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FROM: TUTTE DIRPOSTEL MENO TRIESTE GORIZIA POLA FIUME ZARA ET
TO P C A C COMMUNICATIONS SUBC ROMA----
- COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER A M G VENEZIA GIULIA TRIESTE---

--4/1 NR 586455 CRIII PUNTO INFORMI ESPRESSO SE ET QUALE
TRATTAMENTO SIA STATO DATO CORRISPONDENZA ASSICURATA AUT
RACCOMANDATA DIRETTA RR NAVI PERDUTE ET ENTI MARINA SOPPRESSI
NONCHE VAGLIA AUT ASSEGNI BANCARI EVENTUALMENTE RINVENUTIVI--
ORE GLE MUSUMECI----

Comms s/c.

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IL CAPITANO ADDETTO
(Cavaliere)

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== RCV MARTINO==

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Ministero delle Comunicazioni
AMMINISTRAZIONE CENTRALE
DELLE POSTE E DEI TELEGRAFI
Ispett.Gen.Mov.Postale
Divisione I Ser. I
Prot. N. 476088/Allegati
478347/C/2
Roma add. 26
16 FEB 1940
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M.C.A. Communications
Sub-Commission - Via Veneto
ROMA
Risp.al N.49.24/CS
Risposta al p. del 16/11/45
Dir. Ser. N.
Oggetto Posta dal Regno Unito per l'Italia.

Con riferimento alla V.Lettera sopra di-
stinta, diretta al Dipartimento Servizi Posta-
li(O.M.B.) G.P.O. Quartier General London E.
C., e, per conoscenza alla scrivente, si ha
il pregio di trasmettere copia della nota
N.36450/45, datata 6/12/45, con la quale il
Dipartimento dei Servizi Postali (O.M.B.)
fa riscontro alla nostra N.476088-C/2 del
14/11/45, oggetto della V.lettera cui si
risponde.

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE

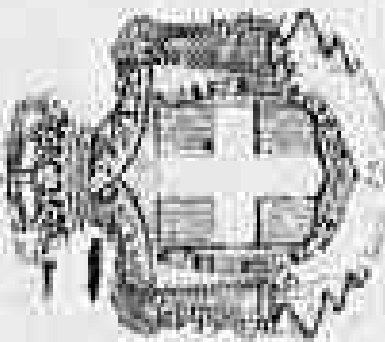
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Si prega di inviare per copia la lettera con cui si risponde e concludere nella risposta
della V. Lettera di cui si risponde.

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C O P I A



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Telephone: Headquarters 1234
Telegrams: Postgen, Cent, London

Div. I Sez. I

prot. 476088

Your reference C/2

P.O. Reference 36450/45

Postal Services
DEPARTMENT,
GENERAL POST OFFICE
LONDON E.C.1.
6 th December 1945

BY AIR MAIL.

Sir,

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I am to explain that the arrangement by which registered LC and AO articles are advised by bulk total instead of in detail has been in force for many years between the British Post Office and a large number of other Administrations and has resulted in material savings in time and labour at all the offices concerned. In view of difficulties caused by the shortage of experienced staff and pressure of work occasioned by the reopening of services to European countries, it has been necessary to adopt the system of bulk advice of registered articles even to countries with which it was not in operation prior to the war. It is much regretted, however, that no formal intimation of this was given to your Administration at the time registration facilities were introduced.

The Minister of Postes and
Telecommunications
(4e Service)
ROME

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There would, of course, be no objection to the use of collective advice in respect of registered articles sent from Italy to the United Kingdom.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785015

Telephone: Headquarters 1234
 Telegram: Postgen, Cent, London
 P. 49.24/CS
 Your Reference WHG/ams
 P.O. Reference 36450/45



POSTAL SERVICES
 DEPARTMENT,
 GENERAL POST OFFICE,
 LONDON, E.C.1.

6th December, 1945.

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BY AIR MAIL

W.H.G.
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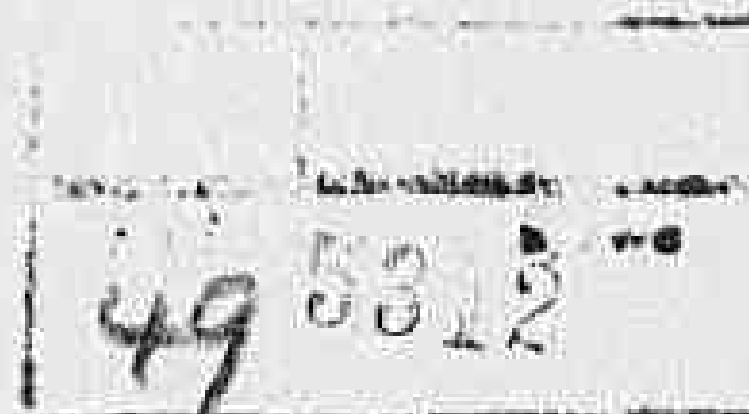
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Copy Thompson
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John Sangha

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Col. H.H. Scudder.



