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RADIO COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE VATICAN

MAR. 1944 - OCT. 1946

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U.S. ARMY AIR CORPS

15 OCTOBER 1946

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

L.R. Thurnhart, Lt Col

JOHN E. RA

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

INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED C. MIS. DN

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Originator's Reference: FX72668Message Centre No: II/7486Date/Time of Origin: OCT. 14 1312ADate Time Rec'd: OCT 150900Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: AFHQ SACRED CITE PHGEG

TO : ALCOM ROME

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Subject is Vatican City radio. Refer Warof cable 69276 CA 18 of 11 October 46.

Request you advise appropriate authority of contents above quoted cable.

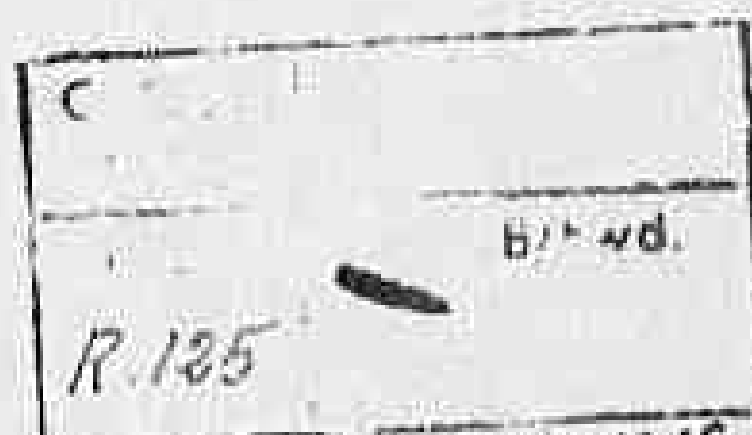
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Acting Vice President		Chief Commissioner	
Chief Staff Officer		Executive Commissioner	
Misc. Correspondence		Civil Affairs Section	
Admin. Pers. Officer		Establishments Section	
Message Center		G-1 (A)	
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C.E.M. Branch		<i>Communications</i>	
Food & Agriculture Br.		<i>S/C</i>	
Int. & Utilities Br.		<i>Col. Humbert</i>	
Tr. & Shipping Br.			
Commerce Br.			
For appropriate action		✓ Information	
Please see me		Investigation Report	
Dispatch		✓ Note & Retain	
Circulation & Return		File	
Signature		Concurrence	

Note: Initials should be placed in correspondence and not on this sheet.
Please use Routing & Work Sheet for comments.

Col. Humbert,
This is the AFHQ wire
in the radio group for the Veterans -
J. M. H. H.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

Headquarters Allied Commission

Originator's Reference: FX 70168 Message Centre: H/5441
 Date Time of Origin: 070948B AUG Date Time Rec'd: AUG 080900B
 Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE FHGEG
 TO WARGF LONDON AG WAR WASHINGTON ALCON ROME FOR CIVIL AFFAIRS
 FOR CCS FOR CCAC

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Confirmed that consignment instructions as given in MEG
 548 still apply.

this is MEG 609 refer your 63883 CA 18 of 26 July request this HQ
 be advised when subject equipment is shipped.

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ACTION DIRECTION ECONOMIC SECTION 2
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29 JULY 1946

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COMMUNICATIONS S.C.

NICHOLAS PIOMBINO
CWO U.S.A.
ASS'T ADJUTANT

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Originator's Reference: 63803 GEN 128 CA 10Message Centre No. H/5105Date/Time of Origin: JUL.261645 ADate Time Rec'd: JUL.281000Precedence: ROUTINEFROM: WAR OFFICETO : AFHQ INFO ALCOM ROME BAS WASHINGTON

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Ref LAC QIR 63 9 September 44 MEG 548, 14 September ~~46~~ and GEN 720

2 April 46. Vatican City Radio. High tension rectifier now ready

for shipment, please confirm consignment instructions given MEG 548

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14 September ⁴⁵ still ~~apply~~ apply.

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Date 29 AUG 1946

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 53522 CA18

Message Centre No: H/1609

Date/Time of Origin: APR 020915 Z

Date Time Rec'd: APR 041500

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: TROOPERS

TO: FREEDOM INFO WASHINGTON ALCOM ROME

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Ref LAC Air 63 9 September 44 CIV 308 (COM) 17 October 44
 GEN 607 29 June 45 and MEG 532 26 July 45. Vatican City Radio.
 Delivery of rectifier is respected in Middle May.

