievo.

Le descrizioni dei danni saranno divise in due parti: nella prima si indicheranno i lavori urgenti ed indispensabili (danni al corpo del fabbricato - ai servizi - alle installazioni di impianti - porte, porte, porte - impianti d'acqua - luce - manufatti ecc.) nella seconda quelli di rifinitura e completamento (le porte, porte, porte, porte, porte - intonaci - riscaldamento ecc.).

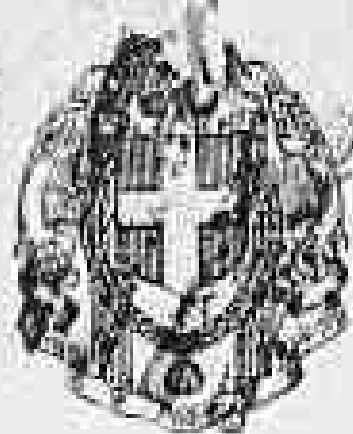
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Sull'argomento si richiama l'attenzione dei Sign. Direttori Provinciali. Si prega di restituire i formulari con sollecitudine.

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

F.to: Fano

Allegati: vari -



MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI

Direzione Generale delle Poste e dei Telegrafi

Servizio IV° Div. II Sez. I
 Prot. N° 426694/125/1946
 Risposta al f. N°
 del

Roma 16 FEB. 1946

On. Commissione Alleata
 Posts and Telecommunications
 Sub Commission

OGGETTO:

Pacchi postali dagli
 Stati Uniti d'America.

R O M A

Postal parcels from U.S.

Nel dare atto di ricevimen-
 to del foglio n. P.23.64.CS del 6 corrente,
 si assicura che opportune disposizioni sono
 state subito date perchè dagli uffici di Ro-
 ma, Napoli e Palermo la restituzione dei sacchi
 vuoti utilizzati per la trasmissione dei
 pacchi dono provenienti dagli Stati Uniti
 d'America venga effettuata in conformità del-
 le indicazioni di cui al foglio anzidetto.

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO
 (Fano)

*In giving acknowledgement
 of your P.23.64/CS of 6 Feb. 46
 inform you that the necessary arrangements
 have been made forthwith in order that
 Rome, Naples & Palermo offices return the
 empty bags used for transmission of post
 parcels from U.S. following the instructions
 of the above letters - M. Sec.*

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

9 February 1945

In reply
refer to : P.23.65/US.

Subject : Alleged theft from foreign parcel.

To : Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomms.

1. Attached is a copy of a signed statement made in this office by one Jerome Cocuzza, alleging that a parcel sent to him from the United States had had parts of the contents abstracted before delivery. Part of the wrapping is also attached; the remainder is not now available.

2. The matter is passed to you for enquiry and reply to the complainant as in normal course, with copy to us for information.

3. The observations made in the two underlined sentences in the statement are considered to call for special enquiry. You will no doubt agree that the attitude taken by the employee described as a "Chief Clerk" was - if actually as stated - not at all the right one. For our part we are particularly desirous of knowing what lies behind the reference to relative instructions having been issued by "a British Captain". Will you please let me have all the information on this particular point that you are able to obtain.

4. It is understood that the complainant will be very ready to attend at the Directorate to identify the employees concerned if that should be necessary.

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J.L. Henderson
J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

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Date

Copies to:

A.C. Lazio-Umbria Region (attn. Postal Officer).
S-2, 2675th Regt. A.C..

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COPY OF AFFIDAVIT

8 February 1945

I, Jerome Cocuzza, reside at N° 35 Via Lima, Rome, Italy, telephone N° 867870. I am employed as interpreter and translator by the 55th M.F. Co. with Headquarters at Piazza Collegio Romano, Telephone N° 66263.

On February 6, 1945, I received a notice from the Postmaster to call for a package. I called at the Central Post Office, Piazza San Silvestro about noon on 7 February and presented my notice to a female Postal Clerk whose identity I do not know but whom I could recognize if I saw her again. She handed me a package which had been mailed by my mother, Mrs. Lydia Cocuzza, a citizen of the U.S. and a resident of Apt. 601, 800 Bush St., San Francisco, California. The package had obviously been opened. I returned home and opened the package. Form N° 2922 shows that the package weighed two pounds and eight oz. upon which forty-two cents postage had been paid. The customs declaration shows that the contents were:

- " 1 - Sheet blanket, \$.75
- 2 - Hot water bottles, \$ 1.00
- 1 - Towel, \$.25 "

The package only contained the light cotton blanket.

I returned to the Central Post Office about 1445 hours and talked to the female clerk who had given me my parcel. She called another woman and some man who was evidently a Chief Clerk. I told the Chief Clerk that the two hot water bottles and towel were missing from my package. He told me that if I didn't want the package I should have left it at the Post Office. He stated he had been directed by a British Captain to tell the people that there was nothing to complain about, that if they didn't want their packages, they could just leave them there.

The female Postal Clerk told me that a Nun had just been in complaining that the contents of her package had been robbed.

-Sgd. Jerome Cocuzza.

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A F F I D A V I T

8 February 1945

Personally appeared before me, Major R.D. HILDEBRAND, CMP, Investigating Officer, one Jerome Cocuzza, who being duly sworn, deposes and says:

J.C. I reside at No. 35 Via Lina, Rome, Italy, Telephone No. 867870. I am employed as interpreter and translator by the 55th M.P. Co. with Headquarters at Piazza Collegio Romano, Telephone No. 66263.

On February 6, 1945, I received a notice from the Postmaster to call for a package. I called at the Central Post Office, Piazza San Silvestro about noon on 7 February and presented my notice to a female Postal Clerk whose identity I do not know but whom I would recognize if I saw her again. She handed me a package which had been mailed by my mother, Mrs. Lydia Cocuzza, a citizen of the U.S. and a resident of Apt. 601, 800 Bush St., San Francisco, California. The package had obviously been opened. I returned home and opened the package. Form No. 2922 shows that the package weighed two pounds and eight oz. upon which forty-two cents postage had been paid. The customs declaration shows that the contents were:

- " 1 - Sheet blanket, \$.75
- 2 - Hot water bottles, \$1.00
- 1 - Towel, \$.25"

The package only contained the light cotton blanket.

I returned to the Central Post Office about 1445 hours and talked to the female clerk who had given me my parcel. She called another woman and some man who was evidently a Chief Clerk. I told the Chief Clerk that the two hot water bottles and towel were missing from my package. He told me that if I didn't want the package I should have left it at the Post Office. He stated he had been directed by a British Captain to tell the people that there was nothing to complain about, that if they didn't want their packages, they could just leave them there. J.C. 650

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The female Postal Clerk told me that a Nun had just been in complaining that the contents of her package had been robbed.

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D
Jerome Cocuzza
JEROME COCUZZA

Subscribed and sworn to before me at APO 394 on this the 8th day of February 1945.

R.D. Hildebrand
R.D. HILDEBRAND,
Major, CMP,
Investigating Officer.

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION - POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

6 February 1945

In reply
refer to : P.23.64/CS.

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

To : Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomms.

1. Attached for your general information is a copy of
a MEMO. on the above subject.

2. Will you be good enough to issue instructions to
cover the requirements mentioned in paras. 4 (a), (b), and
(c).

J.L.H.

J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

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MEMO.

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5 February 1945

Parcels from U.S.A.

1. A visit to Naples last week revealed that the arrangements in the new parcel Office for the receipt and delivery of these gift parcels are working very satisfactorily.
2. Up to 400 parcels are being delivered daily without any congestion or difficulty, and it is estimated that the accommodation would provide for nearly a 100% increase in traffic.
3. Where the mails have arrived at Naples by sea arrangements made for delivery to the Central Post Office by the Port authorities appear to have functioned satisfactorily. There has been some difficulty with later arrivals which have been landed at other ports and forwarded to the American Base APO by rail, mixed with U.S. Army mails. It was found that in such cases the parcel bags have reached the Naples Ferrovia Office by road or rail and that losses in transit are probable. The Officer in charge of the American Base APO has been seen and has given instructions that there should be any further arrivals of this kind each load of bags transferred from this Office to Naples Ferrovia by road will be accompanied by an Advice Note and any railway vans transferred from Campi Flegrei Station to Naples Central with such bags should be sealed before departure.

4. Return of Empty Bags.

- (a) The American Army Base Post Office at Naples has agreed to accept the empty bags and include them in its own despatches to the U.S.A.. The bags should be made up 19 in 1 and the outer bag labelled:-

"EMPTY PARCEL BAGS"
TO U.S. ARMY BASE A.P.O.
- (b) The British Army Base A.P.O. at Naples has agreed to transport these bags to the American Base A.P.O. if they are handed to it daily in small quantities. Rome and Palermo should make up sacks of empty bags and forward them addressed to Naples Ferrovia which office should re-label as indicated above.
- (c) records should be maintained of the return of such

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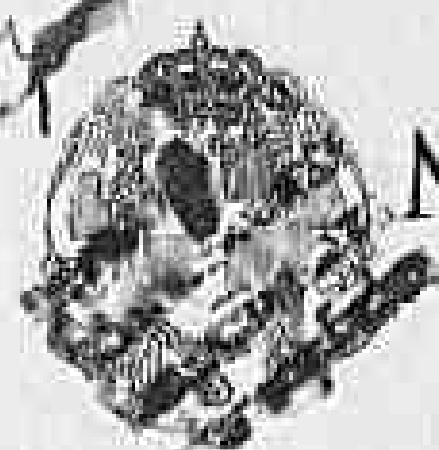
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W.H.GARDIN
Major.



MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI

Direzione Generale delle Poste e dei Telegrafi

Servizio IV° Div. II Sez. I
 Prot. N° 426596/125 *Allegati*
 Risposta al f. N° _____
 del _____

Roma, 31 GEN. 1945

M On. Commissione Alleata
 Posts and Telecommunications
 Sub Commission

OGGETTO:

Pacchi postali dagli
 Stati Uniti d'America.

R O M A

Nel dare atto di ricevimento del foglio n. P.23.60/C.S. del 19 corrente, si ha il pregio di assicurare che opportune istruzioni sono state impartite perchè una immediata segnalazione sia fatta ogni qual volta si venga a constatare l'assenza della guardia stabilita per la scorta dei carrelli a motore adibiti al trasporto dei sacchi pacchi dal Dock all'ufficio di Napoli ferroviaria.

Aggiungesi che sono stati richiesti particolari sullo stato di arrivo dei pacchi in questione e si fa quindi riserva di dare ulteriori informazioni in proposito.

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IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

(MANO)

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Subject:- Postal parcels from U.I. of A.

In giving acknowledgment of your P.23.60/CS of 19 Jan., we assure you that the necessary instructions have been issued in order that a prompt notification be made as any time a guard ~~was~~ should not be escorting the motor vans transporting parcel bags from the docks to Hapeles Ferrovie P.O..

We also requested particulars on the conditions of arrival of the parcels under notice, and we will furnish you further information on the matter.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

1 February 1945

In reply
refer to : P. 23.62/CS.

Subject : Handling of Civil Mails by U.S. A.P.O. at Naples.

To : Major Turner, Postal Officer
Venezia Region.

1. Attached are copies of a MTOUSA letter sent to us by G-5, A.F.H.Q., for information, and of our reply to the letter which you recently saw at this HQ.

2. The following points arise in relation to the information set out in the MTOUSA letter and the understanding reached by you during your relative activities at Naples:-

Re.para. a. It was gathered that the 8th Port Bn. would accept responsibility (for what that may mean) up to the time mails are loaded on the lorries.

Re.para. c. We have accepted the position that the Port Bn. will provide guards unofficially - at Italian responsibility - during conveyance of mail from dockside to Post Office. The question of providing Italian (? Post Office or Carabinieri) guards during unloading is thought to be a new issue, unless the position is covered by a mutual arrangement similar to that mentioned in the preceding sentence.

3. Please let us have your comments.

Handwritten signature
J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

KPM/wsw

28 January 1945

G-5: 311.1

SUBJECT: Italian Civilian Mail.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

The attached copy of MTOUSA letter 26 January 1945
is forwarded for your information.

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

Incl: Cy ltr fr MTOUSA to CG, PBS, subj,
above, dtd 26 Jan 45.

K. P. Manno
K. P. MANNOCK,
Jr. Comdr.

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UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 512

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AG 311.1/168 D-O

26 January 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Civilian Mail.

TO : Commanding General, Peninsular Base Section, APO 782.

Authority is granted for the handling and transporting of Italian Civilian Mail, by the 8th Port of Embarkation, under your command, subject to the following conditions:

a. That the 8th Port will not be responsible for breakage, loss, or damage incurred during the period of handling.

b. That the Italian government will provide sufficient Postal Liaison officers to maintain contact with the Port Commander on matters of Italian Civilian Mail.

c. That the Italian government provide guards to protect mail during unloading and while enroute to Post Office from Port.

By command of Lieutenant General McNARNEY:

R. H. FRESE,
Captain, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General.

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ALLIED COMMISSION
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In reply
refer to : P.23.60/C3.

19 January 1945

Subject : Parcel Service from U.S.A.

To : Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomms.

1. Attached is a copy of a communication sent to
A.F.H.Q. regarding certain of the arrangements at Naples.

2. The motor lorries conveying the parcel bags from
the Dock to the Post Office are, in actual practice, to
be accompanied by a military or Carabinieri guard
supplied by the American Highway authorities. Will you
please issue instructions to ensure that if, on any
occasion, this guard is not in attendance, the matter is
brought to our notice immediately.

3. Please also let us have full particulars of each
parcel mail as it arrives.

J.L.H.

J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

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In reply
refer to: P.23.59/33.

19 January 1945

Subject : Limited Parcel Post Service with Italy.

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

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I. In view of the terms of your 311.15-4 of 15 Jan. 1944, and on the understanding that a written advice of the number of bags being carried will accompany each truck load of parcel mail transported from the Dock to the Post Office, the Communications Sub-Commission can do no other than give, on behalf of the Italian Postal authorities, the undertaking to assume security responsibility during such transportation.

Handwritten signature

J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director .

Copy to:
G-4, Transportation, A.F.H.Q.

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G-5: 311.16-4

15 January 1945

SUBJECT: Resumption of Limited Parcel Post Service with
Italy.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

1. Reference conversation Major Turner of AC and Captain Slaughter, G-5 AFHQ on 2 January, 1945. Transportation has concurred in the port of Naples furnishing the necessary trucks for transporting Italian Parcel Post from ship to Italian Post Office, provided that the security responsibility of such cargo is assumed by the Italian Postal Service.

2. The authority for the above transportation has been issued. However, it is necessary that confirmation in writing as outlined in paragraph 1 supra be furnished to G-4 Transportation.