Date

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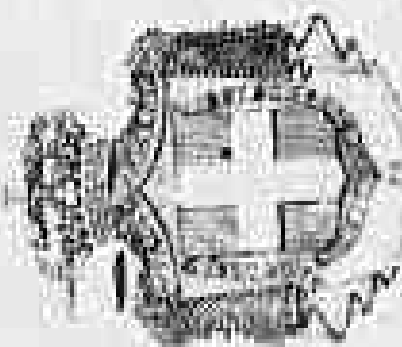
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Your reference C/2

P.O. Reference 36450/45

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DIVISION DES POSTES ET DES TELECOMMUNICATIONS

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Telephone: HqAdquarters 1234
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DEPARTMENT,
GENERAL POST OFFICE,
LONDON, E.C.1.

6 December, 1945.

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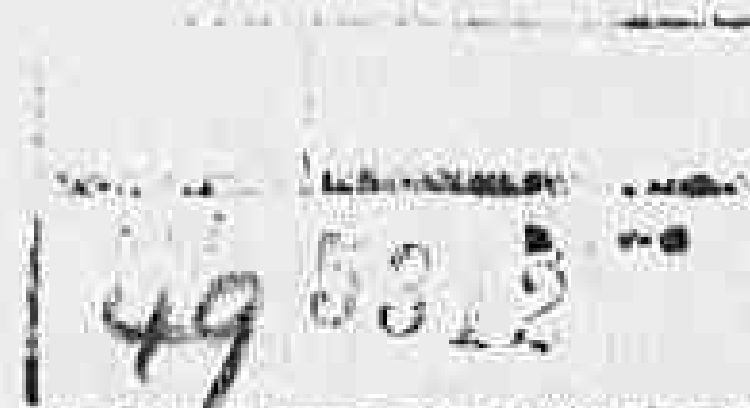
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I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

(Sd) G. H. BANTON.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

WIK/ama

16th November 1945

P.49.24/CS

Subject: U.K. to Italy Mails -
Bulk Advice of Registers.

To : Postal Services Dept (O.M.B.)
G.P.O. Headquarters
London E.C.1.

Will you please furnish the information requested
in the attached letter from the Italian Ministry of Posts and
Telecommunications concerning the adoption of the bulk advice
procedure.

H.H.
H.H. SCUDIER
Colonel, Sig.C.
Director.

Enc. : Copy and translation of 476088 C/2 of 14th November.

Copy to: Director General for Posts and Telecommunications.

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*Ministero delle Poste
e delle Telecomunicazioni*

Ispett. Gen. Mov. Postale

Sezione *Dir. I* *Dir. I*

Let. N. 476088-C/2

Allegati

Roma

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A. C. A. COMMUNICATIONS

SUBCOMMISSION

Via Veneto

R O M A

Rapporto al f. N.

del

OGGETTO: Raccomandate da Londra per Roma Ferrovia.

Con bollettino di verificaione dell'11/8/45, l'ufficio di Roma Ferrovia ha segnalato, a quello di Londra, che, nella spedizione N.29 del 23/7/1945, da Londra per Roma Ferrovia, erano compresi 383 oggetti raccomandati, anziche 380, come annunciati sul foglio d'avviso; e che tutti gli invii raccomandati non erano descritti, nè accompagnati dalle relative liste speciali.

Detto bollettino di verificaione, restituito debitamente accettato il 21/9/45 dall'ufficio di Londra E.C.Divisional Controller,

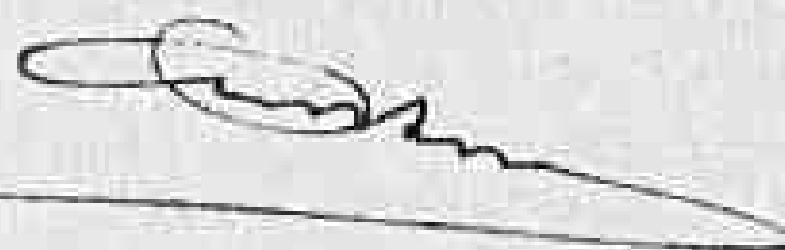
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porta altresì l'annotazione seguente :
"Gli oggetti raccomandati vengono ora avviati
con avviso globale".

Ciò posto, tenuto conto che questa Am-
ministrazione non ha ricevuto alcuna tempe-
stiva comunicazione al riguardo, nè dall'Am-
ministrazione Centrale Inglese, nè da codesta
Sottocommissione; prima di emanare precise
istruzioni agli uffici dipendenti interessati,
tornerebbe gradito averne conferma, e sapere
se il procedimento in parola debba considerar-
si temporaneo o di carattere permanente.

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE



Translation

14 Nov.45

476088-C32

SUBJECT: Registered from London to Rome Ferrovia.

With Bulletin de verification of 11.8.45, Rome Ferrovia Office notified London that in despatch no.29 of 23.7.45 383 registered items were ~~included~~ included instead of 380 as were advised on the feuille d'avis; and that ~~not~~ all the registered items were ~~described~~ ^{now} accompanied by ~~their~~ relative ~~lists~~ special lists.