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INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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Director	gmm
D/Director	
Chief Telecons	80m
Chief Postal	
H. Q. Coms O.	
Asst Chief Postal	
Censorship	
Chief Clerk	

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AMHQ SIGNED ALEXANDER CITY MEX

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ACTION : TROOPERS

INFO: AGWAR FOR COS FOR CCAC, ALCON ROME

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this is MSG 546. Hour GME 647. *see 50*VATICAN CITY radio. ship to HAILES consign to communications sub commission,
ALLIED COMMISSION for VATICAN CITY. Mark cases TCG and CA. Indorse all vouchers

"ALLIED COMMISSION requisition HAS-206 - SIG".

HAS-206-518

NOTE SUBJECT:

reference GME 645. your assumption correct

Director *WHL*
1st Director
Chief Telecoms
Chief Postal
H Q Coms O.
Asst Chief Pcc
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Chief Clerk

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 73211 CA 18

Date/Time of Origin: SEP 120900A

Message Centre No: T/7483

Date Time Rec'd: SEP 131110

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM TROOPERS

TO : AFHQ INFO ROME WASHINGTON

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GEM 647.

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Your MSG 532 26th July VATICAN CITY Radio. Advise consignment instructions soonest.

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INFO ACTION

Director
Chief of Telecom
Chief of Postal
Chief of Com O
Chief of Postal
Censorship
Chief Clerk

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13 SEP 1945

SUBJECT: W.F. Link Nairobi - Vatican City

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Civil Affairs Branch,
H.Q. E.A. Command.
EAC/177/107/CA.
25 July 45.

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1. Allied Force H.Q., Italy.
2. H.Q. Allied Commission, Rome.

Copy to: C.S.O.
Ops.
Sigs.

Ref attached copy of EAC/29(1)/CSO of 21 Jul 45, schedules on the a/n W.F. Link are worked on Wednesday and Saturday of each week at 21.00 hrs. During May and June 1945 there were no "in" Messages and only 8 "out", these being solely concerned with death reports of Italian civilian evacuees, which will, in future, be sent as Deferred signals of S.D.S. messages.

2. It has been agreed by all concerned in this Command that this Link is now no longer required, and it is proposed to close it w.e.f. 0100 Z hrs on 18 Aug. 45.

3. It would be appreciated if you would record your formal concurrence to the closure.

[Signature]
Colonel *[Signature]*
CHIEF CIVIL AFFAIRS STAFF OFFICER.

2 AUG 1945

AGE/ANH

Chief Postmaster	
H.Q. Coms. O.	
Asst. Chief Postmaster	
Censorship	
Chief Clerk	<i>[Signature]</i>

after sent ltr to Hq EA and 1104 the above matter closed

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Date 2 AUG 1945


Polizza N.
Infortunio N. **Quietanza**  **1746404**
Posizione N.
per Lire 

per anticipazione di premio

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Il pagamento di detta somma è stato effettuato in mie mani il giorno

N. 13. — I versamenti dei premi anche se fatti a saldo, non pregiudicano il diritto dell'Istituto a supplementi in seguito ad eventuali accertamenti di maggiori salari. I pagamenti delle rate di premio scadute, effettuati in ritardo, vengono dall'Istituto accettati applicandosi le penalità conosciute dall'art. 15 delle condizioni generali di polizza.

La presente quietanza è esente da bollo a' sensi di legge

IL RICEVENTE

[51] - Atsushi Umeda, Parag Mehta, & Patrick Schödl, 2020.

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Subject: WT Link NAIROBI - VATICAN CITYHQ East Africa Command
Phone: 2651 Ext: 72

RAC/29(1)/030

21 Jul 45.

Civil Affairs (3)Copy to: Ops
Sigs

It has been agreed by all concerned that the a/s WT link is now no longer required. It is proposed that the link closes wef 0100Z hrs, 18 Aug 45.