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

J. Slaughter
J. SLAUGHTER
Captain, AGD
16 JAN 1945

(See Over)

Director	
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Chief, Telecoms	
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Asst. Chief Postal	
Censorship	
Chief Clerk	

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Date *17/1/45*

Memo:

Understand from Major Turner as follows:

- (1) 8 Port Bn. accept responsibility for mails until they are loaded on to lorries.
- (2) Highway Divn. are unofficially providing Italian military or Carabinieri guards to accompany lorries from Port to Post Office. (Capt. Armstrong).

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ALLIED COMMISSIONCPO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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In reply
refer to : P.23.57/33

15 January 1945

Subject : Parcel Post from United States.

To : Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomms.

1. It is proposed to take up with the U.S. Postal authorities certain points arising as a result of observations made on the first arrivals of these parcels.

2. In this connection will you please furnish, in relation to the first three arrivals at the three offices concerned, the following details, in respect of each office separately :-

- (a) Total number of parcels received.
- (b) Number of parcels damaged to such an extent as to require repacking.
- (c) Number of parcels addressed to places outside the City:
 - (i) In the same Province
 - (ii) In another Province.

3. You may wish to add some general observations based on the experience gained at the Offices in handling this traffic.

with

J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel
Director

Copy to : R.C., Lazio-Umbria Region (for Postal Officer)

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In reply
refer to : P.23.57/03

15 January 1945

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To : Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomms.

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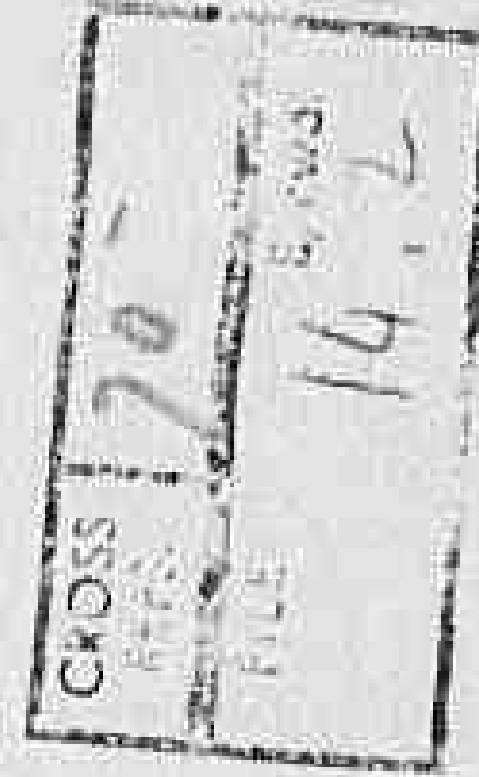
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WJH
J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel
Director

Copy to : R.C., Lazio-Umbria Region (for Postal Officer)



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Rome

Communications Sub-Commission

On 10/1/44

10 January 1944

In reply
refer to : 2.1.374/13.

Subject : Italian Civil External Mail.

To : C-5, A.F.M.C.

reference your 11.1-7 of 9 January 1944

1. The recently authorized increase to 1 kilo in the weight limit for letter mail between Italy and the U.S. and U.S. was of course complementary to the raising of the ban on the transmission of business and financial correspondence with those countries. As A.F.M.C. is aware, the present facilities in Italy for handling mails are such that it was necessary to prohibit the inclusion of articles and goods in letter packets; and that whereas the U.S. is explying the restriction, the U.S. cannot undertake to make it effective and is therefore not taking advantage of the raised weight limit.

2. Owing to lack of transport and tyres, and to accreditation difficulties at certain centres, it is not practicable to accept as internal parcel post service in liberated Italy. The same difficulties are also contributory factors in preventing the establishment of a parcel post service to Italian S.O. For similar reasons the recently established gift parcel service from the U.S. to Italy has had to be restricted to parcels for residents in the Vatican City and the cities of Rome, Naples and Palermo.

3. The prohibition regarding the U.S. enquiry therefore is:-

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letters (1) There would be no objection to an increase in the weight limit in the external letter post between Italy and any other country to which a similar extension of business etc. communications can be authorized, provided that the administrations concerned will agree to maintain the prohibition mentioned.

subject: Italian

1. *Chlorophyll a* (Chl a) and *Chlorophyll b* (Chl b) are the primary photosynthetic pigments in green plants. They are responsible for capturing light energy and converting it into chemical energy through the process of photosynthesis. Chl a is the most abundant pigment, while Chl b is present in smaller amounts. Both pigments absorb light in the blue and red regions of the visible spectrum.

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(11) In connection with the question of the inclusion of business etc. correspondence in external mail between Italy and countries other than the U.S. and U.S., it may be mentioned that informal enquiries on this subject have already been received from the Italian Under Secretary for Posts and Telegraphs concerning the possibility of extending the arrangement to correspondence between Italy and Tripolitania.

Parcels. (111) No modification can be made at the moment to the position indicated in para. 5 of our R. 16/15/240 of 29th October 1944 that "the Italian Government are" "reluctantly apprehensive of any extension of the" "internal or external operating areas until the outcome" "of an initial restricted service can be seen." It is likely in any event that an initial participation in the parcel post service by countries outside the U.S. would involve the maintenance of the restrictions as to destination, contents, posting frequency, and weight as at present applicable to postages from that country.

4. Cables PAR 410, 394, 383, 376, 363, 351, and 329 refer.

For the Chief Commissioner

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J. L. HENDERSON
Colonel

Director, Communications Sub-Commission

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G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 311.1-7

9 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Parcel Post Service.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
APO 394.Reference attached copy of GHQ., MEF letter
P/Civ/111 dated 5 January 45.

1. In connection with the enquiry made in the above quoted letter, attention is drawn to War Office authority granting permission w.e.f., 12 December 44 for US and UK post offices to resume registered mail service with ITALY and to accept commercial and business communications up to 2 pounds 3 ounces (1 kilogram).

2. You are requested to furnish comments upon which to base a reply.

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

*K. P. Mannock*K. P. MANNOCK
Jr. Comdr.Incl:
as above.

P.S. 374/CS = 9.23.36 635

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COPY

SUBJECT:- Parcel Post Service

GHQ MEF
P/Civ/111

5 Jan 45

AFHQ
(for G5 Section)

Copy to: Civil Affairs Branch GHQ

1. The Civil Affairs Branch of this GHQ has enquired as to the possibility of the resumption of foreign parcel post services with Allied occupied ITALY, SICILY, and SARDINIA.
2. In the circumstances perhaps you will say whether the Postal Admin in ITALY is considering any increase in the present limit of weight on letters addressed to ITALY, SICILY and SARDINIA and, following such an increase, the restoration of the foreign parcel post service. If the restoration of full foreign parcel post facilities is not at present contemplated perhaps you will say whether the Postal Admin in ITALY would consider accepting inward parcels only for delivery.

/s/ ?
Major RE
(H.W. BARNES)
for DDAPS

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ALL PARCELS FROM UNITED STATES REFERRED TO IN YOUR ROGER ABLE GEORGE
ONE SEVEN FOUR SHOULD BE DELIVERED WITHOUT ANY LOCAL CENSORSHIP PD
PARCEL TO ALCON PALEIRO FROM RE ALCON PALE HENDERSON SIGNED STONE PARCEL
POSTAL DIRECTOR BEING ADVISED BY TELEPHONE FROM HIS MINISTRY HERE

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COMMUNICATIONS S/C

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PRIORITYMCOM SICILIA REGION
POSTAL SUBCOMMISSION

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1. Shipment of postal packages from U S arrived
2. Postal Director here states that greater portion of packages do not show that they have been ^{censored} concerned in U S.
3. According to volume and limited staff. Postal Director here estimates one to two months delay in delivery.
5. Advise whether this regulation must be complied with or if authority can be given to local post office to distribute both censored and uncensored packages at once.

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Chief Commissioner
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
ATO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

In reply
refer to : P.23.52/03

5 January 1945

Subject : Parcels from U.S.A.

To : Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomms.

reference your 845517/100 of 22 December 1945.

1. The circular issued by the Ispettorato Censura Militare has been discussed with the Allied Censorship Authorities, who have written to the Chief of the Italian Censorship to the effect that these parcels are not to be subjected to censorship, nor is their delivery to be impeded.

2. It would be advisable to notify your Palermo Directorate accordingly.

Handwritten signature

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

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HEADQUARTERS
LAZIO UMBRIA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
A. P. O. No. 394, U. S. ARMY

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P-311.19

4th January 1945,

SUBJECT : Trip to Palermo, Sicily.

TO : Director, Communications
Sub-Commission, AG HQ APO 394,

1. Departed Rome on Sunday, Dec. 10th by air and arrived at Palermo, on Dec. 11th.

2. During my stay in Palermo, I contacted the Italian Postal Officials, the American Navy, the Regional Commissioner and the Transportation Section regarding the arrival of the parcels from United States addressed to Palermo Sicily.

3. The Regional Commissioner was quite interested in knowing the latest facts and was very cooperative and assured us he would assist the Italian postal officials, whenever they requested his help.

4. The American Navy was contacted and I spoke with the Executive Officer who assured me that if the parcels would arrive by steamer he would gladly assist the Italian postal officials. He had already issued permits, permitting entrance of the necessary postal employees to enter the port. He likewise assured me that if civil transportation were lacking to transport the parcels from the port to the main post office he would use military transportations, but under no circumstance would he assume responsibility for the safeguard of the parcels once they left the port. He also agreed to notify the Italian postal officials of the arrival of said parcels as soon after as possible.

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LAZIO UMBRIA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
A. P. O. No. 394, U. S. ARMY

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5. I contacted the local Italian Postal officials and inspected the parcel post rooms and I am well satisfied that they are in a position to handle the arrival and distribution of the parcels without any difficulty and in accordance with the instructions issued by the Ministry.

6. It is suggested that Naples should be instructed to notify by cable Palermo and Rome offices of the despatch of these parcels as soon as Naples despatches them. In this way these two offices know the approximate time of arrival and can make the necessary arrangements to handle them.

7. Departed Palermo on Friday, Dec. 15th by train and arrived in Rome on Monday, Dec. 18th.

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G. ALASIA
CAPT. AGD
POSTAL OFFICER

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 311.16-4

1 January 1945

SUBJECT: Terminal charge for Parcel Post.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

Attention is invited to the attached copy of TAM
No.410 on the above subject.

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

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

Incl:
cable as above.

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AFHQ MESSAGE CENTER

INCOMING MESSAGE

AFSC N310/30

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ROUTINE

FROM: AGWAR FROM CCS

TO : AFHQ TO ALEXANDER, INFO UK BASE SECTION FOR ECS AND
COMMUNICATION ZONE

REF NO THIS MESSAGE: WX-84023, 29 December 1944.

For FHGEG.

Cite CCAC.

TAM 410.

Refer MAT 446, TAM 382, MAT 380, F52202.

Parcel post service with ITALY.

UNITED STATES Post Office Department agrees to flat
terminal charge of 0.65 gold francs for all gift parcels
weighing up to 4 pounds, while service is restricted, in
accordance with TAM 329.

MAT 446	IS REF	FX 66316	IS MC OUT	3631	10/12/44	G-5
TAM 382	IS REF	WX 71226	IS MC IN	1319	2/12/44	G-5
MAT 380	IS REF	FX 45273	IS MC OUT	7551	28/10/44	G-5
F 52202	IS MC IN	3315	13/11/44	G-5		
TAM 329	IS REF	WX 51834	IS MC IN	19043	25/10/44	G-5

ACTION: G-5

INFORMATION:

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MR MACMILLAN

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Avviso di arrivo del pacco N. _____ proveniente da _____

Eventuali indicazioni di Ufficio _____

RICEVUTA

*Dichiaro di aver ritirato il pacco
sopraindicato.*

FIRMA

N. _____
tessera di ricono-
scimento.

AL SIGNOR

Via _____

(1102803) Roma 1014 - Tel. 2049 - 1040

(vedi retro)

AMMINISTRAZIONE DELLE POSTE E DEI TELEGRAFI

Bollo lineare

Il pacco retroindicato trovasi presso questo Ufficio ove potrà essere ritirato dalla S. V. o da un suo delegato nei giorni feriali dalle ore alle ore

Se il ritiro non avverrà entro il giorno il pacco sarà versato in dono alla Croce Rossa.

La persona che si presenta per il ritiro del pacco, dovrà consegnare il presente avviso ed esibire un documento di riconoscimento.

DELEGA

Il sottoscritto, destinatario del pacco, delega con la presente il Sig.
abitante in via N.
a ritirarlo e a darne ricevuta, esonerando con ciò l'Amministrazione postale da qualsiasi responsabilità.

FIRMA

..... addì 194.....

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MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI

Direzione Generale delle Poste e dei Telegrafi

Mod. 167

Servizio IV° Div. II Sez. I
 Prot. N° 845344/100 Allegati 5
 Risposta al f. N°
 del

Roma.

M On. Commissione Alleata

Posts and Telecommunications

Sub Commission

OGGETTO:

pacchi postali provenienti
 dagli U.S.A.

R O M A

Con riferimento alle precedenti comunicazioni relative al servizio dei pacchi postali provenienti dagli Stati Uniti d'America, si ha il pregio di trasmettere, qui uniti, cinque esemplari della cartolina avviso, stampata in conformità degli accordi intercorsi.

Un congruo quantitativo di tali stampati è già stato trasmesso alle Direzioni Provinciali di Roma, Napoli e Palermo perchè ne venga curata l'immediata distribuzione ai dipendenti uffici incaricati dello speciale servizio di cui trattasi.

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Date 29 DIC 1944

IL SOTTOSCRITTO DI STATO

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Subject: Parcels from U.S.A.
Reference to the preceding concerning
parcels relative to the the
U.S.A.;
copies
part service, inclosing five
we herewith forward five
of the advice card, printed
according to previous agreement
a certain amount of said
for forms cards large
already despatched to the
Prov. Directious of Rome, Naples
& Palermo; for immediate
distribution to field Branch
offices in charge of the above
mentioned special service.

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29 Dec :

Phone message from Naples

3rd Despatch of Parcels from USA
arrived at PO morning 28th Dec

701 bags advised.

Received	312	Rome
	200	Palermo
	183	Naples
	2	Vatican
	<u>697</u>	

Difficulties:-

- (1) ACCO asking to open Rome & Palermo
(cleared with Mayor Tria)
- (2) No rail service to Palermo
(attention drawn to instructions given to
consult Capt Smith, shipping)
- (3) Instore won't provide guards
(Told to speak to Prov Commissioner)

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M E M O -

P.23.47/CB

23 December 1944

Subject: Parcels from the United States.

To : Civil Censorship Branch

1. You may have some comments to make on the enclosed correspondence from the Ministry relating to the new parcel post service from the U.S., which is restricted to the cities of Palermo, Rome, Vatican, and Naples.

2. The following extract from TAM 376 of 28 Nov refers:

"Gift parcels from the U.S. for civilians in Italy have been given 100 percent examination by U.S. censorship. Parcels are innocuous from a security standpoint and they are in accordance with the regulations. On 25 November examination of such parcels to Italy was reduced to 25 %.