Said Bulletin de Verification, returned duly accepted on 21.9.45 from the London EC Office of the Divisional Controller, bears also the following note:

"The registered items are now forwarded with global advice."

Therefore, considering that our Administration has not received ~~in~~ time any communication regarding the matter, ~~neither~~ from the British Admin. or from your SO, before issuing detailed instructions to the interested dependant offices, a confirmation would be appreciated, and we would also like to know if this procedure must be considered of a temporary or permanent nature.

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785015COMMUNICATIONS
INCOMING MESSAGE**HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION**

Originator's Reference:

Date/Time of Origin: AUG 291900E

Message Centre No: F/5803

Date Time Rec'd: AUG 292015B

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: ROMA

TO: AC COMMUNICATIONS SUBCOMMISSION ROMA

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4/1 SEGUITO CIRCOLARE TELEGRAFICA 1562/180 TRENTA LUGLIO SCORSO PREGASI
INFORMARE DIPENDENTI UFFICI CHE LETTERE ORDINARI E AUT RACCOMANDATE PER DANIMARCA ET
NONVERGIA SONO AMMESSE FINO PESO GRAMMI 140 -

DIRE GLE MUSUMECI

DISTACTION: Communications SC
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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Communications

Originator's Reference:

Date/Time of Origin: **MAY 27**Message Centre No: **E/2560**Date Time Rec'd: **MAY 27 1630**Precedence: **ROUTINE**FROM: **ROMA**TO **AC COMMUNICATIONS SUB COMMISSION ROMA**

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IN CLEAR.

DISPOSTEL PROVINCE AMMINISTRATE GOVERNO ITALIAN PIU DIRPOSTEL FIRENZE LIVORNO LUCCA
PISA PISTOIA ALTO COMM SICILIA PALERMO ALTO COMM SARDEGNA CAGLIARI STATO MAGG ESERCITO UFF
SZI ROMA.

4/1 DAL 28 CORR EST AMMESSA RACCOMANDAZIONE PER LETTERE ET CARTOLINE DIRETTE NON
SOLTANTO STATI UNITI E INGHILTERRA ET RISPETTIVE COLONIE MA ANCHE A QUALSISI ALTRO PAESE
ESTERO CON CUI GIA EFFETTUASI SCAMBIO CORRISPONDENZE STOP STESSA DATA EST RIPRISTINATO
SERVIZIO POSATALE CON OLANDA LIMITATAMENTE CARTOLINE POSTALI NON ILLUSTRATE CON NOTIZIE
PRIVATE E FAMIGLIARI STOP DIRPOSTEL NE INFORMINO DIPENDENTI UFFICI INTERESSANDOLI ESPORRE
APPOSITO AVVISO ATRIO PUBBLICO ET FRONIERNE NOTA SUL PROSPETTO SERVIZIAMMESSI.

DRE GLE MUSUMECI

4/1 From 23th inst. registration is allowed for letters and postcards directed not only to USA, UK & respective colonies, but also for whatsoever other foreign country with which postal services are re-established. On same date postal services with Holland is re-established DIST restricted to non-illustrated post-cards bearing private or family news. Postal Directorates shall inform sub-offices telling them to exhibit ACTION COMMUNICATIONS SC Notice in IOs & to put to date prospetto Servizi INFO FILE

Amico si.

General Director.

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Date

Copy of Release.

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Date dictated: 27th May 1945.

Date received : 27th May 1945 - 26,30,

TO: AG Communications Sub-Commission,

IN CLEAR

GENOVA, VERGINE AMMINISTRATIVE GOVERNO ITALIANO PIU' DEMOCRATICA.
 FIRENZE LIVORNO LUGA PISA PIENZA AINO CORSE SICILIA PALERMO AINO CORSE
 SANTEIRA CAMERANI STATO MAGGIOR ESECUTIVO UNO DEI ROMA.

4/1 DAL 28 OTTE EST OMEDIA RAGGIUNGERONO PER LETTERE LE CANTINE
DETERTE NON SOLO ILO STATI UNITI E INGHILTERRA LE RISPETTIVE COLONIE MA
ANCHE A MALTA E ALTRO PARS STERO DEI CUI GIA SPETTAVI OMEDIO
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SERVIZI AMBLY. - DRE GLA MENDICO.

Translation.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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22nd May 1945.

P.49.19.CS.

SUBJECT: Registration Facilities.

TO : The Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecommunications.

Registration facilities (i.e. the registration of postcards and letters), now permitted only in the postal services with the United Kingdom and the United States of America, may be extended on May 23rd, 1945 to all countries to which Italian mail services have been opened, and which permit such facilities.

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

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Communications

Originator's Reference: FX 73304
 Date/Time of Origin: MAY 101846B

Message Centre No: E/280
 Date Time Rec'd: MAY 100820B
 Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED ALEXANDER SITE ENGEC
 TO: HQS ALCON

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~*ACTION*~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

This is MAT 676 also to ALCON ROME.

Registration facilities Italian civilian mails now permitted to US/UK are being extended of 21 May to all countries to which Italian mail service has been opened and which permit such facilities.