2. I shall be glad if you could obtain the formal concurrence of the Allied Commission and/or ABHQ to this proposal.

MCL

R. Hallam
Capt
For DSO
East Africa Command

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Communication

Originator's Reference: FX 28500

Message Centre No: F/1533

Date/Time of Origin: JULY 261652

Date Time Rec'd: JULY 271700

FROM: ALEXANDER CITE PAGEG

Precedence: ROUTINE

TO : TROOPERS INFO AGWAR FOR CCS CCAC, AICOM

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(MEG 532)

VATICAN CITY Radio, refer GEM 620. Equipment described in GEM 607 is acceptable.

INFO ACTION not received

see 46-1

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27 JUL 1945

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Chief Liaison	
Chief Postal	
Chief Coms O	
Asst Chief Postal	
Censorship	
Chief Clerk	<i>W. H. H.</i>

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Date 28 JUL 1945

Tel. 549

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394147
HCQ/AM/STECONOMIC SECTION
Requisition BranchIn reply refer to:
RB-400/201

24 July 1945

SUBJECT: Supplies for Vatican Radio.

TO : AFHQ, G-section
Attn: Captain D.E. Lathrope, C.A.C. *see 4b*

1. Reference your letter V-1 of 4 July 45 to which was attached a copy of GEM 607 relative to above subject.

2. Equipment referred to in GEM 607 is suitable and request that TROOPERS be so advised.

cc: Communications S/C

H.C. QUARTIER
Lt. Col., GMC
Economic Section

Director *nmf*
 D/Director
 Chief Telecoms
 Chief Postal
 H. Q. Coms O.
 Asst Chief Postal
 Censorship
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

Ref. V-1

19 July 1945

SUBJECT: Supplies for Vatican Radio
HQS-206-810

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394
(Attn: Economic Section)

1. Reference is to our letter V-1, of 4 July 1945 with which a copy of GEM 607 was forwarded to AC. *this was only a back slip Gen 607 attached*
2. War Office, London, have asked that a reply be expedited. Will you please hasten your reply to this Section.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

D. E. LATHROPE
Captain, C.A.C.
Economics & Supply Division.

Copy to: Communication Sub-Commission.

Director	
D/Director	
Chief Telecoms	
Chief Postal	
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Censorship	
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Date 21 JUL 1945

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FROM: TROOPERS

TO : AFHQ INFO WASHINGTON

REF. NO. THIS MESSAGE:

56200 (CAL8),

29 June 1945

GEM 607

4 Jul 45

Reference GEM 536, 12 April and EAC Airgram 63, 9 September.

VATICAN CITY radio spares.

1. Offer as follows. Item 6. Rectifier 20 volts 100 amps from 220 volt 45 cycle 3 phase supply consisting of:

A. Sheet steel case for wall mounting height 19 in width 22 in depth 15 in housing full wave 3 phase metal rectifier.

B. Double wound air cooled 3 phase transformer floor mounting height 19 in length 23 in width 13 in smoothing unit. Single phase filter circuit to reduce output voltage ripple to 0.1%. Height 12 in length 24 in width 24 in. DC resistance approx. 0.052 ohms.

Item 7. Rectifier 600 volts 10 amps from 220 volt 45 cycle 3 phase supply consisting of:

A. As item 6 (M)1(A) above but 19 in x 30 in x 18 in.

B. As item 6 (B) above but 26 in x 27 in x 14 in.

Item 8. Assume capacitors used under short wave conditions as details include telephone modulation. This also implies super imposed audio frequency on carrier wave therefore KVA may rise from nil to 25 KVA, Offer. 0013 MFD equals 10% MIC dielectric capacitor rated at 0.5 KV DC wkg 18 DV peak at V HF 70-90% TM. 1 terminal earth in C type aluminum case wgo type C.

2. Fuses controls meter of connecting cables are not provided with the rectifiers.

3. Delivery date all after date of firm order Item 6 rectifier 18 weeks. Smoothing unit 20 weeks. Item 7 rectifier 18 weeks. Item 8 capacitors 6 weeks.

GEM 536 is Ref 84756 MC IN 9275 14/4/45 G-5

ACTION : G-5

INFORMATION: MR. TN SIGNALS Q (AE) G-4 Q (MAINT)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

Ref. V-1

19 July 1945

SUBJECT: Supplies for Vatican Radio
HQS-206-070

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394
(Attn: Economic Section)

1. Reference is to our letter V-1, of 4 July 1945 with which a copy of GEM 607 was forwarded to AG.

2. War Office, London, have asked that a reply be expedited. Will you please hasten your reply to this Section.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

D. E. LATROPE
Captain, C.A.C.
Economics & Supply Division.

Copy to: Communication Sub-Commission.