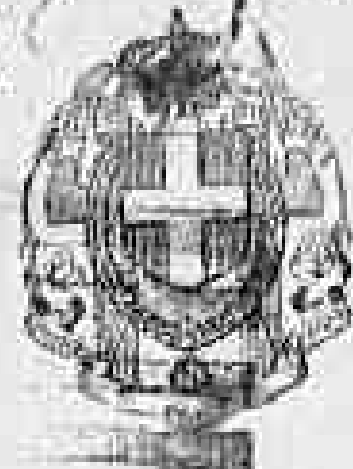
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for Chief Postal Officer

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Inc 1 Letter from Undersecretary of 22 Dec 44
Inc 2 Circular from S.I.M. of 26 Nov. 44

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MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI

Direzione Generale delle Poste e dei Telegrafi

Servizio IV Div. II Sez. I
 Prot. N° 845517/100 Allegati I
 Risposta al f. N°
 del

Roma, 22 DIC 1944

Ala Commissione Alleata
 Post and Telecommunications
 Subcommission

OGGETTO: Pacchi provenienti
 dagli S.U.A.

Con la lettera di cui si unisce copia,
 e verbalmente, l'Ispettorato Censura Militare dello
 Stato Maggiore (S.I.M.) ha fatto conoscere d'aver
 disposto che i pacchi provenienti dagli S.U.A., i
 cui primi arrivi avverranno fra giorni, siano trat-
 tenuti presso gli Uffici postali, qualora non re-
 chino sugli involucri indicazioni atte a stabilire
 che i pacchi stessi siano stati censurati in Ame-
 rica.

Dato che, secondo le precedenti intese, la cen-
 sura dovrebbe essere effettuata all'origine su tutti
 indistintamente i pacchi, per evitare ritardi nella con-
 segna e intralci nelle operazioni, si prega codesta
 Sottocommissione di voler interessare le competenti
 Autorità Americane affinché l'applicazione di tale
 indicazione non venga mai omessa.

C. C. S. S.	
FILE	E. W. G.

Date 22/12/44

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO
 (Fano)

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STATO MAGGIORE GENERALE

S. I. M.

ISPETTORATO CENSURA MILITARE

P.M. 1512li 26/II/1944

N. 63032 /O - Cens. di prot.

Oggetto: Servizi pacchi postali dagli U.S.A. in Italia.

ALL'UFFICIO MILITARE CENSURA GUERRA DI....
(Direzazione a tutti gli Uffici M.C.G.)

e per conoscenza:

AL MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI - Gabinetto
ALLO S.I.R.E. - Ufficio Serv. - Sez. postale
ALLO STATO MAGGIORE R. MARINA - S.I.S.
ALLO STATO MAGGIORE R. AERONAUTICA
ALLO STATO TERRITORIALE MILITARE DI
AL COMANDO TERRITORIALE MILITARE DI
AL COMANDO MARINA DI
AL COMANDO ai Comandi Militari Territoriali e
(Direzazione ai Comandi Militari Territoriali e
corrispondenti della R.M.)

La Sottocommissione alle Telecomunicazioni dell'A.C. ha in-

formato che:

1°) Dagli U.S.A. ha avuto inizio l'invio in Italia di pacchi postali diretti da privati a privati.
2°) I pacchi non potranno essere superiori ai Kg.2; potranno contenere in-
dumenti e commestibili; non dovranno contenere "tabacchi e accendisigari".
3°) Verranno censurati all'atto della partenza dagli U.S.A. e rechneranno
visibilmente apposti bolli ed etichette da controllare presso gli U.M.C.G.
all'arrivo.

4°) I presumibili centri di raccolta, in Italia, saranno gli uffici postali di Palermo, Napoli e Roma.

In detti centri i pacchi non dovranno essere recensurati ma soltanto controllati secondo la seguente procedura:

a) Gli uffici postali interessati avvertiranno dell'arrivo dei pacchi i capi degli U.M.C.G. che faranno procedere alla verifica onde accertare che rechino le volute indicazioni di avvenuta censura negli U.S.A.
b) i pacchi, comunque privi delle indicazioni predette, verranno trattiene-
ti presso gli uffici postali di raccolta che ne daranno avviso alle locali
Autorità postali Alleate, per i provvedimenti di competenza;
c) i pacchi controllati, avverrà a cura degli

e per conoscenza:

AL MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI - Gabinetto
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- b) i pacchi, comunque privi delle indicazioni predette, verranno trattenuti presso gli uffici postali di raccolta che ne daranno avviso alle locali Autorità postali Alleate, per i provvedimenti di competenza;
- c) l'incoltro ai destinatari, dei pacchi controllati, avverrà a cura degli uffici postali predetti.

Quanto sopra per norma degli U.M.C.G. dipendenti dallo Stato Maggiore Generale -S.M.-Ispettorato Censura Militare; le Sezioni Militari degli U.M.C.G. sotto controllo, vi si atterranno in quanto non in contrasto con le disposizioni impartite dagli Ufficiali Alleati di Controllo.

IL COLONNELLO CAPO SERVIZIO
fto P. Agrifoglio

Subject:

Rome 22 Dec. 44

Mr. Ispettorato Censura Militare,
has made known, with the letter
of which we enclose a copy & verbally,
that they have given arranged that
the parcels arriving from U.S.A.,
of which the first arrival will take
place in a few days, will be kept
in the P.O., whenever the covering
does not bear marks that can
make sure that the same parcels
have been censored in America.
We beg the Commission to interest
the competent American authorities
so that said marks should never
be omitted, owing to the fact ^{that as} ~~from~~
~~previously arranged in advance that~~
~~prior agreement~~, the censorship
must be effectuated at the origin
on all the parcels indistinctly,
so to avoid delays for the delivery

the P.O. ~~not~~ concerned with advice of the arrival of the parcels to the chiefs of U.M.G.B. which will proceed to ~~the~~ verify so to ascertain that they bear the requested indications that they have been censored in the U.S.A.

6 The parcels, however that do not bear the said indications, will be kept in the collecting P.O. which will advise the local Allied Mil. Auth. for the competent provisions.

7 The said P.O. will take care to forward the parcels to the addressee.

What is said above is to be followed by the U.M.G.B. depending from the General Hq. SIM, ~~Esplorato~~ Censura Militar; the Military Sections of the U.M.G.B. under control, will keep to this rule except if in contradiction to the dispositions issued from the Control Allied officers.

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26 Nov. 44.

Subject: Parcel Post Service from
U.S.A. to Italy.

The A.C. Communications S/C of A has informed
as follows:

- 1° from the U.S.A., has begun the forwarding
to Italy of parcels addressed from
civilians to civilians.
 - 2° The parcels must not ~~be of over~~ weigh
more than 2 Kg. they can contain clothing
& food-stuffs. They cannot contain tobacco
and cigarettes - lighters
 - 3° The parcels must be censored when
leaving the U.S. & must ~~be~~ have
clearly opposite marks & labels
that must be controlled at the U.N.C.C.
on arrival.
 - 4° The principal center of collection
in Italy, will be the P.O.s. of Palermo,
Naples & Rome.
- In said centers the parcels will
not be censored again but only
controlled according to the following
procedure:

Extract from the "Gazzetta Ufficiale" No. 62 dated 30 Sept. '44.

Lieut.D.L. 25 Sept. '44 No. 220

" Constitution of the ^{Nazionale} "Ente per la distribuzione dei soccorsi in Italia "
(E.N.D.S.I.) - National Body for the distribution of Relief in Italy -

Art. 1 - An 'Ente Nazionale' named "Ente Nazionale per la distribuzione dei soccorsi in Italia" (E.N.D.S.I.) is hereby constituted in Rome under the vigilance of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers.

Art. 2 - The Body has for scope to provide the free distribution to the civilian population of relief :
(a) - sent by the American Relief for Italy, Inc., in accordance to the wishes of donator;
(b) - assigned to them by the Italian Government;
(c) - assigned to them, as legacy or gift, by other States, bodies or private persons.

.....
Art. 9 - To the Body, in consideration of their purposes, are granted the following concessions :-

- (a) - exemption from every tribute, impost and tax;
- (b) - exemption from postage charges;
- (c) - transport free of charges, of goods and materials, on means managed by the State, and facilities to agree between the State and the concessionnaires of transport services;
- (d) - customs exemption for the goods and materials imported into Italy in accordance with this Decree;
- (e) - privileges for official journeys, on railways, motorcar services, maritime and air lines, for the members of the Committee of Direction and for the personnel of the 'Ente' analogous to those in force for the personnel of the Italian Forces.

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Art. 11 - The present Decree will enter into force on the day after that of publication in the Gazzetta Ufficiale.

Rome 28 Sept. 1944.

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Obtained from major Price Fin Branch.
It is thought that this decree was extended
to cover the Pcl Post from USA
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

19 December 1944

In reply
refer to : PX23-44/02

Subject : Parcel Mails from U.S.A.

To : Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomms.

1. Information has been received that the first despatches of parcel mails may be expected to reach Italy on or about 1st January 1945.

2. The despatches have been loaded on two ships as shown below

Sacks for Rome	190	197
Sacks for Naples	125	117
Sacks for Palermo	126	126
Sacks for Vatican	2	2
	<u>442</u>	<u>442</u>

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

Copy to : A.C. Lazio-Umbria Region (att. Postal Officer) 618

U.S. CONFIDENTIAL Equals British CONFIDENTIAL

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
AFO 512

TBJ/DMR/mls

G-5: 311.16-4

17 December 1944

SUBJECT: International Mail.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, AFO 394.

Reference TAM 376 forwarded to you on 30 November.

Information has been received that the first consignment of gift parcels from the United States for Italian civilians may be expected on or about 1 January 1945. The following have been loaded:

loaded on BA 635

190 Sacks for Rome
125 Sacks each for Naples and Palermo
2 Sacks for Vatican City

Loaded on BA 657 in same convoy:

157 Bags for Rome
117 Bags for Naples
126 Bags for Palermo
2 Bags for Vatican City
19 Pouches Int.
7 Pouches POW.

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

T. B. Jackman
Lt. Colonel.



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Date 19 DEC 1944

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
PO 194
Communications Sub-Commission

16 December 1944

In reply
refer to : P.23.43.03.

Subject : Parcel Post from U.S.A.

To : Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomms.

1. Please inform your Naples Directorate that the officer competent to deal with any necessary requests for additional railway facilities for conveying the parcel mails from Naples to Rome and possibly Palermo is Major V.R. Bowers of the Transportation Sub-Commission.

2. It is suggested that it would be advisable for a representative of the Directorate to make a preliminary visit to Major Bowers at the Headquarters of the 701 Railway Grand Division in Naples. (Tel 500 50 & 12)

W J H

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

Copy to : Transportation Sub-Commission.

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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION(AC)
(Rail Section)
C/o Transportation Increment,
C. M. F.

Tel: 843207
Our Reference: AC/74/Tn

14 December 1944

TO: Communications Sub-Commission

SUBJECT : Civil Parcel Post from USA .

1. Reference is to your letter of 2nd December 44.
2. As the whole project is somewhat definite as to date and requirements, there is very little this Sub-Commission can do at the moment, except to advise all concerned of your requirements.
3. In the circumstances, it is suggested that you arrange for the Postal Authorities in Naples to contact this Sub Commission's Officer, Major Bowers, who will contact both the Movements and MRS Officers in order to obtain the best possible service to meet your needs, so far as the Naples area is concerned.
4. Should the mail be expected at any other point, please contact me again as soon as the information is available, when the best will be done to meet your requirements.

O. H. Lindberg
O.H. LINDBERG
Lt. Col. R.E.,
Chief, Rail Section.

Copy to:

AFHQ Mov & Tn with enclos.
Major Bowers " "
MRS " "
PBS Naples Port " "

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

In reply
refer to :P.23.40/C3.

15 December 1944

Subject : Resumption of Limited Parcel Post Service with Italy.
To : G-5, A.F.H.Q.

1. Reference 311-16-4 of 3rd December 1944, in informal discussions with representatives of 8th Port Battalion at Naples it has been agreed that, the Port Battalion will arrange for disembarkation of the civil parcel mails and (provided civil mails can readily be separated from army mails) will deliver them to the Italian Central Post Office in Monteoliveto Naples.
2. It is considered that this arrangement is preferable to any scheme requiring the Italian Post Office to work within the enclosed Port area.
3. A port pass has been obtained for a senior Italian postal official at Naples to enable him to function as liaison Officer.
4. The 8th Port Battalion would appreciate confirmation from higher authority of the arrangement detailed in para.1. above.

For Chief Commissioner

WJH

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

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

In reply
refer to : P.23.39/08.

15 December 1944

Subject : Parcel Post from United States.

To : Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomms.

1. One of the conditions made by the 8th Port Battalion in agreeing to deliver the incoming parcel mails to the Central Post Office Naples was that the motor transport concerned should not be delayed by any failure to provide for the speedy unloading of the vehicles.
2. This fact was brought to the notice of the Naples Directorate which was asked to ensure that the courtyard is kept clear of debris and other obstructions, that a night telephone service is available for the receipt of instructions from the Port and that arrangements can be made at short notice to have adequate personnel available to deal with the receipt of the mails.
3. A port pass was obtained to enable Sig. Strina to keep in touch with the Port Battalion Postal Officer.
4. Will you please arrange that if one of your Central Inspectors is visiting Naples he should ascertain whether the points mentioned in para. 2 have received proper attention.

WHE

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

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Ministero delle Comunicazioni
DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLE POSTE E DEI TELEGRAFI
SERVIZIO LAVORI E PATRIMONIO

Prov. N. S/83/4299 Allegato

Communications
Roma DIC. 1944

HEADQUARTERS
Allied Commission
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Responsa al f. N. P. 23.32/CS
del 4/12/944

OGGETTO Servizio pacchi postali con l'estero.

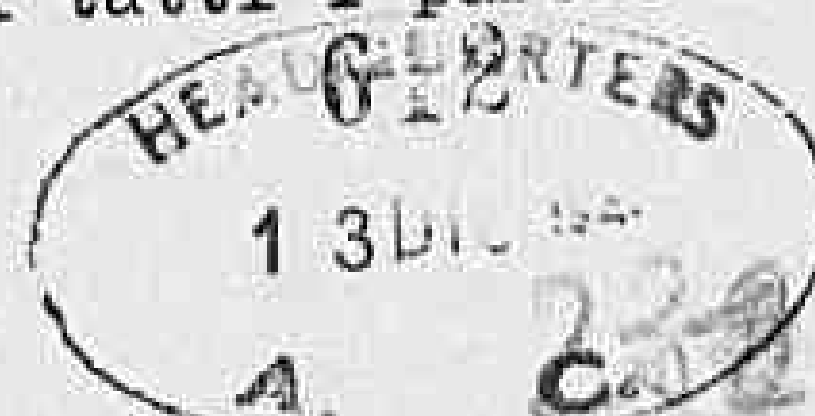
Circa quanto viene richiesto con la lettera cui si risponde si ha il pregio di comunicare che nel Palazzo Postale di Napoli si sono potuti sistemare ampi locali per ricevere i pacchi postali in arrivo.