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 Chief Commissioner
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Headquarters Allied Commission
CIVIL CENSORSHIP GROUP
APO 394, U. S. Army

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4 May 1945

SUBJECT: Registration of Postal Packets.

TO : Communications Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission, Rome.
ATTENTION: Chief Postal Officer, Lt Col R.A.C. Routh.

1. Reference is made to your communication P.49. 15/cs,
dated 1 May 1945.

2. Censorship has no objection to the registration of
postal packets.

Gordon W. McKean

GORDON W. MCKEAN,
Lt. Col. Cavalry,
Civil Censorship Officer.

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Date

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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P.49.16/CS

4 May 1945

Subject: Registration of Postal Packets.

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

As you are aware, the registration of post cards and letters is permitted only in the postal services between Italy and the United Kingdom and the United States of America.

The Italian Post Office is now in a position to handle registered packets for and from all countries with which postal services have been resumed.

Arrangements are being made, therefore, to extend the present registration facilities on May 21st, 1945 to all Italian external postal services.

For the Chief Commissioner.

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

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MEMO

Subject : Registration of Postal Packets.

To : Civil Censorship Group.

As you are aware, the registration of postcards and letters is permitted only in the postal services between Italy and the United Kingdom and United States of America.

The Italian Post Office is now in a position to handle registered packets for and from all countries with which postal services have been resumed.

It is proposed, therefore, to pursue the question of extending the present registration facilities to include all classes of postal packets in all existing services and in additional services as they are resumed.

Will you please say whether there is any objection so far as censorship is concerned.

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

Communications Sub-Commission
Extn 444

1 May 1945

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

WHE/bs

CONFIDENTIAL

P. 49.14/CS

23 April 1945

Dear Hibbs,

Many thanks for your letter of 17th April and the useful comments on the question of registration.

As you may have been notified we have obtained authority from CCS to extend our existing external letter service to France, Belgium, Greece, Bulgaria and Roumania, but were refused permission at present for Poland and the Baltic Republics. I have submitted separate proposals for Holland and Luxembourg.

On May 1st Civil Censorship in this Country takes over full responsibility for outgoing mail (hitherto they have dealt only with Spain, Portugal, Switzerland, Spanish Morocco, Tangiers and Malta). The work will be done at both Naples and Rome so, to keep the circulation single, we are duplicating all mails from the two O/Es except the SPS group which will continue to be dealt with only at Rome.

We have not yet received authority for the inclusion of non-transactional correspondence in letters other than those to U.S. and U.K.

Your remarks on registration fit in with our ideas on the subject and I think that Col. Routh, who has now arrived to take over Head's job, will probably pursue. One of the little uncertainties which may be cleared up before long is what would be the machinery of payment and what currency would be used in settling any charges due to be borne by Italy in respect of conveyance claims, conveyance cost etc. Your letter refers to free conveyance by warship or HMT but actually the Italian P.O. does not know how its external mails are conveyed as the arrangements here from the outset has been to hand over to and receive from the Base A.P.O.s. We have maintained records of weights for reference in the event of future claims but the decision hitherto has always been that this is only one of the many matters to be dealt with in the general settlement of accounts with Italy and that it would be unwise to ask the Italian Government for specific undertakings to pay in certain cases when so much freight has been carried without any such question being asked. This, of course, makes it very awkward when we come to deal with questions such as air conveyance charges or the alternative surface routes for mails onwards from say Egypt.

As you will appreciate, the position of Italy is rather exceptional. You have three zones (a) Enemy-occupied, (b) Military Government, and (c) Italian Government Territory. Even in (c) the status of an ex-enemy co-belligerent is not too clear in international postal matters especially

as the same services extend into a good deal of zone (b). Our main problems are of course the same as those of any other liberated country which has been made and is being fought over - accommodation and transport - but with this very important difference, that the attitude towards the de-requisitioning of such post office premises as are usable and the conveyance of civil mails by any military means is very different indeed from what it probably is in an Allied Country. This is what makes it so difficult for us to agree to restore services which are often suggested.

Yours sincerely.

WHL

A. Hibbs Esq.
War Office
C.A. 14
London S.W.

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CONFIDENTIAL

The War Office, 13
C.A.14.
Hotel Victoria,
Northumberland Avenue,
London, W.C.2.

124/Italy/54.

17th April, 1945.

Dear Green, P.48.18/CS

Many thanks for your letter of 10th April about the Italian external postal services.