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO 794, US ARMY.

To: Director General, Min. of Communicat.
Via del Seminario.

Inf: Rome Fault Control,
Viminale Via Genova.
Signal Officer R.A.A.C.
Director, Communicat. Sub-Commiss. A.C. ✓

Sub: Viminale-S. Silvestro- Pairs for Vatican.

Ref: Comms. Tp. 18/27.

18 July, 1945.

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Referring to your letter 604400/of 14 July 1945,
authority is given to use

Cable No. 5 Pairs 19 and 20.

L. G. Hawker

L.G. Hawker, Major,
Liaison Officer A.C.
Office of the Signal Officer RAAC.

Director	<i>amh</i>
Director	
Chief Telecomm	
Chief Postal	
Chief Comm O.	
Chief Postal	
Membership	
Chief Clerk	

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Translation by C. Gagliardi.

Ref. No. 604400/2760

14th July 1945/

SUBJECT/- Communications with the Vatican City.

The Vatican City has requested the re-activation of the circuits Nos. 122 and 123 to re-establish the communications between that telegraph office and the central telegraph office of S. Silvestro.

As, however, the re-activation of those circuits must be made through the cable which connects the Azienda Telefonica di Stato exchange to the S. Silvestro telegraph office, and all the conductors of that cable are requisitioned by you, we kindly request that you authorize us to use, for the above purpose, two conductors of the cable that connects the main distributing frame of the Viminale to the main distributing frame of the S. Silvestro telegraph office.

Il Direttore Generale.

Director	
Chief of Bureau	
Chief of Postal	
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Asst. Chief Postal	
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 (INFO) FOR CABINET SECRETARIAT, ALCOH.

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VATICAN CITY radio apared is subject.

This is LAC 1061. (MAR-106-10).

1. Refer LAC airgram 63 and MSG 289.

2. Corrected description item 8 is capacitor, oil insulated.

0.0013 microfarads. Peak voltage 18000, working voltage 5500. To
 replace non-Marsani equipment. Please continue procurement and advise.

3. Complete rectifiers now needed. Please correct LAC airgram 63
 to read:

a. Item 6. 1 complete selenium rectifier. Input 220 volts
 AC, 45 cycles, 3 phase. Output 20 volts DC at 1000 amperes.

b. Item 7. 1 complete selenium rectifier. Input 220 volts
 AC, 45 cycles, 3 phase. Output 60 volts DC at 10 amperes.

4. Request approval for the above substitutions.

5. Refer para 2 of GME 457. Normal procedure will be followed.

6. New subject: Refer CAL 1212. Regret delay. Waiting reply
 from VATICAN.

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Investigate the above

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Info-Action: INFORMATION BR 2
 Info: A/PRESIDENT
 CHIEF OF POLICE
 DEPT SEC
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HEADQUARTERS
 16 MAR 45
 A. C.

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ACTION: TROOPERS INFO: AGWAR FOR CCS FOR CCAG, ALCOM

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This is MSG 486. Rear GEN 536 and GEN 560.

1. Details para 1 GEN 536 follow: Tabulate. Item 6. Type smoothing inmaterial. Item 7. (1) inmaterial. (2) Usual type. (3) No variation in output voltage required. Item 8. (1) Working voltage is Dc. (2) One terminal earthy. (3) Either porcelain or steel tank container suitable. (4) Nothing (5) percentage modulation 70 to 90 percent. End tabulation.
2. Name plates non existent on present equipment.

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INFO-ACTION: REQUISITION DIV

INFO : A/PRESIDENT
CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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Chief of Staff	
Chief of Communications	
Chief of Post	
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HL/epc 41COMMUNICATIONS SUB-COMMISSION, Allied Commission
APO 394 U.S. Army

4th May, 1945

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

1. Reference basic letter the following is furnished for your information:

Item

6. Type of smoothing is immaterial.
7. (1) Type of smoothing is immaterial.
(2) Usual type.
(3) Output voltage does not require variation.
8. (1) Working voltage is Direct Current.
(2) One terminal is earthy.
(3) Case can either be of porcelain or steel tank.
(4) Nothing.
(5) Percentage modulation is 70 to 90%.