Non si è pertanto reso necessario far sgombrare i locali della Provvida, che, tuttavia, potranno essere utilizzati anch'essi per ricevere i pacchi solo nel caso che i locali predisposti non risultassero sufficienti.

Si comunica inoltre che il Magg. Green il mattino del 4 c.m. è stato informato dettagliatamente sul posto di quanto è stato già fatto e, col Direttore Provinciale delle Poste di Napoli, si è interessato di tutti i particolari

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riguardanti l'arrivo e la distribuzione dei
pacchi.=

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

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Date 14 DIC 1944

Translation

Subject: Parcel post service with U.S. 38
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Ref. your letter P.23.32/CS of 4.12.44 -
It is notified that in the Postal Buildings at
Hofles, ~~and~~ we have been able to arrange
~~large~~ ^{large} premises to receive arriving postal
parcels.

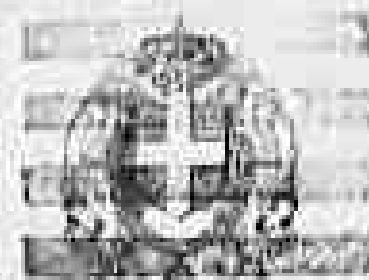
It has not, therefore, been necessary to get cleared
the PROUIDA premises, which, however, will
be also used to receive the parcels, if the
arranged premises would not be sufficient.

Major Green, on the morning of Dec. 4th, has
been informed, on the spot, of the provisions
taken; he ~~has~~ discussed with the Prov.

Director of Hofles All particulars
concerning the arrival and distribution of
parcels

The Under Secretary of State.

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Ministero delle Comunicazioni
DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLE POSTE E DEI TELEGRAFI

Roma 7 DIC. 1944

1^a COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICA-
TIONS = SUB COMMISSION
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Servizio Per Te
Reg. N. 845344/100 Allegato

Rapresentant f. N.
del

OGGETTO Pacchi dagli Stati Uniti d'America.

Con riferimento al contenuto del foglio N. F.23.35/CS del 6 corrente, ed in dipendenza degli accordi verbali presi in occasione della discussione avvenuta nel novembre scorso circa l'organizzazione del servizio dei pacchi=do no indirizzati alla città di Roma, Napoli, Paler=mo e Città del Vaticano, si ha il pregio di con=fermare che questa Amministrazione percepirà per ciascun pacco, fino al peso massimo di quattro libbre, un diritto unico di franchi oro 0,65; e che, per i pacchi diretti allo Stato della Città del Vaticano, quest'ultimo, come già di accordo, percepirà un diritto di franchi oro 0,30.

Si resta intesi che, allorquando il servizio dei pacchi sarà esteso a tutto il ter=ritorio italiano i diritti s=anno quelli indica=ti al punto c) della lettera cui si risponde.

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

W.H.C.

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Date

Rome 7 December
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Subject: Parcels from U.S.A.

Reference letter n° F. 23-35/56 of 6 Dec. & in connection with our conversation, in the occasion of the discussions that took place on november last regarding the organization of the service for the parcels addressed to Rome, Naples, Palermo & Vatican City, we confirm that this Administration will receive for each parcel, up to the maximum weight of 4 pounds, a flat figure of 0.65 gold francs; & for the parcels addressed to the Vatican City, the latter as was already agreed, will receive a flat figure of 0.30 gold francs.

It is agreed that when the service will be extended to all the Italian territory, the figure that will be received shall be what was indicated in para. 2. of the ^{your} letter which we are now answering.

The Under Secretary of
State

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REFERENCE THREE ONE ONE POINT ONE SIX DASH FOUR OF THREE DECEMBER AND
TAX THREE EIGHT TWO PD

WILE SERVICE RESTRICTED TO FOUR CITIES SPECIFIED USA

PAPER U.S. ARMY FROM GREEN FROM HQ ALCON SIGNED STORE PAPER

ITALIAN POST OFFICE WILL ACCEPT FLAT TERMINAL CHARGE OF ZERO POINT SIX
FIVE GOLD FRANCHES FOR ALL PARCELS UP TO MAXIMUM WEIGHT OF FOUR POUNDS

SEE 87 + 50

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COMMUNICATIONS S/C

149081 Ext: 312

Gth 72 Cpt

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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6 December 1944

In reply
refer to : P.23.35/03

Subject: Parcel Post from United States.

To : Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomm.

1. In connection with our suspended discussions on the question of transit and terminal charges proper to your Administration, we have now received from the United States the information that the postage rates being charged in that country are 14 cents (14 lire) per pound or fraction of a pound. (i.e. 56 cents for a maximum weight 2 kilo parcel).

2. On such basis if your Administration desires to claim charges in respect of these gift parcels, U.S. Post Office has provided to allow a credit as follows:

For parcels weighing up to 2 pounds (1 kilo.):
0.85 gold franc (28 lire) per parcel.
For parcels weighing 2 to 7 pounds (1 to 3 kilo.):
1.05 gold franc (34.07 lire) per parcel.

It is stated that these figures are based on information supplied by your Administration in 1940.

3. Your letter 845344/100 of 5.II.44 indicated that appropriate credits would be:

Up to 1 kilo: 0.85 gold frs. (0.30 transit: 0.55 terminal)
Over 1 kilo: 1.25 gold frs. (0.70 transit: 0.55 terminal)

At our subsequent discussions however, when the feature of much reduced internal distribution costs for the restricted service was raised, you expressed the view that a flat rate figure of 0.65 gold francs per parcel - irrespective of weight - would be regarded as adequate, subject to the Italian service not being called upon to pay sea transit charges. This figure was mentioned as applicable also to Vatican parcels, which your Administration would hand over without charges. (It is recorded that the Vatican has suggested credits to themselves of 0.55 and 0.65 gold francs for parcel under and over 1 kilo. respectively)

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4. Will you please review the matter in the light of the further information now given, and let us have a definite statement on behalf of your own and the Vatican administrations.

5. In the event of it being desired to claim terminal charges it is thought by this Commission that a flat rate figure in the neighbourhood of the 0.65 gold francs already mentioned, would be an equitable apportionment in relation to the relative conditions. Its adoption would, it is thought, automatically give rise to consideration of a reduction in the postage rates, in view of the basis upon which they have so far been fixed.

6. We are advised that, pending settlement of the question, no credit figures will be shown on the parcel bills accompanying despatches from New York.

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

Copy to : G-5, A.F.H.Q. (Re.G-5: 311.16-4 dated 3.12.44)

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G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 311.16-4

3 December 1944

SUBJECT: Resumption of Limited Parcel Service with Italy.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

1. Herewith for information Communications Section are copies of the following:

- a. AFHQ F52202 of 13 November (MC Out 3315).
- b. CCS TAM 382 of 1 December (MC In 1319).

2. Have you any comments?

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



T. B. Jackman
Lt Col.

T. B. JACKMAN,
Lt. Colonel.

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HEADQUARTERS

1-DEC-1944

A. C.

ROUTINE

FROM: AGVAR FROM CCS

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

REF NO THIS MESSAGE: WK-71226, 01 December 1944.

Cite CCAC.

For FINEG.

TAM 382.

Refer F-52202 and MAT 380.

Parcel post service with ITALY.

1. Postage rates on gift parcels for Italian civilians are 14 cents per pound or fraction thereof. With regard to proportion of parcel post rates being reserved for Italian and Vatican accounts, UNITED STATES Post Office Department assumes that accounting for parcel post exchanged with ITALY will be handled in the same manner as previous to the suspension of service. The exact rates which will be claimed by ITALY for such service are not known, but according to information received from the Italian Administration in 1940, it is assumed that the following terminal charge will be claimed by that administration when accounting is resumed:

For parcels weighing up to 2 pounds (1 kilo):
 0.85 gold franc per parcel.

For parcels weighing 2 to 7 pounds (1 to 3 kilo):
 1.05 gold franc per parcel.

In terms of the exchange rate of 33 lire to 1 gold franc, the rate would be 33 lire for parcels weighing up to 2 pounds and 37 lire for parcels weighing up to 7 pounds.

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AFSC W456/02. REF NO: WX-71226, 01 December (Cont'd).

cells weighing from 2 to 7 pounds. A resumption of accounting on the basis outlined above is agreeable to the UNITED STATES Post Office Department.

2. The Postmaster at NEW YORK has been instructed to omit the summary credits from the parcel bills accompanying the mails until such a time as it is definitely known whether the Postal Administration of ITALY will claim terminal charges on these gift parcels.

3. The possibility of confusing similar city and province addressees when accepting these gift parcels was recognized by the UNITED STATES Post Office Department. On 10 November 1944, a notice was issued in the Postal Bulletin that parcels were to be accepted for ROME, NAPLES and PALERMO cities only, and not for those provinces.

FOOTNOTE:

F 52202 is MC OUT 3315 13/11/44 G-5
 MAY 380 is Ref FX 45273 is MC OUT 7551 28/10/44 G5

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*11K. enquirer, in
 TAM 329, did not indicate
 any similar attitude.
 The public gets the gifts,
 but the P.O. incurs the
 cost of delivering them. 11/11/44*

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ROUTINE

OUTGOING MESSAGE

TO FOR ACTION: AGWAR

REF NO: F 52202

SIGNED: WILSON

CITE: FHGEG

HEADQUARTERS
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 A. C.

With regard to limited parcel service agreed in MAT 380 request you state rates being charged to consignors in U S for such packages and what proportion of such rates is being reserved for Italian and VATICAN account in respect of their handling at this end. Request you quote proportion in terms of exchange rate of 33 Lire to 1 Gold Franc.

Desired to point out that because of the similarity in ending of addresses consignors may attempt to send parcels to addresses in ROME Province, NAPLES Province and PALERMO Province as distinct from addresses within confines of ROME City, NAPLES City and PALERMO City. Requested that you do all possible to limit parcels strictly for addresses in selected cities.

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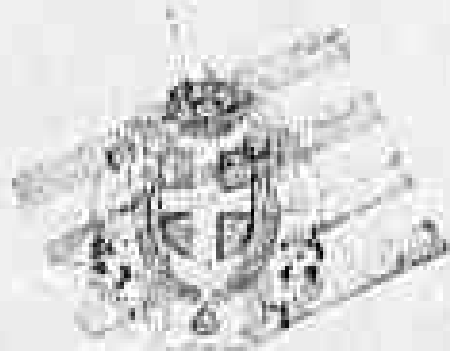
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Ministero delle Comunicazioni

DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLE POSTE E DEI TELEGRAFI

Sezione IV *Per II* *Per I*

Rel. A. *Allegati*
845344/100
OGGETTO

Pacchi dagli S.U.A.

2 DIC. 1944
DIREZIONE PROV. LE P.T.
ROMA NAPOLI PALERMO

c.p.o.

COMMISSIONE ALLEATA POSTS
AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS SUB

COMMISSION
DIREZIONE POSTE CITTA' DEL
VATICANO

ISPETTORATO GENERALE MOVI-
MENTO POSTALE

A parziale modificazione delle norme im-
partite con la lettera pari numero del 17 novembre,
relativa ai pacchi provenienti dagli Stati Uniti
d'America, si dispone quanto segue:

ARRIVO - Le spedizioni consegnate dal Comando
Alleato all'ufficio postale della località di sbar-
co e non dirette all'ufficio stesso, dovranno esse-
re avviate da tale località agli uffici di destina-
zione a cura dell'Amministrazione postale e non dal
predetto Comando. A Tale scopo gli Ispettori del Mo-
vimento di Roma, Napoli e Palermo prenderanno di
volta in volta opportuni accordi con il locale Co-
mando Alleato e con il Compartimento Ferroviario per
la concessione dei necessari mezzi di trasporto.

La descrizione dei pacchi in arrivo in-
vece che sul modello 260 sarà preferibilmente fat-
ta, dagli uffici di Napoli Centro e Palermo, sul
mod. 28 speciale, che, con opportune correzioni, me-
glio si adatta allo scopo.

L'ufficio di Roma Ferrovia, invece, dopo

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la ricognizione del contenuto dei sacchi e l'applicazione del cartellino mod. 253/B o 253, suddividerà i pacchi secondo gli uffici di distribuzione descrivendo quelli da distribuire nell'ufficio stesso sul mod. 28 speciale e quelli diretti agli uffici periferici e centrale su distinte mod. 255, in duplice copia, intestate a ciascun ufficio. Una copia della distinta accompagnerà i pacchi, l'altra sarà ritirata con la ricevuta dell'ufficio distributore. Questo, poi, eseguirà la descrizione sul mod. 28 speciale e le altre operazioni della distribuzione.

DISTRIBUZIONE - La compilazione delle cartoline-avviso e l'annotazione della loro spedizione sul mod. 28 speciale deve essere eseguita dalla sezione arrivi di ciascun ufficio distributore, che, ogni giorno, aprirà un numero di sacchi il cui contenuto possa essere distribuito nella giornata seguente dagli addetti agli sportelli.

Dopo la compilazione di tali cartoline, i pacchi saranno passati alle sezioni distribuzione. Queste, all'atto della consegna di ciascun pacco, dovranno ritirare ricevuta nell'apposito spazio delle cartoline stesse che alla fine dell'orario giornaliero saranno trasmesse alla sezione arrivi, per l'annotazione dell'avvenuta consegna sul mod. 28 speciale. In tal modo le sezioni arrivi potranno accertare quali pacchi siano ancora giacenti, compilare, trascorsi infruttuosamente 15 giorni dalla data di spedizione del 1° avviso, il secondo avviso da spedire in raccomandazione e ritirare dalla distribuzione quei pacchi che, aven-

sto in modo che agli sportelli di distribuzione
vengano eseguite solo le operazioni inerenti al
la materiale consegna e al ritiro delle ricevute,
riservando tutte le altre formalità e scrittura
zioni ad altri reparti, e ciò per consentire la
massima celerità nelle operazioni stesse così da
poter effettuare in ciascuna giornata il maggior
numero possibile di consegne.

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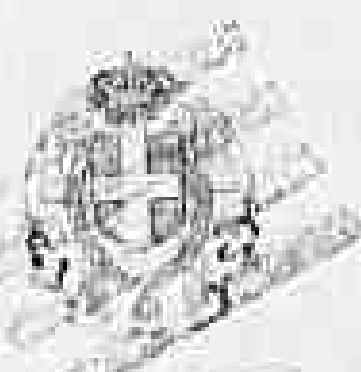
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Ministero delle Comunicazioni
DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLE POSTE E DEI TELEGRAFI

Roma

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Amministratore
Per. N.

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Allegati

Respost. al f. N.
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do compiuto il periodo massimo di giacenza, devono essere consegnati alla Croce Rossa.