I am glad to see that A.F.H.Q. are likely in the near future to propose an easing of the restrictions on services between Italy and "non-enemy" countries to permit business communications of a fact-finding nature (by "non-enemy" countries I mean non-enemy countries other than the U.S., U.K., the Empire and the Dominions). For your information only, there will be no objection to this from interested U.K. Departments, but they are unlikely to agree to any further easing of restrictions on business communications between Italy and "non-enemy" countries until Italy adopts a black list and can control dealings with foreign assets. 2

I must apologise most humbly for the delay in dealing with Head's letter on registration. We are none too clear as to what precisely are your difficulties. Normally when registered mails are carried by a shipping company from one country to another, any loss incurred is the responsibility of the postal administration for which the company is acting as agent. Compensation is ultimately reclaimed from the shipping company. In wartime, all Allied shipping under U.K. control comes under the Ministry of War Transport, but the same principles apply. If, however, a postal administration is getting free transport by warship, or by M.W.T. transport, it seems

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Major W.H. Green,
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Headquarters Allied Commission,
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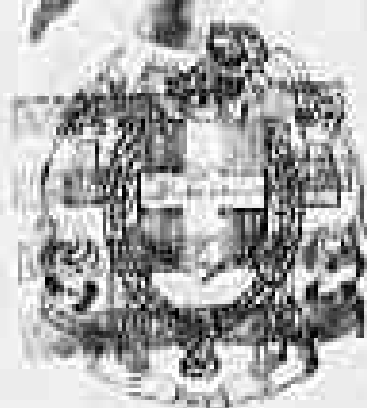
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inconceivable to us that it would consider making claims against the carriers - it would surely pay the postal administration handsomely to accept responsibility for any registered letter losses.

It may help you to know, (a) that the U.K. Post Office holds itself responsible for registered mail diverted to the U.K. for censorship in the same way as if the mail were in normal transit, (b) that in the case of registered mail transitting the U.K. and consigned to a liberated country where registration facilities on external mail have not been restored, the mail is despatched from the U.K. with the ordinary mail and the originating postal administration is advised of this on the verification note. Registration is effective only up to the time of receipt in the U.K.

Yours sincerely,

A. Mills



MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI

Direzione Generale delle Poste e dei Telegrafi

Servizio IV Div. 1 Sez. 2
 Prot. N° 419096/825044/113
 Risposta al f. V.P. 49.1./C3
 del 18.4.1945

Roma, 9 APR. 1945

Un. Commissione Alleata
 Posts and T.C. Subcommission

OGGETTO: Servizio lettere racco-
 mandate.

Sciogliendo la riserva contenuta nell'ultima par-
 te della ministeriale n. 418805/825039/1PS in data 21 feb-
 braio c.a., relativa all'oggetto, si ha il pregio di parte-
 cipare che, in base ad accertamenti all'uopo disposti, gli
 uffici postali di Napoli e di Roma Ferrovia, che sono gli
 unici attualmente interessati per la formazione dei di-
 spacci per l'estero, risultano avere la necessaria at-
 trezzatura, sia per quanto riguarda il personale, sia per
 quanto riguarda i mezzi, per poter effettuare lo scambio
 delle corrispondenze raccomandate con tutti i Paesi este-
 ri aperti al traffico postale con l'Italia liberata.

Qualora codesta on. Commissione venisse nella de-
 terminazione di attuare il servizio di cui trattasi, tor-
 nerà gradito conoscere tempestivamente a quali uffici po-
 stali esteri dovranno essere indirizzati i relativi di-
 spacci, comunque, se la ripresa dello scambio in parola
 possa essere notificato da questo Ministero alle Ammi-
 nistrazioni postali estere interessate per il solito tra-

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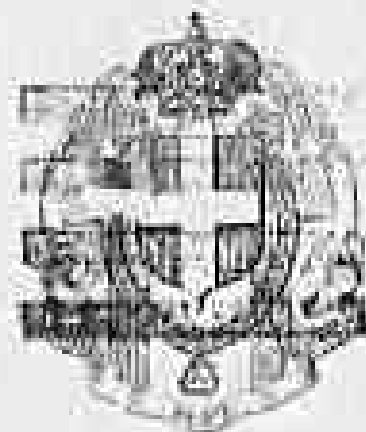
Subject: Registered Letter Service.

9 April 1945

Following our 418806/835029/IPS of 21 Feb. referring to the subject, we inform you that following the ascertainment on the purpose, the Rome and Naples Ferrovia P.O.s, which are the only ones at present interested in the making up of foreign despatches, result to have the necessary ^{means} ~~means~~ to ~~carry~~ carry out the exchange of ~~correspondence~~ registered correspondence with all the Foreign countries open to postal traffic with liberated Italy.

Whenever ~~in~~ your Commission decides to put into effect the said service we would be very pleased to know, in time, to which foreign P.O.s. the relative despatches shall be addressed to, and, anyhow, if the resumption of the said exchange may be notified by this Ministry to ~~postal administrations~~ the interested foreign postal Administrations through the International Bureau of the Universal Postal Union, Berne.

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MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI

Direzione Generale delle Poste e dei Telegrafi

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26 MAR. 1945

Servizio IV - Uff. I - Sez. II

Prot. N° 419021/835049

Risposta al f. 1° P.49 10/C S

del 19.3

OGGETTO: Lettere raccomandate dall'estero.

Roma.

ON. COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
POSTS AND T.C. SUB COMMISSION
R O M A

Si ringrazia questa On. Commissione per quanto ha cortesemente comunicato col foglio sopra distinto.

IL SOTTOSGREGARIO DI STATO

(FANNO)

We thank your Commission for the ~~first~~ notifications. Kindly send us in your letter P.49. 10/C S -

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Date 26 MAR 1945

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

28 August 1944

PS.16/15.143

Subject: Civil Airgraph Service.