2. Reference paragraph 2 of signal GEM 536 from Troopers. Name plates are non-existing on present equipment.

J.L.HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

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ONE AREA ALLIED COMMAND

APO 794, US ARMY.

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To: ~~Ministry of Communications~~
~~Under Secretary of State for PP.TT.~~
~~Via del Seminario, C i t t a .~~

Inf: ~~Signal Officer, Rome Fault Control,~~
~~Viminale, Via Genova, C i t t a .~~
~~Signal Officer R.A.A.C.~~

|| Director, Communications Sub-Com. A.C.

Sub: Cable pairs at Viminale.

Ref: Comms. Tp. 18/17.

21 April, 1945.

1. With reference to your letters 978847/510A and 979293/510/4, owing to the shortage of ^{spare} pairs between the State and TETI MDF's at Viminale, only 25 pairs can be made available for your use.

2. In order to meet future requirements, it is suggested that you provide a 100 pair cable ^{or greater} between the two frames. Before any work on this project is commenced, however, please advise the Signal Officer Rome Fault Control, the Signal Officer R.A.A.C. and this office.

L. G. Hawker

Director	
D/Director	
Chief Telecoms	<i>W.M.</i>
Chief Postal	
H. Q. Coms O.	
Asst. Chief Postal	
Censorship	
Chief Clerk	

L.G. Hawker, Major,
 Liaison Officer A.C.
 Office of the Signal Officer R.A.A.C.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
C-5 Section
APO 512

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Ref. V-1

18 April 1945

SUBJECT: Requisition MGS-245-SIGNALS
Vatican City Radio Equipment

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394
(Attn: Supply & Resources Division)

1. The following paraphrased signal GEM 538 has been received from TROOPERS:

"Reference LAG 1061 of 15 Mar, Radio Spares for Vatican City.

1. It is regretted but necessary that we receive technical data on items listed as follows:

Item

6. Smoothing details
7. (1) Smoothing Details
(2) Required precautions for stepping up valve current.
(3) Does out-put voltage require variation?
8. (1) Is working voltage DC or AC? If AC, what is the frequency?
(2) Are the terminals both insulated or is one earthy?
(3) Is the container steel tank moulded case or porcelain pot?
(4) What is total KVA if any?
(5) If the telephone is modulated, what is percentage?

2. "It is essential that we receive the particulars on name plate of existing components installed in the set. (GEM 431 refers)

3. "It is requested that if possible you forward a schematic diagram".

2. GEM 431 was forwarded to you as a letter (V-1) dated 19 January addressed to State of Vatican City (Attn: Mr. Enrico P. Galeazzi, Director, Technical and Economic Services).

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3. It is requested that information detailed in para 1 be furnished this Section as quickly as possible so that it can be forwarded to TROOPERS.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:



R.C. CARSON
Major, SSC
Economics & Supply Division

Ref.: RB-400.201-ES

1st Ind.

HCQ:mg

Hq, ALCCM, Econ Sec, Requisition Branch.

20 April '45

TO : Communications S/C, ALCCM.

1. Please contact Vatican City as to basic letter and advice Requisition Branch as to final answer given AFHQ.

H. C. QUARTIER
Lt. Col., Q.M.C.
Economic Section

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO 794, US ARMY.

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To: ~~Ministry of Communications,~~
~~Under Secretary of State for PP.TT.~~

Inf: HQ. A.C. Communicat. Sub-Commission.
~~Signal Officer R.A.A.C.~~
Signal Officer Rome Fault Control,
Viminale, Via Genova.
Società Telefonica Tirrena,
~~Casse Vitt. Emanuele 208,~~
Città.

Sub: Direct communication Vatican Exchange.

Ref: Comms. Tp. 18/10.

13 April, 1945.

1. Further to letter dated 21 March '45 and your letter 978788/510-4 dated 6 April '45, cable pair No. 9 in cable No. 1 has now been allotted between Viminale and S. Silvestro.

2. Pair 13 cable 441 has been re-assigned to the military.

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

L.G. Hawker
L.G. Hawker, Major,
Liaison Officer A.C.
Office of the Signal Officer R.A.A.C.

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Date 14 MAR 1945

TRANSLATIONS BY SELAN

6th April 1945

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

Ref. : 978788/510 - 4

Subject. Vatican switchboard - Direct link.MOST URGENT

For the execution of the direct link between the Vatican and the State switchboard, the Vatican had already prepared some pairs on telegraph cable, leading to the S. Silvestro Telegraph Office.