Uniti ad ogni avviso quietanzato le sezioni distribuzione trasmetteranno a quelle degli arrivi anche una delle dichiarazioni doganali (Customs Declaration) che si trovano attaccate ad ogni pacco. Le sezioni arrivi, (e non quelle di distribuzione all'atto della consegna dei pacchi) compileranno giornalmente in base alle cartoline ricevute, gli appositi elenchi, che saranno tempestivamente forniti, omettendo la descrizione del contenuto e allegando invece ai modelli stessi tutte le dichiarazioni doganali relative ai pacchi consegnati nella giornata cui si riferisce l'elenco.

Le disposizioni di cui sopra sono date in via di massima, lasciando alle Direzioni la facoltà di applicarle con opportuni adattamenti suggeriti dalle esigenze locali.

Comunque il servizio deve essere dispo-

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TRANSLATION

Subject: Parcels from U.S.A.

As some changes have been made in the regulations issued in the letter N° 845344/100 of Nov. 17th, relative to the parcels coming from America, it is disposed as follows:-

ARRIVAL: Despatches delivered from the Allied Command to the Post Office of the locality where they have been disembarked, and not addressed to the same office, shall be forwarded from that locality to the offices of destination by care of the Postal Administration and not by the said Command. For such scope the Inspectors for Movements of Rome, Naples and Palermo will take time by time opportune arrangements with the local Allied Hqs and with the Italian Railway Service, for the concession of the necessary transportation facilities.

The description of the arriving parcels shall be made, preferably, from the Offices of Naples Centro and Palermo, on the special form 28, instead of 260, the first being more suitable, with the opportune alterations. The Office of Rome Ferrovia instead, after having controlled the contents of the bags and having applied the label mod. 253/B or 253, will divide the parcels according to the distributing office, describing those that are to be distributed in the ~~same~~ office itself on form 28 special, and those addressed to the branch offices and central offices on lists mod. 255, in duplicate, addressed to each office. One copy of the list shall accompany the parcels, the other copy shall be withdrawn with the receipt of the distributing office; this, will then, make a record of the parcels on mod. 28 special and will carry on the other distributing operations.

Distribution. The compilation of the advice-cards and the noting of their despatch on mod. 28 special shall be done from the arrival section of each office of distribution, which, every day, will open a certain number of bags, which contents can be delivered the following day to the counters. After having prepared said cards the parcels shall be handed over to the distribution section, which on the moment of delivery of each parcel, must withdraw a receipt in the opposite space of the same card, which at the end of the day shall be transmitted to the arrival section, for the recording of the occurred delivery on mod. 28 special. By this system the arrival sections can make sure which parcels are still on hand and if after 15 days of despatch of the first advice have passed without any result, they will send the second advice that will be despatched registered, and will withdraw from the distribution those parcels that are still on hand after the maximum time has elapsed, and send them to the Red Cross. Together with the advice and receipt the distribution section will transmit to the arrival section also a Custom Declaration that is attached to each parcel. The arrival section (and not those of distribution on the moment of delivery of the parcels) shall make a daily list, based on the cards that have been received, on the appositely furnished forms that shall be supplied in time, not mentioning the description of the contents, and enclosing instead together to the same models all the Custom declarations relative to the parcels delivered on the day that is referred to on the list.

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The above instructions are given generally, leaving to the Direction the authority of applying them with the opportune alterations that the local exigencies may suggest. However the service should be organized so that at the distribution counters only the operations regarding the sole delivery and withdrawals of receipts be carried out, while all other recording and operations should be reserved to other departments. This will facilitate the maximum of such operation so to perform each day the maximum possible number of deliveries.

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MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI
DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLE POSTE E TELECOMUNICAZIONI

SERV. 4° DIV. 2° SEZ. I°

ALLE DIREZIONI PROV. LI P.T.
ROMA - NAPOLI - PALERMO
p.c.
C.A. POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS -
SUB COMMISSION
DIREZIONE POSTE CITTA' DEL VATICANO

OGGETTO: Pacchi postali dagli S.U.A.

Con il 10 del corrente mese si è iniziata negli Stati Uniti d'America l'accettazione di pacchi postali diretti esclusivamente a Roma, Napoli, Palermo e alla Città del Vaticano.

Con tali pacchi del peso massimo di grammi 1800 (4 libbre) è stata consentita la spedizione di viveri, abiti, scarpe, medicinali e articoli di toletta non eccedenti in totale il valore di 25 dollari, (eccetto sigari, sigarette, tabacco, accendisigari, pietrine e fiammiferi).

Tali spedizioni sono state limitate ad un pacco per mese dallo stesso mittente allo stesso destinatario.

Per esplicita autorizzazione del Ministero delle Finanze ed Agricoltura, l'introduzione di tali pacchi nel Regno avverrà in franchigia doganale e senza restrizioni annuarie e per conseguenza essi non dovranno essere aperti per qualsiasi verifica da parte della R. Dogana.

Eguale non dovranno essere aperti per la censura, venendo questa operata all'origine.

Le spedizioni verranno effettuate in sacchi chiusi diretti alle località suaccennate e ogni spedizione sarà accompagnata dalle relative distinte.

ARRIVO: Non è possibile di precisare in quale porto le spedizioni verranno sbarcate. Esse, comunque, saranno consegnate all'Amministrazione postale nella località di sbarco e con i mezzi forniti dal Comando Alleato saranno avviate agli Uffici di Roma, Napoli e Palermo. L'Ufficio di Roma prenderà accordi con l'Ufficio Postale della Città del Vaticano per il ritiro delle spedizioni a esso dirette.

Gli Uffici destinatari effettueranno subito la ricognizione del contenuto dei sacchi in base alle distinte compilate, dall'Ufficio di spedizione, e separatamente per ogni sacco, nel qual caso saranno incluse nel sacco stesso, e globalmente per ogni singola spedizione.

Applicheranno, poi, su ciascun pacco il numero distintivo, distaccandole dal mod. 253 B o, in mancanza, dal mod. 253 e li descriveranno singolarmente su di un registro mod. 260. Su dette registre, el-

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tre agli estremi completi di ogni pacco, indicheranno, nello spazio riservato al carico da riscuotere ecc. (che per tali pacchi non esiste, come già si è detto) (col 7 a 21) i dati relativi all'apposita partecipazione di arrivo ed eventualmente i dati della seconda partecipazione di cui appresso.

DISTRIBUZIONE: Le Direzioni Prov.li interessate designeranno gli Uffici (per Roma: quello di Roma Ferr., quello Centrale e quelli periferici) presso i quali i destinatari dovranno recarsi per ritirare i pacchi. I destinatari saranno avvisati con apposita partecipazione di arrivo al più presto possibile, della giacenza del pacco a loro indirizzato e della necessità di addivenire al ritiro nel termine più breve. L'avviso conterrà la indicazione della località dove il pacco si trova e l'avvertenza che, trascorso un mese, qualora il pacco non venisse ritirato, verrebbe consegnato alla Croce Rossa Italiana a scopo benefico.

Trascorsi i 15 giorni dal primo invio, in caso di non avvenuto ritiro, l'Amministrazione postale invierà ai singoli destinatari un nuovo avviso raccomandato, con le stesse comunicazioni e con la diffida di consegna del pacco alla C.R.I., trascorsi 15 giorni dalla data di spedizione.

Poichè i pacchi possono recare un secondo indirizzo, quelli a semplice indirizzo, non consegnati entro un mese dall'avvenuta notifica, saranno effettivamente consegnati alla C.R.I., mentre invece per quelli con duplice indirizzo dovrà, nel secondo mese, ripetersi l'analoga procedura seguita per il primo destinatario, con uguali termini e modalità. Trascorsi in tal caso i 60 giorni dalla data del primo avviso, senza l'avvenuto ritiro, il pacco sarà definitivamente consegnato alla C.R.I.. I nuovi modelli per le partecipazioni di arrivo saranno tempestivamente forniti.

All'atto della consegna gli uffici apporranno sull'apposito modello, da compilarsi in duplice copia e che pure sarà tempestivamente fornito, con gli estremi del pacco, la indicazione chiara del nome e dell'indirizzo del destinatario e quella del contenuto che sarà, integralmente, desunto dall'apposita etichetta applicata al pacco dall'ufficio mittente. Una copia di tali modelli sarà tenuta a disposizione di questo Ministero.

Per la cessione dei pacchi alla C.R.I. le Direzioni prenderanno accordi con la locale Delegazione che ne curerà il ritiro presso gli Uffici dietro rilascio di regolare ricevuta. Di tali pacchi non si dovranno verificare assolutamente giacenze oltre quelle stabilite.

I pacchi non dovranno essere gravati di alcun diritto (ricomposizione, custodia, imposta di consumo ecc.)

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Le direzioni interessate provvedano a prendere al più presto le disposizioni necessarie all'attuazione dello speciale servizio dan-

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dene assicurazione a questa Direzione Generale. Verranno altresì disperse per una rigorosa vigilanza al fine di assicurare la perfetta regolarità del servizio stesso in modo da poter facilmente accertare eventuali responsabilità, in caso di dispersioni e di manomissioni. Tengasi conto che si tratta di un servizio che può avere successivi sviluppi e che deve essere organizzato, presso le Direzioni, con la maggiore possibile sollecitudine, prevedendosi i primi arrivi tra la fine di novembre ed i primi di dicembre.

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

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TRANSLATION

Subject :- Postal parcels from U.S.A.

From Nov. 10th parcels are being accepted in U.S.A. addressed only to Rome, Naples, Palermo and the Vatican City.

In these parcels, of the maximum weight of 4 pounds, the inclosure is allowed of food stuffs, clothings, shoes, medical stuff, and toilet articles, not exceeding the total value of 25 £ (cigars, cigarettes, tobacco, lighters, flints and matches are forbidden).

The despatching is limited to one parcel per month from the same sender to the same addressee.

The Ministries of Finance and Agriculture have authorised the introduction of such parcels in the country free of customs charges and free of any restriction regarding food stuff distribution, and therefore they will not have to be opened for any customs control.

Censorship will be operated at the despatch point, so they will not have to be opened for Censorship control.

The despatches will be operated in closed bags addressed to the above mentioned places and each despatch will be accompanied by the relative records.

ARRIVAL :- It is not possible to detail in which port the consignments will be disembarked. They will, in any way, be delivered to the postal Administration in the place of disembarkation, and, by facilities furnished by the Allied authorities, will be forwarded to the Offices of Rome, Naples and Palermo. The Office of Rome will make arrangements with the Vatican City P.O. for the exchange of consignments addressed to them.

The addressee Offices will check the contents of the bags on the basis of the record prepared by the despatch Offices, separately for each bag, in which case they will be included in each bag, or globally for each despatch.

They will attach on each parcel the distinctive number, using form No. 253B, or, if these are not available, form No. 253, and will record them separately on a book No. 260. On this book, besides the full details of each parcels, they will indicate, in the space reserved for the charges to be applied (which for these parcels do not exist, as mentioned above) (columns 7 to 21), the data relative to the communication of arrival, and eventually the data of the second communication, as mentioned below.

DISTRIBUTION :- The Provincial Directions concerned will decide the Offices (for Rome:- Rome Ferrovia, the Central P.O., and the peripheral P.O.s) in which the addressees will withdraw their parcels. The addressees will be advised, by a special communication of arrival, as soon as possible, that a parcel addressed to them is on hand, and that they should withdraw it as soon as possible. The advice will contain the indication of the office where the parcel is, and the notification that, after one month, if the parcel is not withdrawn, it should be delivered to the Italian Red Cross.

15 days after the first advice, in case the parcel has not been

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withdrawn, the postal Administration will post to each addressee a new registered advice, with the intimation that the parcel would be delivered to the Italian R.C. 15 days after the date of the advice.

Considering that the parcels may bear a second address, the ones with a simple address, not withdrawn within a month after the first notification, will be actually handed over to the Italian R.C., whilst the ones bearing two addresses, will require that, in the second month, the same routine applied for the first addressee be repeated with the same terms and regulations. In the latter case, the parcel, if not

~~withdrawn within a month after the first notification, will be actually withdrawn within 60 days from the date of the first advice, will be definitely handed over to the Italian R.C. - The new forms for the notification of arrival will be furnished in due course.~~

At the moment of delivery the offices will enter on a duplicate copy of a proper form (which will be also supplied in due course) the details of the parcel, the name and address of the addressee, and the full indication of the contents of the parcel, to be copied from the label attached on each parcel by the office of despatch. A copy of these forms will be kept at the disposal of this Ministry.

For the handing over of the parcels to the Italian R.C., the Director will make the necessary arrangements with the local Delegation which will withdraw them from the Offices, issuing a regular receipt. No parcels will remain on hand in the offices, except under the conditions above mentioned.

The parcels will not be subject to any charges (custody, etc.)

The Provincial Directions concerned will make as soon as possible all necessary arrangements for the operation of the special service, giving acknowledgement to this General Direction. They will also arrange for a strict control in order to ensure the perfect regularity of the service, and to be able to ascertain eventual responsibilities in case of loss or theft.

It must be kept in mind that the service is liable to further development, and that it must be organised by the Provincial Directions soon as possible, because the first arrivals are foreseen between the end of November and the beginning of December.

THE UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE

HEADQUARTERS
UNITED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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4 December 1944

In reply
refer to : P.23.32/CS

Subject: Foreign parcel post service.

To : Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomms.

1. Reference our PS.16/23.30 of Nov. 12th.

2. It is understood that following upon a visit of your Minister to Naples, some adjustment may have been contemplated in connection with the evacuation by LA PROVVIDA of the accommodation which they at present occupy in the Post Office building.

3. We should appreciate definite and early information on the actual position. As you are fully aware of course, the successful operation of the parcel service hinges materially upon the availability of adequate working space.

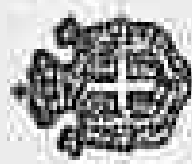
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Director, Communications Sub-Commission

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MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI

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SEGRETERIA

Roma, 30 novembre 1944

Alla COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
Posts and Telecommunications
Sub-Commission

Prot. N° S/8.3/4189

Risposta al foglio N. _____

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R O M A

OGGETTO: Pacchi provenienti dall'America.-

Facciamo seguito al colloquio avuto con i Dirigenti della Vostra Sottocommissione, ieri, in merito all'oggetto, per confermarVi la nostra più viva gratitudine per la collaborazione sinceramente prestata a questa Amministrazione per l'organizzazione della ricezione pacchi diretti a cittadini italiani proveniente dagli Stati Uniti.

Come vi è stato verbalmente esposto, la nostra Amministrazione ha predisposto nei più minuti particolari le modalità con cui tale servizio si svolgerà sia nella città di Roma che in quella di Napoli, mercè l'apprezzata collaborazione del Vostro Colonnello Head e del Vostro maggiore Green.

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IL SOTTOSCRITTARIO DI STATO

Director _____
D'Director _____
Chief, Telecoms _____
Chief, Postal _____
H. Q. Coms. O. _____

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Am. J. Green
Agreement. (H. Q. 23)

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Prot. N° S/8.3/4189

Risposta al foglio N. _____

del _____

Allegati _____

OGGETTO: Pacchi provenienti dall'America.-

Alla COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
Posts and Telecommunications
Sub-Commission

R O M A

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Asst. Chief, Postal	
Censorship	
Chief Clerk	

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Date: 2 DIC. 1944

Am per
Agreement. (H. 23)
Capt. Alvares
Director
Head.