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

1. Further to recent telephone conversation, Lt. Col. Head- Lt. Col. Jackman), attached is a copy of a relative communications which has been passed to us, for information, by the Postal Directorate A.A.I.

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CON FURIA *Offici*

MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI
Direzione Generale delle Poste e dei Telegrafi

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ON. COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
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 R O M A

Si ringrazia questa On. Commissione
 per quanto ha cortesemente comunicato col foglio so-
 pra distinto.

IL SOTTOSGREGARIO DI STATO

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We thank your Commission for the ~~transmission~~
 notifications kindly sent us
 in your letter P.49.10/cs - F

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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Communications Sub-Commission

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19 March 1945

In reply
refer to: P.47.10/C1.

Subject : Registered Letters.

To : Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telegrams.

1. It has come under notice that certain Allied Comrades overseas are accepting registered letters for Italian Civilian addressees, on the basis of the registered letter service from the United Kingdom.

2. The question whether this arrangement is duly authorized is under consideration but in the meantime authority is given for any such letters which are received by the British Army Base Post Office to be handed over to your Napoli Ferrovia Office, against signature, for transmission to addressees in the area open for postal services.

3. To save time a copy of this letter has been sent direct to Naples Ferrovia Office.

W.H. Green
for J.I. HENDALLON
Colonel,
Director.

Copies to:
British Army Postal Directorate.
C-9, A.P.M.C.
Civil Censorship.
Napoli Ferrovia Post Office.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 194
Communications Sub-Commission

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19 March 1945

In reply
refer to: P.49/9/33

Subject: Italian External Mail Service - Registered Letters.

To: British Army Postal Directorate
A.F.H.Q.

Reference today's telephone conversation regarding the disposal of registered letters for Italian civil addresses actually being received at 15 Base AGO in mails from other Commands.

1. I see no objection to the letters being transferred to the Italian Post Office at Naples Ferrovia against signature, without prejudice to consideration of the question whether proper authority has been obtained for the commencement of the service.

2. A copy of your letter P.641 of 14th February was sent to G-5, A.F.H.Q. with our P.49.8/33 of 23rd February.

For the Chief Commissioner.

WIG
J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

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Copy of Letter to Under Secretary of State for PP.TT.

Copies to:

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

Civil Censorship (for information AGCO Naples.)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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Communications Sub-Commission

In reply
refer to : P.49.8/CS

23 February 1945

Subject : External Civil Mails - Registered letter service.
To : G-5 A.F.H.Q.
(attention Major Byles)

Attached is a copy of the letter referred to in
today's telephone conversation.
A copy of our P.49.3/CS of 16 Feb., which the Postal
Directorate quote, was enclosed with our P.49.4/CS of
16 Feb. to you.

For the Chief Commissioner

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J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel
Director

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

Subject:- Civil Postal Administrations - Italian.

P/641. **17**

To:- Allied Commission,
(Communications Sub-Commission).

19 Feb 45.

1. Reference your P.49.3/CS of 16 Feb 45, it should be stated that in a bulletin containing Mail Information, published by DDAPS, GHQ MEF in Jan 45, the availability of a registered service from Forces in M.E.F. to civilians in Italy was announced as follows :-

" Italy. Postcards and letters not exceeding 2 ozs. in weight for ITALY may now be registered. "

2. In the light of your a/q minute, no further action is being taken at present as regards extension of the registered service to British Forces in this Command; but perhaps you will say whether the Italian Civil Post Office is prepared to accept, as registered items, any registered mail which may reach 15 Base APO from M.E.F. in accordance with the announcement quoted above.

R.N. Roskell
(R.N. ROSKELL)
Lt. Col., R.E.
for D.D.A.P.S.

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TELEGRAMMA

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22 Feb.

Telegram -

To : Prov. Directions under H. Gov. jurisdiction -
 Ref. our Circular n° 149100 of 12 Dec. 44, we inform
 you that registration of letters & postcards is permitted
 for H. & U.S. but not for their colonies & possessions
 of. Please inform subordinate office -
 Mr. Ke.

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MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI

Direzione Generale delle Poste e dei Telegrafi

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Servizio IV Div. I Sez. II
 Prot. N° 418806/835049.1 PS
 Risposta al f. N° P.49.1/CS
 del 16.2.45

Roma, 21 FEB 1945

ON. COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
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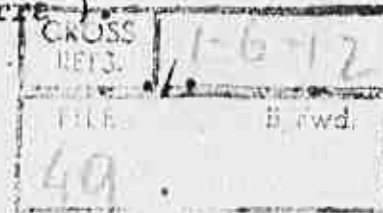
OGGETTO: Raccomandate da e
 per l'estero.

Si è preso atto che il servizio delle raccoman-
 date è attualmente autorizzato soltanto tra Italia,
 Regno Unito e Stati Uniti, escluse le colonie e i pos-
 sedimenti inglesi e americani.

Di ciò viene data notizia telegrafica alle Di-
 rezioni P.T. di tutte le provincie amministrate dal Go-
 verno italiano, con invito di informarne i dipendenti
 uffici, in modo da evitare possibili errori.