30 November 1944

Subject: Passes arriving from America

Following the conversation we had yesterday with the directing staff of your Sub-Commission, yesterday, concerning the subject, we confirm our gratefulness for the cooperation sincerely given to this Administration for the organization of the receipt of the passes addressed to Italian citizens arriving from U.S. As we have told orally, our Administration has arranged in advance, in the regulations, in the most detailed particulars, with which said Service will operate, both in the City of Rome & of Naples, thanks to the most appreciated collaboration of your Col. Head & your Maj. Green. We have had the best assurance from Palermo regarding the arrangements, & said assurance would make us more satisfied if this Commission would consent that one of the officers

approval of

dealing with the Postal Service
 could perform an ~~at~~ inspection
 in the said City so to facilitate
 the agreements between the Allied
 local authorities & our directing
 officials. ~~We already thank you~~
 For the eventual visit of this
 official, we would be very grateful
 if you could eventually inform
 us about the date of arrival
 of the same. We thank you
 before hand.

Very respectfully,
 Your obedient servant,
 [Signature]
 [Name]
 [Title]
 [Address]
 [City]
 [Country]

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

TEJ/jjr

30 November 1944

G-5: 311.16-4

SUBJECT: Resumption of Parcel Post to Italy.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394

Attached for your information is copy of TAM
376 and MAT 409.

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

T. E. Jackman
Lt. Col.T. E. JACKMAN
Lt. Colonel.

2 Incls:

Cable MC IN 21642 Ref.
WX-69570 dtd 28 Nov. 44
Copy No. 6 and Cable MC
OUT 4722 Ref. FX 54404
dtd 18 Nov. 44 Copy No.
6.

Memo:

Consolidate point discussed with
Col. Henderson. In absence of any
direction from AFHQ to make
overriding check on receipt, we will
accept the 25% U.S. examination
and leave it at that.

W.H.P.

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ROUTINE

FROM: AGWAR FROM CCS

TO: WILSON INFORMATION UK BASE SECTION FOR BCS AND TO
COMMUNICATION ZONE

REF NO THIS MESSAGE: WX-69570, 28 November 1944.

Cite CCAC.

For FHGEG.

TAM 376

Refer MAT 409 and TAM 351.

Parcel post to ITALY.

Gift parcels from the US for civilians in ITALY have been given 100 percent examination by US censorship. Parcels are innocuous from a security standpoint, and they are in accordance with regulations. On 25 November, examination of such parcels to ITALY was reduced to 25%.

It will be approximately 40 days before these parcels begin to arrive in ITALY. This will permit making any arrangements you consider necessary.

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REF NO THIS MESSAGE: WX 69570 (CONT'D) 28 November 44

NOTE : MAT 409 is reference no FX 54404 MC OUT 4722 18/11/44 G-5
TAM 351 is reference no WX 59682 MC IN 6662 10/11/44 G-5

ACTION: G-5

INFO : SGS
USPOLAD
MR MACMILLAN
C/S MTO
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MC IN 21642 29 Nov 44 1055A REF NO: WX 69570 em/X/G

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ROUTINE

TO FOR ACTION : AGWAR FOR CCS FOR CCAC
FOR INFO : CENTRAL DISTRICT UK BASE SECTION (LONDON)
FOR BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF, HQ COMZONE
MAIN (ETOUSA)
REF NO : FX 54404
SIGNED : WILSON CITE: FHGEG

This is MAT 409.

Provision in TAM 351 that 100% examination
will be given parcels to ITALY by US Censorship is noted.

Request that any future reduction of the
rate of examination by US Censorship be notified here suffi-
ciently in advance of reduction to enable arrangements to
examine in ITALY all or any part of the unexamined portion
if then considered necessary here from a security standpoint.

ORIGINATOR : G-5 AUTH: N P SEAGRAVE, MAJOR
INFORMATION: SGS COORD WITH: G-2 (CC)
US POLAD G-2(CI)
MR MACMILLAN
C/S MTO
M & TN
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MC OUT 4722 18 NOV 44 1926A REF NO: FX 54404 w/FD/J

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20/10

2 December 1944

In reply
ref: 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.

Subject: Civil Parcel Post from U.S. - Rail Transport
Requirements.

To: 1. Transportation Sub-Commission.

1. On 10th November there was initiated in the U.S. the posting of gift parcels containing food, clothing etc. to residents in the cities of Rome, Vatican, Naples and Palermo.

2. These parcels will be forwarded in separate mails addressed to the four cities concerned.

3. The amount of such traffic is uncertain but the U.S. postal authorities estimate that it will average 1000 bags (say 20 tons) per week. - Several week's postings may, of course, be received together dependent on the incidence of shipping movements. - The date of the first arrival is not known, but will possibly be about the third week in December.

4. The actual port of arrival of these mails is indefinite but it is probable that in the majority of cases final disembarkation and transfer to the civil Post Office will be at Naples, in which case the proposal is for the Post Battalion to unload and deliver to the Italian central Post Office.

5. The Italian Post Office will then be faced with the problem of forwarding the Rome, Vatican and Palermo mails to destination and, as there will be no officer of this Sub-Commission permanently stationed in Naples, it is desired to have a system that will enable the Post Office to make request direct to the local authority competent to provide necessary railway wagons of a suitable type, both for Rome and Palermo.

6. Apart from the normal consideration of avoiding delay in transmission it is particularly desirable in this case that the transit mails should be forwarded from Naples as quickly as possible because of lack of suitable storage

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agreed at that Office resulting from the destruction of the Post Post Office and the continued requisitioning of the Station Sorting Office.

7. As this type of mail is very susceptible to theft, it is essential that railway vehicles used for the service should be in good conditions and preferably the Post Office owned vehicles, some of which are apparently being used for other purposes.

8. If a regular service by sea from Naples to Palermo becomes available, and the vessels are suitable, it might be preferable to send to Palermo mails by that route, in which case the same question arises of making it possible for the Italian Post Office at Naples to make requests direct to the authority controlling the service.

h. d.

For Director, Communications Sub-Commission

Copy to : Postal Officer Lazio-Umbria Region.

HEADQUARTERS
COMMUNE OF NAPLES
ALLIED ~~CONTROL~~ COMMISSION
MUNICIPIO, NAPLES

File NC/17

27 November 1944.

Subject: Premises for Mail Service.

To: Postal Officer, Headquarters Allied Commission
ROME - (Attn: Major W.H. Green).

1. We have just received a letter from Hq 8th Port,
and from the Military Railway Service, copy of which is
hereto attached in both instances.

2. The above is forwarded to you for attention inas-
much as you have come down from Rome to follow through in
this matter.

For the Zone Commissioner:

HGH/jc/ep

HARRY G. HERSHENSON
Lt Col, AUS
Commissioner, Naples City

Incls: 2 copies of letters.

Note: The correspondence is in reply to representations made
by the Commissioner at the request of the Provincial Directorate
prior to my visit. It confirms the opinion expressed in my report
that the P.O. could not work within the Port Area.

W.H.Green

29.11.44

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HEADQUARTERS
EIGHT PORT OF EMBARKATION
APO 780, U.S. ARMY

SUBJECT : Request for property. 22 November 1944
TO : Allied Commission, Commune of Naples.
ATTN : Lt.Col. Hershenson, Commissioner, Naples City.

I. In reply to your letter of 4 November 1944, subject request for Premises for Service of Packages, this Headquarters has the following to report.

a. The space in question at Stazione Marittima and Molo Pisacane is occupied at present by a military installation, and will continue to be occupied by this installation for some time.

b. At such time when this property is vacated by the present occupants, the building will be used for Port operations which are at present in the planning stage.

c. The Stazione Marittima and Molo Pisacane are in the Port area, and for that reason it is most undesirable that a civilian installation should be permitted to operate in this area.

For the Commanding Officer:

VINCENT R. DEIGNAN JR.
Captain, A.G.D.
Ass. Adj. General

HQ 701st RAILWAY GRAND DIVISION
Military Railway Service
Naples

SUBJECT: Premises for mail service.
TO : Zone Commissioner,
Naples Zone.

Tn Sub-Commission
Representative.
Allied Commission
Naples Division I.S.R.

ALLIED COMMISSION
Southern Region
C.M.F.

Ref.: AC Tn/Na/9/162
DATE: 13th Nov. 1944

1. Ref. attached correspondence passed to me by Military Railway Service.
2. I have consulted the Italian Liaison Official between M.R.S. and Italian State Railway who inform me that they have no jurisdiction over accommodation at the Port, and this matter would therefore have to be taken up elsewhere.
3. The situation at the Central Station however, is different, and complicated; there has been so much damage, that whereas most of the administration offices of the railroad were formerly located here, they are now in widely separated buildings.

Some of the existing accommodations at Central Station is in use by Allied Authorities and the State Railways cannot suggest any accommodation for storage of mail at the Central Station, but are willing to consider the situation if suitable accommodation there can be selected by Post & Telegraphs.
4. This does not appear to me to be a satisfactory reply and I would suggest that the Director of Post & Telegraphs communicate with the Ministry of Communications in Rome, presenting his problems and they should issue orders to the I.S.R. and Port Authorities to provide the necessary accommodation.
5. Another suggestion is that I be supplied with information as to exactly where suitable accommodation exists and I will forward a recommendation to my Sub-Commission who are in complete touch with the Ministry of Communications.

Major
(V.R.Bowers)

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G-5 Section
APO 512Communications S/C
(Postal) 4100

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25 November 1944

G-5: 311.16-4

SUBJECT: Resumption of Limited Parcel Post with Italy.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394

Reference G-5: 311.16-4 of 10 November attached
is copy of TAM 368 for information.

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

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Incl: Cable MC IN 18258
Ref. WX-67936 dtd
24 Nov 44 Cy No. 1T. B. JACKMAN
Lt. Colonel.

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ROUTINE

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FROM: AGWAR FROM CCS

TO : AFHQ TO WILSON INFO UK BASE SECTION FOR BCS, COMZONE

REF NR THIS MESSAGE: WX-67936

24 November 44

TAM 368.

For FHGFG.

Cite CCAC.

Parcel post to ITALY.

Refer MAT 380, MAT 395, and TAM 329.

UNITED STATES Post Office Department has issued a postal bulletin notice and press release that tobacco and cigarette lighters will NOT be accepted in gift parcels for ITALY. Senders required to list contents of gift parcels on the customs declaration, form 2966, which is fastened to parcels in duplicate at time of mailing.

This does NOT apply to parcels for allied military personnel.

MAT 380 Ref FX 45273 is MC OUT 7551 28/10/44 G-5
 MAT 395 Ref FX 50235 MC OUT 2178 9/11/44 G-5
 TAM 329 Ref WX 51834 is MC IN 19043 25/10/44 G-5

ACTION: G-5

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EXTRACT from BASIC NEWS of 22 November 1944.

NO MATCHES IN PARCELS TO ITALY

Washington, November 21 - The Postoffice Department last night warned that gift parcels to civilians in liberated Italy and the Vatican City must not contain tobacco and cigarette lighters, an American press dispatch said.

Matches and lighter fluids are banned from all international mails, the dispatch added.

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EXTRACT
From Basic News - B.W.B. - of 13 November 1941

ROOSEVELT A TRUE FRIEND OF ITALY

New York, November 12-

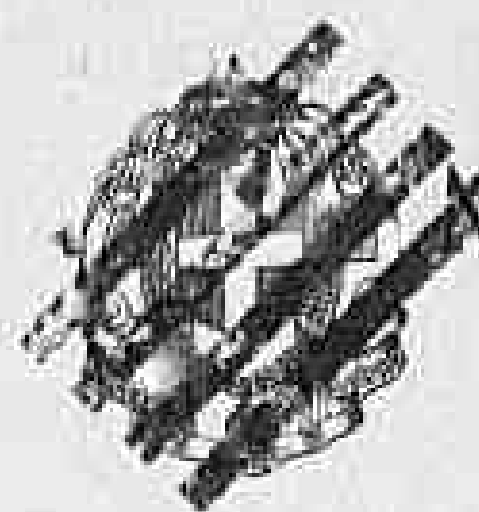
Speaking over the Voice of America program tonight, Mayor Fiorello La Guardia, of New York City, told Italians that in President Roosevelt Italy has a true and sincere friend.

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Referring to the opening of the parcel service from America to Italy, he said he was certain that existing restrictions would be removed as soon as military needs permit.



MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI

Direzione Generale delle Poste e dei Telegrafi

Servizio _____ *Dir.* _____ *Sez.* _____
Prot. N° _____ *Allegati* _____ *Roma.* _____
Risposta al f. N° _____ *Al* _____
del _____

OGGETTO: _____

C O P I A

Palermo 54 70 21/II

Postgen 4/I Roma

" Al n. 377180 del 20 corrente alla Questa
 Direzione ha già predisposto organizzazione servi-
 zio noti pacchi provenienti Stati Uniti America.
 Sono in corso pratiche per ottenere dagli Allea-
 ti permessi accesso ne personale banchina porto alla
 Predisposti mezzi trasporto da posto arrivo a
 ufficio distribuzione qualora non effettuassero
 condizione prevista comma sette circolare codesto
 Servizio 4 Div. II Sez. I di cui assicurarsi adem-
 pimento.

Direttore Provinciale Cusimano

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Telegram

From, Palermo P. O. Direction

To: To Fano -

Re: your No 377180 of Nov. 20th. This Direction
has already organized the service for the
arrival of parcels from U. S. A. - Of numerous
are in hand to obtain from Allied authorities
the allowance for our personnel to ~~access~~ ^{access} to

the docks. Transportation facilities are also
ready for conveyance from ~~the~~ the point of
arrival to the office of distribution. ^{such} ~~of~~ parcels in
conveyance will not be operated of which acknowledgment
part of your circular, The Pres. Director Customs,

is given.

	Le spese acquisti di limitata quantità di materiali di consumo di immediato impiego e per riparazioni di materiali ed utensili	5000
5	Acquisto di materiali di consumo di graduale impiego	10000
6	Lavori per conto della ferrovia dello Stato senza perizia	20000
7	Vendita singolo pelo fuori uso	40
8	Importo massimo di una aggiudicazione di peli fuori uso	2000
9	Proposta al Ministero per pagamento di indennizzi per servitù e danni sen- za chiedere preventivo parere dell' l'ufficio del Genio Civile.	1500
10	Somma massima da anticiparsi ad un agente in casi normali	3000
11	Somma massima da anticiparsi ad un agente in via eccezionale	5000
12	Rimane in contanti in cassa alla chiusura serale	8000
13	Singolo prelevamento del cassiere	8000
14	Totale dei prelevamenti del cas- siere	50000

IL SOTTOSCRITTO DI STATO
F/to: Fano

D.C.C.
IL CAPO DEL SERVIZIO VI°
- Di Guellano -

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

Communications

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19 November 1944

G-5: 311.16-4

SUBJECT: Civil Mails U.S. Parcel Post.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

Reference your PS/16/23.21 of 15 Nov attached for information is copy of our F52202 of 13 November to which a reply is awaited. Paragraph 4 of your memo will be kept in mind.