Quanto alle richieste che codesta On. Commis-
 sione ha formulato col paragrafo 2° della lettera sopra
 indicate, si ha il pregio di significare quanto segue:

a) In base all'art. 57 della vigente Convenzione po-
 stole universale, l'Amministrazione italiana si consi-
 dera sciolta da ogni responsabilità nel caso di perdi-
 ta di raccomandate dovuta a forza maggiore (es. affon-
 damento di una nave per cause di guerra).



b) Per la perdita di una raccomandata, ove non sussistano eccezioni al principio della responsabilità, l'Amministrazione italiana chiede e (nel caso di responsabilità propria) versa l'importo di 50 franchi-oro prescritto dall'art.56 della citata Convenzione.

c) Qualora una raccomandata dell'estero vada perduta in Italia, e venga accertata la relativa responsabilità, l'Amministrazione postale del Paese di origine viene autorizzata a corrispondere al mittente il prescritto indennizzo di 50 franchi-oro; importo che finora è stato rimborsato da questo Ministero o mediante una uguale diminuzione di addebito nei conti relativi allo scambio dei pacchi, o mediante vaglia bancario fornito dal Ministero del Tesoro nella valuta richiesta dal Paese creditore.

Si ringrazia infine codesta Un. Commissione per il proprio interessamento nei riguardi dell'estensione dello scambio delle raccomandate in altri Paesi esteri.

Circa il limite del relativo sviluppo, deve si però fare riserva di dare risposta non appena possibile, essendo necessario assumere in proposito alcune informazioni.

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

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Date 21 FEB 1945

UFFICIO DEL PERSONALE E DEGLI AFFARI GENERALI

Appunto per il Ministro

Subject: ^{Foreign} Registered letter service. -

Ref. your P. 49.1/cs of 16.2.45 -

It has been noted that the registered letter service is at present authorised only between Italy & U.K. & U.S., excluding the ~~post~~ letters' possessions & colonies. -

We will inform of the above by telegram the Prov. Directorates in Italian Gov. Territory, for distribution to subordinate offices in order to avoid possible mistakes -

As regards your requests in para. 2 of the above letter, the following informations are furnished:-

a) On the basis of art. 57 of the Universal Postal ~~Convention~~ Convention, the Italian Administration considers itself ~~free~~ free of any responsibility in case of loss due to "force majeure" (e.g. sinking of a boat due to war events).

LECCE

- 1) LA IROVINCIA DI LECCE
- 2) LIBERA VOCE
- 3) IL SALENTO
- 4) IL TRIBUNO SALENTINO
- 5) DEMOCRAZIA DEL LAVORO
- 6) IL LAVORATORE DEL SALENTO
- 7) LA BOTTEGA
- 8) ITALIA
- 9) LA FIAMMA
- 10) RITORNO

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socialista 3.000
partito lav. 4.000
comunista 4.000
notiziario 5.000
esercito 600
religioso 150
culturale

TARANTO

LA VOCE DEL POPOLO
LA RINASCITA
FORZE UNITE
CORRIERE JONICO
(ex "Giustizia Sociale")

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L'UNIONE

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L'ORDINE
IL LAVORATORE
AZIONE PROLETARIA
IL GAZZETTINO
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MURO LUCANO (Potenza)

LA RINASCITA

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notiziario 4.500

CATANZARO

- 1) TERRA BRUZIA
- 2) NUOVA CALABRIA
- 3) LA VOCE DEL POPOLO
- 4) CALABRIA AVANTI!
- 5) L'IDEA CRISTIANA
- 6) IL RINNOVAMENTO
- 7) L'AMICO DEL POPOLO
- 8) VETRINA DELLA CULTURA
- 9) CALABRIA GIUDIZIARIA

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(Note)

b) For the loss of a registered letter, if there are no exceptions to the principle of responsibility, the Italian Administration asks, or (if it is responsible in the loss) pays the amount of 50 gold francs

present in art. 56 of the above mentioned convention.

c) If a registered letter from abroad gets lost in Italy, and the relative responsibility can be ascertained, the Postal Administration of the country of origin is authorized to pay to the sender the present indemnity of 50 gold francs; amount which, till now, has been reimbursed by this Ministry, or by a correspondent deduction in the accounting of the parcels service, or by a Bank Money Order furnished by the Ministry of Treasury in the currency requested by the creditor country.

We thank you for the interest taken in the extension of the registered letter service to other foreign countries. As regards the maximum limit of development, we will send you further information as soon as possible because it is necessary to have on the matter some information - Mr. J. S.