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

Incl:
as above

20 Nov 1944

T. B. JACOBS
Lt. Colonel

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TO FOR ACTION: AGWAR

REF NO: F 52202

SIGNED: WILSON

CITE: FHGEG

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HEADQUARTERS
20 NOV 1944
A. S. C.

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With regard to limited parcel service agreed in MAT 380 request you state rates being charged to consignors in U S for such packages and what proportion of such rates is being reserved for Italian and VATICAN account in respect of their handling at this end. Request you quote proportion in terms of exchange rate of 33 Lire to 1 Gold Franc.

Desired to point out that because of the similarity in ending of addresses consignors may attempt to send parcels to addresses in ROME Province, NAPLES Province and PALERMO Province as distinct from addresses within confines of ROME City, NAPLES City and PALERMO City. Requested that you do all possible to limit parcels strictly for addresses in selected cities.

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ORIGINATOR: G-5

AUTH: N P SEAGRAVE MAJ

INFO:

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

In reply
refer to : 16/23.22.PS.

18 November 1944

Subject : Civil Mails-Parcel Post from U.S.A.

To	: E.C. Lazio-Umbria Region	(for Postal Officer)
	Abbruzzi-Marche	" "
	Toscana	" "
	Venezia	" "

1. In order that you may be in a position to deal adequately with any enquiries which may be addressed to you on the above subject as a result of recent Press notices, the following information is furnished:-

(a) By agreement, the U.S.A. announced on Nov. 10th the availability of a restricted parcel post service under the following conditions

- (i) Contents : Food and clothing
- (ii) Maximum weight : 2 Kilos
- (iii) Scope : Cities of Rome, Naples, Palermo and Vatican only
- (iv) Postings restricted to one parcel per month from any one sender to any one addressee.

2. It is not yet known when the first arrival may be expected.

3. Extension of the posting and/or delivery spheres is not being considered for the time being.

By Command of Commodore Stone

Stone
J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel

Director, Communications Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

In reply
refer to: PS.I6/23.21

15 November 1944

Subject : Civil Mails - U.S. Parcel Post.

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

Your reference G-5 : III.I6-4.

1. In relation to the question of the proportionate amounts of postage which will be payable to the Italian and Vatican State postal authorities, it is understood that following upon recent telephone conversation (Head, Jackson) - you will ascertain from CCS by cable:-

(a) What postage rates are being charged for the restricted parcel post service to Italy.

(b) What credits for Italy (at 33 lire to 1 gold franc) have been allowed for in fixing these rates.

(Note : In CCS cable TAM 329 this question was mentioned in relation only to a possible service from the U.K.).

2. The views of the Italian and Vatican Postal authorities were not available in time to submit a recommendation in advance of the U.S. service opening on Nov. 10th.- Related discussions are being held in view of pending advice re. the figures so far adopted there.- It may be mentioned that in view of the maximum weight limit being less than normal, and in order to avoid the normal need for advising the respective number of parcels despatched below 1 Kg. and above 1 Kg. in weight, the Italian authorities would accept and favour, a "flat rate" credit figure irrespective of the actual weight (which in most instances will probably be near the maximum of 2 Kg.).

3. It is also understood that the cable to CCS will stress the desirability of ensuring that posters of parcels in the U.S. understand that the service is available only

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to the CITIES of Rome, Naples and Palermo, and not to the general area of the Provinces bearing the same names.

4. Regarding the question of affording a similar service to Italy from the U.K. and British Commonwealth and Empire (Para. 3 of British comments in TAM 329). It seems desirable that a suitable early opportunity should be taken to verify that para. 1 of MAT 380 is being read in the U.K. as an intimation that such an extension of service as they tentatively assume can be made available would not, in actual fact, be practicable for the time being (para. 5 of our PS.16/15.240 of Oct. 29th refers).

For Chief Commissioner

J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel

Director, Communications Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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In reply
refer to : PS.16/23.20.

12 November 1944

Subject : Foreign parcel post service.

To : Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomms.

Relating to today's discussions regarding the above noted question, it is desired to confirm the understanding that arrangements have been made by your Ministry for the early vacation by LA PROVVIDA of all the accommodation which they at present occupy in the Central Post Office building in Naples. Major Green will be basing his discussions with your representatives in Naples on that understanding.



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

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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10 November 1944

G-5: 311.16-4

SUBJECT: Resumption of Limited Parcel Post with Italy.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394

Attached for your information is copy of MAT 395 sent following on consideration of your 6019 of 4 Nov together with a copy of TAM 351 received to-day. The views of censorship this HQ are being sought on the censorship point raised in the latter cable.

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

Incls:
as above.
T. B. JACKMAN
Lt. Colonel.

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TO FOR ACTION: AGWAR FOR CCS FOR CCAC
FOR INFO: CENTRAL DISTRICT UK BASE SECTION (LONDON)
FOR BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF : HQ CONZONE
MAIN (ETOU SA)
REF NO: FX-50235
SIGNED: WILSON CITE: FHGG

This is MAT - 395.

Question of Italian customs inspection and duty has arisen in connection with the receipt in ITALY of the parcels referred to in TAM-329 and MAT-380.

Italian government are prepared for the time being to waive customs inspection and duty on such parcels only if tobacco and cigarette lighters are prohibited. In view of accommodation and other difficulties recommended that this prohibition be made effective and that consignors be required to declare on the outside of the parcels the nature of the contents included therein. Request agreement to above.

ORIGINATOR: G-5 AUTH: N P SEAGRAVE, MAJOR
INFORMATION: SGS
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ROUTINE

FROM: AGWAR FROM EGS

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

REF NO THIS MESSAGE: WX 59682, 08 November 1944

For PHONG.

Cite CCAC.

TAM 351.

Refer MAT 380.

Resumption of limited parcel post with ITALY.

Effective 10 November parcel post to ITALY under the provisions stated in TAM 329 will be instituted. Special advice will be given by Army Postal Service as to date and amount of first shipment. Post Office will make necessary separation for each of the cities. Army Postal Service will advise directly as to method of labeling to be used. There will be no overbagging. Parcels will be loaded on MITE vessels only. Parcels will be loaded separable from US Army mails and advices of shipments will clearly indicate it is Italian civil mail.

Positive instruction has been given that there shall be only 1 package per month sent from the same sender to the same addressee. Post Office assures complete enforcement of this restriction.

Initially 100 percent examination will be given parcels to ITALY by US censorship. However, security standpoint does not require 100 percent examination and your consideration of this view is requested. Censorship experience is that parcel

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post presents less danger to security than letter mails to which 50 percent examination is now being applied on mails to ITALY.

US censorship will continue 100 percent examination until nature and quantity of traffic is determined and as map power permits. Suggest that US censorship be given discretion at this point to determine percentage of examination.

NOTE: MAT 380 IS REF FX 45273 MC OUT 7551 28/10/44 G-5
TAM 329 IS REF WX 51834 MC IN 19043 25/10/44 G-5

ACTION: G-5

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Extract from BASIC NEWS of 1st November

GIFT PACKAGES TO ITALY FROM U.S.

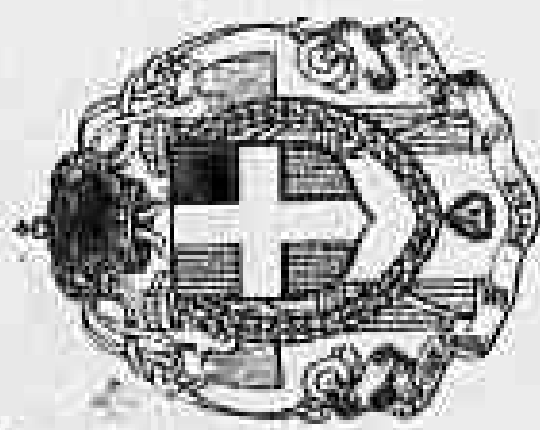
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Serv. IV Div. II Sez. I

Prot. n. 845344/100

Alla Commissione Alleata di
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communications - Sub Commis-

sion - R O M A

OGGETTO: pacchi postali dall'estero

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Date: 6 NOV 1944

5 - Nov. 1944

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This administration agrees about the opportunity of not charging custom for none of these parcels, & the Ministry of Finance has also agreed, providing that the contents is limited to food-stuffs, toilette articles, clothing & shoes, tobacco & lighters not included. The Ministry of Agriculture has given assurance that the introduction in to the country will take place without the slightest control or difficulties on the behalf of the local food-control authorities.

IV The territorial rights that belong to the Italian Postal Service for the parcels addressed to Rome, Naples & Palermo, should be following the normal regulations of ~~£~~ 9.85 gold fr. for the parcels up to 1 kg. and

of 1.25 gold fr. for parcel of higher weight. ^{for parcels addressed to Vatican City the Station Government should receive 1.00 for more than 1 kg} As regards to rights belonging only to the parcels addressed to Vatican City the Station Government should receive 1.00 for more than 1 kg

to the Vatican City this Admin. case will relate on the matter after having asked informations to the Vatican Posts. Besides the customs question, the transport & storage question must be

settled. As we have already informed the Commission, the difficulties for Rome could be surmounted, but not so for Naples & Palermo, where the same difficulties are aggravated owing to the lack of place for storage & of transport. Anyhow this Adm. will not fail to do its best to solve this problem & for this reason we have disposed to send to Naples two inspectors, to help may. free to solve all the above mentioned difficulties.

Vatican Terminal:

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.65 ft. - Over 1 kg.

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8 November 1944

SUBJECT: Civilian Parcel Post Service from America to Italy : Premises requirements in Naples.

TO : PW & U Section, Southern Region.

1. The scheme approved provides for the posting in the United States of gift parcels up to 4 pounds in weight addressed to Italians resident in the cities of Rome, Naples, Palermo and the Vatican.

2. The United States authorities estimate that under this scheme there will be about 1000 parcel bags for despatch each week. It is possible of course that the arrivals will not be at regular weekly intervals.

3. The first mails are likely to arrive by the first week in December.

4. A number of points affecting accommodation requirements (e.g. whether customs examination will be insisted upon) are not yet clear but the following factors seem fairly definite.

(a) that the transport situation will preclude the establishment of a complete delivery to residences and that delivery in Naples will be to "callers" at a parcel office, and space requirements will therefore be increased to provide for the retention of parcels readily accessible.

(b) that there is not much prospect of the Post Office being able to obtain possession of suitable premises either in the centre of the City or at the station. The P.O. is, however, making enquiries.

(c) that it is unlikely that it will be possible to obtain the derequisitioning of that portion of the Station Sorting Office which is now occupied by the British Base A.P.O.

5. I have discussed the requirements with the Naples Post Office Directorate which is examining the problem but it seems likely that they will be forced to the conclusion that the only possible way of meeting the immediate requirements is to clear, and repair that portion of the Central Post Office on the Montecoliveto Street level marked on plan "A". A building Central Inspector of the Ministry of Communication is visiting Naples towards the end of this week in connection with the proposals.

6. I understand that if the scheme is approved by the Ministry

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it will be proper to be carried out under the Ferrovia dello Stato but no doubt any assistance or advice which can be given under Regional arrangements will be appreciated.

7. A possible, but not very satisfactory expedient, which might be resorted to in case the first consignment of parcels should arrive before the proposed repairs are completed would be to dispossess the Railway "Provvida" of the warehouse on the lowest floor of the Post Office marked on plan "B". This room is in good condition but has the disadvantages that it is below street level and access to it for vehicles is not good while each parcel to be delivered to a caller would have to be brought up to the public office above (at present the shop) by elevator or stairs. The Ministry will probably be reluctant to disturb the Provvida.

W. H. Green
W. H. GREEN
Major
Postal Officer.

7-11-55

Copy - Communications Sub-Commission
Commissioner Naples Zone.

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Note : Since the above was written the Inspectors from the Ministry has arrived and inspected the premises with the Ferrovia representative. They have decided to obtain immediate authority from the Ministry to put the work in hand. They consider that it will not be possible to complete the work by the date desired and are suggesting to the Ministry to remove the Provvida temporarily to another part of the Building.

Preliminary report.

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Date _____

3 Nov 1944

SUBJECT: Naples, treatment of Parcel Post from America.

TO : Communications Subcommittee, Headquarters
Allied Commission.

1. I have seen both the American and British A.P.O. representatives with a view of getting a picture of the conditions under which parcel post work is at present dealt with at this port. Unloading conditions are very different from those which obtain in peacetime and I am given to understand that usually the work is done by lighters which work to one of the many "hards" which extend along the water front.

2. On the American side (which affects us most immediately) the system is for the Port Command to be responsible for the unloading of mails, just as any other cargo, and for delivery to the Base A.P.O. (at Bagnoli). Apart for the supervision exercised by the Port Postal Officer, the A.P.O. has actually no say in the handling of mails up to the time of arrival at the Base A.P.O.

3. After discussion with representatives of the 8th Port Bn, which actually is responsible for the port working, I am convinced that we should have great difficulty in getting agreement to any arrangement under which the Post Office required to have notification of ship movements and to provide its own controlled labour and transport within the enclosed port area. I think that by far the best arrangement to aim at would be for the P.E.S. to unload as in the case of the Army Mails and deliver to the Post Office at a parcel office situated centrally and outside the port area. P.E.S. will I feel sure agree to this principle provided (1) that the separation of army from Civil mails is not too difficult and (2) that the P.O. is ready to take delivery and unload the trucks rapidly at short notice at any hour of day or night. The approach regarding such instructions will need to be from A.F.H.Q. and perhaps it would be advisable to wait until we are a little clearer regarding the labelling and premises problems.

4. The point made by G 5 in para 3 of 311.16 - 4 of 29 October is a serious one. According to the American A.P.O. these ships may put in anywhere from Marseilles to Oran and it is not easy to visualize what will be the position if our mails are landed at one of these places or even at Leghorn. I feel that in such cases provision must be made for the A.P.O. at the port of disembarkation to take an interest in the security and forwarding of the civil mails.

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Transport. I have discussed the problem with Regional and Provincial Transportation Officers both from the "delivery to residence" and "delivery at office" aspects and have asked the Provincial officer to inquire into the possibility of putting more P.O. vans into service.

Customs. The Provincial Director has received an enquiry from the Ministry regarding the Port Post Office and Customs accommodation which suggests that the Italian government is thinking in terms of customs examination and also that they do not yet realise the port conditions, but no doubt the reply will make it clear.

Transit for Rome and possibly Palermo. If P.B.S. agree to unload and deliver we should have to accept all the civil mail at our depot and make arrangements for getting the transit mails down to the Station. I think this would be preferable to trying to work within the port and provided we can get a place big enough to store the mails the little extra road haulage and handling would be more than compensated for by freedom to work and to do the actual rail loading at times to suit the P.O.

Buildings. I have not had time yet to go very thoroughly into this but have impressed on the new Prov Director that it is their problem and they must do the sorting. The buildings Inspector from the Ministry has not yet arrived. I am still personally of the opinion that we shall find it practically impossible to find suitable premises outside and as there is equally no hope of getting the British Base A.P.O. out of the sorting office, our main hope lies in an intensive drive for the repair of the bomb damaged section of the central P.O. previously used for part of the parcel work. This needs a lot of work and the provision of electric lamps would be a problem as it is mainly below street level.

W H Green

W. H. GREEN,
Major
Postal Officer.

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LIMITED PARCEL POST AMERICA TO ITALY IS SUBJECT PD ITALIAN GOVERNMENT
PREPARED TO WAIVE CUSTOMS INSPECTION AND DUTY ONLY IF TOBACCO AND
CIGARETTE LIGHTERS PROHIBITED PD

PARCEL AFNL FOR GEORGE FIVE FROM AG FROM HENDERSON SIGNED STONE PARCEL

ALSO REQUESTS THAT DECLARATION OF NATURE OF CONTENTS BE INCLUDED IN
REGULATIONS FOR RECORD PURPOSES PD OWING ACCOMMODATION AND OTHER
DIFFICULTIES CMA STRONGLY RECOMMEND ACCEPTANCE OF THESE CONDITIONS

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Extract from "Corriere *1* Roma" November 1st 1945 14
Dispositions for the envoy of postal parcels from U.S. to Italy.

French Walter Post Master General has made known last night, that it will now be allowed to send presents of postal parcels from U.S. to Rome, Naples, Palermo and to the Vatican City. Following Walkers statements the re-establishment of this service, forms a new step of President Roosevelt's program for the re-establishment of normal relations with Italy. The value of each parcel will not surmount 25 dollars worth, and must not weigh more than 1350 grammi. It is not allowed to forward printed papers or food-stuffs apt to decay, and these parcels can not be registered or insured. For the time being each person can not send more than one parcel per month to the same address. It has also been officially stated that banks and any other financial institutions in America can answer the requests for informations on the behalf of their depositors in liberated Italy. The envoy of papers such as wedding and death certificates and legal notifications is allowed, and also the exchange of commercial informations and ~~correspondence~~ referring to the re-establishment of business relations. People residing in the United States, after having obtained the license from the Federal Reserve Bank, can forward to Italy such documents as: General and special power of attorney papers, so they can take action for the firsts and also pay orders.

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U.S. Authorizes Shipment Of Parcel Post To Italy

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1 (ANS).—Postmaster-General Frank C. Walker tonight authorized the shipment of parcel post gift packages to Italy. Parcels will be accepted, with certain restrictions, for shipment to Rome, Naples, Vatican City and Palermo, Sicily. Individual export licenses will not be required.

Resumption of the service is another step in President Roosevelt's program for restoring normal relations with Italy. Walker said the value of each package is limited to 25 dollars; weight to four pounds and size to 36 inches combined length and girth. The packages may not contain written or printed matter or perishable foods. For the present, only one package a month may be sent by the same person to the same addressee. Registration and insurance service will not be available.

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G-5 Section
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G-5: 311.16-4

29 October 1944

SUBJECT: Resumption of limited Parcel Post with Italy.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

1. Reference is made to G-5 311.16-4 of 27 October and to the telephone conversations Col. Head had with Col. Murray Mitchell and Lt.Col. Jackman on 28 October.

2. Attached for information is copy of MAT 380.

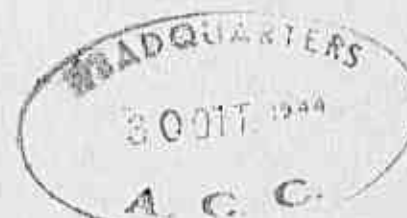
3. Considerable practical difficulties were found in drafting paragraph 4 to meet your desires as the American postal authorities are not allowed to label bags ex U.S. with the destination in clear. Moreover vessels are not routed from the U.S. to any one particular port but all become subject to diversion when they enter this theatre. The best that could be done therefore on the latter point was to request that the parcels must be shipped on vessels scheduled for West Coast ports. It will be noted that the transport difficulties in Italy have been stressed and that the point has been made that it is essential that the parcels arrive at the proper ports if they are to be handled and arrive at their destination in fit condition for consumption.

4. You will be informed of the reply received to the above cable but in the meantime it is requested that you will work out a scheme to deal with the parcels as they arrive.

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

T. B. Jackman 557
Lt. Col.
T. B. JACKMAN,
Lt. Colonel.

Incl:
cable MAT 380, as above.

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TO FOR ACTION: AGWAR FOR CCS FOR CCAC

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

REF NO: FX-45273

SIGNED: WILSON CITE: FHGEG

This is MAT 380.

1. Transportation and accommodation problems in ITALY present serious difficulties to implementation of parcel post service but are prepared to concur in limited UNITED STATES proposal as in EAM-329. Even in the areas selected it will be necessary to require addressees to call for their parcels at the Post Offices. 14. not
4.15.

2. Cannot agree that spot censorship of parcels in UNITED STATES is sufficient and request you direct 100 per cent censorship there. It is not possible to provide personnel here for that purpose.

3. In view of necessity for making special arrangements in order to allow limited service to function request no parcels be despatched until at least 10 November and that date and amount of first shipment be specially advised. It is requested that the strictest instructions be issued to ensure that not more than 1 package per month be sent from the same sender to the same addressee.

4. To enable parcels to be handled and to be deliverable in fit condition to addressees, it is essential due to transportation difficulties here that NAPLES and ROME parcels arrive at NAPLES port and the PALERMO parcels arrive at that port and therefore parcels must be loaded on MITE vessels only. Also necessary that separations for each of the cities be made in the US and labeled to show destination, that parcels be loaded separable from US Army mails and that advices of shipments clearly indicate Italian civil mail. US Army Postal cannot handle due to large volume if overbagged with US equipment requiring reworking by Army Postal. 556

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5. Advise that separations will be made as indicated, method of labeling to be used and that parcels will be loaded on vessels as indicated above.

6. Matter of charges referred to in para 2 of British comments will follow.

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AUTH: M P SEAGRAVE, MAJ

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
C.M.F.
Telephone 489081
Ext. 444

29th October, 1944

In reply
refer to: #3.16/15.241

Subject: Foreign Parcel Post.

To: Under-Secretary of State for PP.FF.

1. In your absence from Rome, discussions were held in this office yesterday with a representative from your Administration regarding urgent representations received from the United States towards commencing a restricted parcel post service from that country under the following conditions:-

- a. Permitted contents to be non-commercial supplies of food, clothing, medicines, smoking preparations and toilet articles, not exceeding 25 dollars in total value.
- b. Parcels to be accepted only for the cities of Rome, Naples, Palermo, and the Vatican State.
- c. Maximum weight limit per parcel to be 4 lbs.
- d. Not more than 1 package per month to be sent from the same sender to the same addressee (Under this arrangement the U.S. has calculated that the traffic will amount to about 1000 bags per week).

2. Following upon the discussions mentioned, a letter was sent to A.F.M.Q. as per copy attached. The essential information and views given therein are being transmitted to Washington with the information:

- a. That 100% censorship of the parcels as origin is desirable.
- b. That the service should not commence before about Nov. 10th (The first arrivals could be expected about a month after that date).

3. The scheme will call for very careful consideration as to the arrangements to be set up at Rome, Naples, and Palermo. Will you please issue necessary instructions to those offices. Naples, as the mainland receiving office, will call for exceptional attention, and may need assistance from an inspector from your office. Major Green will be proceeding there to collaborate, but before leaving will discuss with you the outstanding problem of accommodation.

SEE 11-13

PS.16/15.241

29th Oct. 44. Continued

h. In the meantime will you please pursue the following aspects, and furnish us with information thereon:

a. Will any of the contents of the parcels be subject to Customs duty? (It is thought that even if this would normally be the case, it will probably be decided to waive such charges in view of the special nature of the proposed service).

b. What amount per parcel would be regarded as payable to the Italian Government in respect of the postal delivery services (This figure will have bearing on the postage to be paid by the sender).

h. Will you be good enough to furnish the information required, and any comments which you may wish to make, as soon as possible.

S.H. READ
Lt. Colonel
Chief Postal Officer
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
C.E.F.
Telephone 459081
Ext. 444

29th October, 1944

In reply
refer to: BA.16/15/240

Subject: Civil Mails - Parcel Post

To: G-5, A.F.S.C.

Reference is made to your G-5: 311.16-4 of Oct. 27th and our BA.16/15.234 of Oct. 26th, 1944.

1. ~~10~~ As notified yesterday by telephone:

a. The view of the Italian Postal authorities - which we support - is that conditions make it entirely impracticable to consider opening a parcel service at the outset to more than Rome, Naples, Palermo and the Vatican State.

b. Present accommodation for storage of transit parcel mails, and sorting of parcels for delivery, is practically non-existent at Naples, due to requisitioning of and damage to normally used premises.

c. Present road and rail facilities for carrying parcel mails from Naples (the disembarkation point) to Rome are inadequate.

d. Adequate road transportation from Naples docks to a transit store, sorting office, and rail loading point (for Rome), or for making deliveries of parcels in the three cities concerned, is not available.

e. The Italian postal authorities however generally agree that if the accommodation and main transportation deficiencies can be made good, and if actual delivery of the parcels is, if necessary, made only to callers, (who would be notified postcard) a restricted service could be operated.

2. The very short time which has been available to consider this question has not of course enabled any details to be collected. It is proposed to send an Officer of this Sub-Commission to Naples to make the necessary enquiries, and then to discuss with you the special steps which will undoubtedly have to be taken to meet the accommodation and/or transportation position.

3. It is understood that in cabling Washington you will cover this general position, and indicate:

1. That separate despatches will be required for each of

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the four destinations.

ii. That unless quite impracticable, the PALERMO mail should be shipped there direct

iii. That bags should be labelled direct to the civil post Office (i.e.: - Civil mail: New York to _____).

iv. That the U.S. Post Office should impose all such safeguards as are possible to ensure that the restriction on posting which they have suggested, and which is regarded as essential, is not side-stepped.

4. The matters of Italian customs charges, which would normally arise, and postage credits, are being enquired into and will be reported upon later.

5. The attitude of the British Post Office towards the territorial restriction on postings is fully recognised, but the Italian Government are reluctantly apprehensive of any extension of the internal or external operating areas until the outcome of an initial restricted service can be seen.*

6. The introduction of even a restricted internal parcel post service is not intended by the Italian Government at the present time.

For the Chief Commissioner:

Handwritten signature
 J. L. HENDERSON

Colonel

Director, Communications Sub-Commission

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Copy to: Chief of Staff, A.C.Hq.

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G-5 311.16-4

27 October 1944

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SUBJECT: Resumption of limited Parcel Post with Italy

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission,
APO 394.

1. Attached is a copy of TAK 329.

2. It is considered here that unless there are insuperable transport and delivery difficulties the parcel post should not be limited to addressees in the cities named but should be permitted to addressees in all areas to which external letter service operates.

Ital Govt's request
Disruption
Italy at
Naples

3. So far as censorship is concerned it is considered that 100% censorship will be necessary and it is proposed to press Washington to carry this out at their end.

4. It is requested that you will signal your comments on the above to this Section soonest and at the same time indicate when and for what provinces such parcel post could be accepted.

5. So far as comment 2 on the second page of the cable is concerned it is requested you will submit your comments thereon as soon as practicable but that the preparation of these should not hold up your reply under paragraph 4 of this letter.

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

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T. B. Jackman
Lt. Col.
T. B. JACKMAN,
Lt. Colonel.

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TO : AFHQ TO WILSON FOR INFORMATION UK BASE SECTION FOR
PCS AND TO COMMUNICATION ZONE

REF. NO. THIS MESSAGE : WX-51834, 25 October 1944

TAM 229.

For FIGEG

Via CCAC.

Resumption of limited Parcel Post with ITALY.

The UNITED STATES Postmaster General desires to permit the resumption of a limited Parcel Post service from the UNITED STATES to certain cities in ITALY. Your comment is requested as a matter of urgency.

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The proposal is that:

- (a) Packages would be accepted only for addressees in the Vatican City State, ROME and NAPLES, ITALY, and PALERMO, SICILY.
- (b) Not more than 1 package per month could be sent from the same sender to the same addressee.
- (c) Packages would not exceed 4 pounds in weight nor 36 inches in length and girth combined.

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- (3) To be limited to non-commercial shipments of consumer items such as food, wearing apparel, medicines, smoking paraphernalia, and toilet articles not exceeding \$50.00 in value of items.

UNITED STATES Post Office Department believes that postable food would be a thousand bags a week from UNITED STATES which could be readily handled by available shipping without prejudice to the other needs of the Mediterranean Theater. UNITED STATES Office of Consular Affairs that it would be unable to provide anything more than spot checking of such packages.

If proposed service is agreeable to you will appreciate your recommendation as to date for commencement.

British comments on the above are:

1. Since in practice a service limited to selected cities or areas is difficult to justify, has SACRED any views about opening the service to all parts of liberated ITALY to which external postal service operates.
2. Will SACRED advise if service is approved what amounts will be payable to Italian Postal Administration in respect of delivery services in order that charges to sender may be correctly adjusted. This information though necessary need not delay reply to general question.
3. Although parallel service from British Commonwealth and Empire may be delayed for technical reasons including requirement of export licenses it will be assumed unless SACRED advises to the contrary that facilities accorded in ITALY for the delivery of parcels dispatched under the proposed UNITED STATES Parcel Service will, if desired, be equally available to those licensed in the UNITED KINGDOM and Commonwealth and Empire to dispatch such parcels.

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PS.16/15.234.

26 October 1944

SUBJECT:- Foreign civil mail service.

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

1. The P.W.B. "Basic News" of October 25th (p. 5) contains information to the effect that a recent editorial (2 Oct. 22nd) in the American newspapers "Il Progresso" pointed out

"That the President had instructed the Postmaster General to hasten facilities for individual Italian-Americans' mailing food packages directly to their relatives and friends in Italy. Such measures as these have led Pope Pius to thank the United States and to praise 'the able and enlightened leadership' of America's efforts to help the Italian people."

2. In connection with any resultant plans for the re-introduction of any form of parcel form service from America to Italy, it is considered very desirable that the American authorities should be made fully aware, right at the outset, that mail transportation facilities over here are very far from approaching normal, and that in many parts, only very restricted parcel post traffic could be handled. Furthermore, if such a service were afforded for items from overseas, it would not be logical to withhold a similar internal service (at least for food - which is available on the black market). There has so far been no demand for even a restricted internal service, and the time is not ripe to introduce one.

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For the Chief Commissioner

J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel

Director, Communications Sub-Commission

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