12) L'ECO	bimensile	radio	5.000
13) RADIO CAZZONI	mensile	religioso	5.000
14) PENSIERO E VITA	bimensile	religioso	500
15) VITA CARMELETTANA	mensile	religioso	5.000
16) L'OPERAIO	settimanale	religioso	1.500
17) EDUCARE	mensile	religioso	8.000
18) DOMENICA RELIGIOSA	mensile	religioso	10.000
19) LA FAMIGLIA	bimensile	religioso	
20) ROLLETTINO DIOCESANO	mensile	religioso	5.000
21) L'AURORA SERAFICA	mensile	per ragazzi	5.000
22) LA DILIGENZA	settimanale	storico	500
23) FAMIGLIA	semestrale		
CASA-MASSIMA (Bari)			
LA CROCE	bimensile	religioso	700
MOLITTA (Bari)			
MILES CHRISTI	bimensile	seminario	1.500
ORIZZONTI	settimanale	culturale	3.000
ERANI (Bari)			
ROGATE ERGO	mensile	religioso	1.000
ANDRIA (Bari)			
L'IDEA DI ANDRIA	mensile	notiziario	
GRAVINA (Bari)			
PACE E BENE	quindicinale	religioso	500
POGGIA			
LA CAPITANATA	settimanale	informazioni	5.000
PUCIRA DI ANIME	quindicinale	religioso	1.000
L'AMICO DEL TERZIARIO	mensile	religioso	600
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4HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

16 February 1945

In reply
refer to : P.49.4/CS.

Subject : External Civil Mails - Registered Letter Service.

To : G-5 Section, A.F.H.Q. (attention Lt.Col. Jackman).

1. Transmitted herewith are copies of an official letter to the British Postal Directorate, and a D/O letter to C.A. 14, on the above subject.

2. If, when information on the technical aspects has been obtained, it seems opportune to put forward a proposal to extend the registered letter service, such will be submitted to your section.

For the Chief Commissioner

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

In reply
refer to : P.49.2/CB.

16 February 1945

Subject : Italian Civil Mail - Registration.

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

Reference your P/641 of 2 February 1945.

1. At present the internal registered letter service is in operation in Italy, together with an external service limited to the United Kingdom and United States.
2. On the matter of compensation, we have no information as to what, if any, specific consideration was given to the particular point when the question of the Italy service was before the C.C.S. We are in communication now with the Italian authorities on the general subject in relation to possible extension of the service, but it can, it is thought be taken that payment of normal compensation would be admissible for total loss in the circumstances which you mention. (Loss of contents is of course not covered in the International service). The currency exchange rate and/or gold franc equivalent would enter into the eventual accounting settlement picture.
3. Do you visualise the maintenance of shared responsibility for apparent but non-confirmable loss en route; and would the British and American A.P.O.'s accept full responsibility
 - (i) for known loss during conveyance by an Allied vessel (other than any "Kings enemies" cases) or
 - (ii) in cases in which they could not prove the handing over of a particular mail by which a missing item was recorded as having been forwarded?
4. So far as the question of transmission of bank or currency notes is concerned, such enclosures are not permitted (under A.C. financial regulations).

For the Chief Commissioner

J.L. HENDERSON, Col.
Director.

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Date

4-2-7
10 March

SHH/bs

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

16 February 1945

In reply
refer to : P.49.2/G3

Dear Hibbs,

1. The question has arisen of extending the registered letter service - at present operating so far as Italy is concerned only with the United Kingdom and the United States - to some or all of our other existing external services.

2. So far as the physical operation are concerned there is little or no difficulty, but an understanding is necessary on a number of points - see attached copies of correspondence with A.P.H.Q. Postal Directorate (not G-5 you will note). Similar features will have been involved in the war-time services already operating between both the U.K. and U.S. and their dependencies, and presumably neutrals, and no doubt the service with Italy would come into line similarly - at any rate so far as allocation of responsibility is concerned. (There is the point however that the Allies, in the case of liberated countries, might get nothing for carrying the mail and yet be responsible for loss - "Kings Enemies" and "force majeure" cases apart). In any case, as France has started a general registered letter service, a basis of some sort has presumably been laid down. Could you possibly let me have some details (by Air Mail) to help us in settling our ideas out here, and preparing proposals.

3. We have not yet been able to get a clearance to link up with the French, Greek etc. ordinary letter services.

4. Your assistant (I am afraid I have forgotten his name) was going to send me on copies of a few items of interest which I saw during the last few days whilst you were away. Were they duly sent - they have not arrived?

Kind regards

Yours sincerely

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In reply
refer to : P.49.1/CS.

Subject : Registered Letter Service.

To : Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecommunications.

Reference your 835029/IP3/839030 of 11 January 1945.

1. The re-establishment of the registered letter service has been authorised, up to the present, only between Italy and the United Kingdom and United States, and not to the Colonies and Dependencies of those countries.

2. This Sub-Commission is at present making tentative enquiries regarding the possible extension of the registered letter service to other external mails. We should be glad to know to what extent you may favour such a development, and to have your comments regarding:-

- (i) Liability for payment of compensation in the event of loss during sea conveyance (under the present exceptional conditions).
- (ii) Basis of international financial settlements (in respect of those cases in which compensation is paid by Italy on behalf of another Administration, and vice versa).

3. Also, on the assumption that your administration would continue to accept responsibility for payment of compensation in respect of external registered letters lost in Italy before handing over for despatch, or provedly received in Italy but not delivered, perhaps you will say on what basis you consider the normal compensation payment of 50 gold francs should be assessed.

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Director.

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