Will you please see if it is possible to give a junction pair between the S. Silvestro Telegraph Office, and the State switchboard, instead of the pair no. 9 on the cable 4/1, between the Viminale auto-Exchange and the State switchboard.

A prompt reply would be appreciated on the matter.

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE
 FOR POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS.

Director	
D/Director	<i>mm</i>
Chief. Telecoms	<i>mm</i>
Chief. Postal	
H Q. Coms O.	
Asst Chief Postal	
Asst Chief	
Chief Clerk	

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AZIENDA DI STATO PER I SERVIZI TELEFONICI

REPARTO 2° UFFICIO 1°

RISPOSTA AL N. TP.18

DEL 21/3

PROT. N. 978788/510-A ALLEGATI

OGGETTO: Collegamento diretto centralino Vaticano.

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ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
SOTTOCOMMISSIONE COMUNICAZIONI

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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Ref. V-1

4 April 1945

SUBJECT: Requisition HRS-245-Signals
Vatican City Radio EquipmentTO: Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394
(Attn: Supply & Resources Division)

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For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

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Copy to: Communications Sub-Commission.

D. E. LATHROP
1st Lieut. GAC
Economics & Supply Division

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Ref. RB-400.201-ES

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HQ, ALCEM, Economic Section, Requisition Branch, 6 April '45.

TO: Communications Subcommission.

1. Please notify Vatican City of above.

F. W. TOOHY
Major, R. A.
Chief, Requisition Branch
Supply & Resources Division

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G-5 Section
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Ref. V-1

4 April 1945

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For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

D. E. LATHROP
1st Lieut. CAC
Economics & Supply DivisionCopy to: Communications Sub-Commission. *AC*Director
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For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

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1st Lieut. CAC
Economics & Supply Division

Copy to: Communications Sub-Commission.

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G-5 Section
APO 512

28 March 1945

Ref. V-1

SUBJECT: Requisition MSG-806-Sig - Spares for Vatican Radio

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394
(Attn: Supply & Resource Division)

1. Please refer to A.C. letter ES-400/201-MS of 19 March 1945 in reference to two radio tubes received in damaged condition.
2. It is noted that a period of five months elapsed between the arrival of the tubes and notification of their arrival in damaged condition.
3. However, Pensance has been directed to make available to the A.C. at Pensouth two (2) tubes 2J633A as replacement for the tubes damaged in transit. Release S-1277 applies.
4. A.C. should arrange for collection of these tubes as promptly as possible directly with Pensouth, and should cite release S-1277.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

*tubes delivered 111110 to
Maj. Viciotti*

D. E. LATHEOPE
1st Lt., C.A.C.
Economics & Supply Division

Incl: Info copy Release Order
No. S-1277, 26 Mar. 45
CSC, House to P.B.C.

Copy to: Communications Sub-Comm., A.C.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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29th March, 1945

SUBJECT: Vatican Radio

TO: Economic Section (Requisition Branch)

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Attached herewith letter from Director of
Technical Services, Vatican City, requesting cancellation
of Westinghouse Rectifier as specified in requisition
A.C.-Sig -63-45 dated 12th December, 1944.

J.L.HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

Incl: Letter from Director of Technical Services,
Vatican City.

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Translation of C. Agliardi.

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Ref.No. Prot.343 - Posiz.42.

Vatican City, 21st March 1945.

With reference to our request of the 13th November 1944, Prot. No.1491, and to the "requisition AC-SIG 63-45" of the 12th December 1944, and further to the verbal understandings reached with you as regards the supply of:

1 Westinghouse type mercury Current Rectifier capable of supplying 150 KW at 130 V. The primary voltage could be derived from a 8400V, 45 period network or from a low voltage network of 220 V, 45 periods,

whilst we again thank you very much for your promptness and courtesy in the despatch of our request, we wish to advise you that, considering the time already lapsed and that still required for the supply of the set in question, this General Direction is faced with the urgent necessity to provide, with another system, for the alimentation of the Marconi Station of the Vatican Radio.

We are, therefore, arranging for the alteration of the windings of the motors inservice, from direct to alternate current.

Please, therefore, cancel our request and kindly notify the "Requisition Division" which began the negotiations (Ref. RD 400/201%.

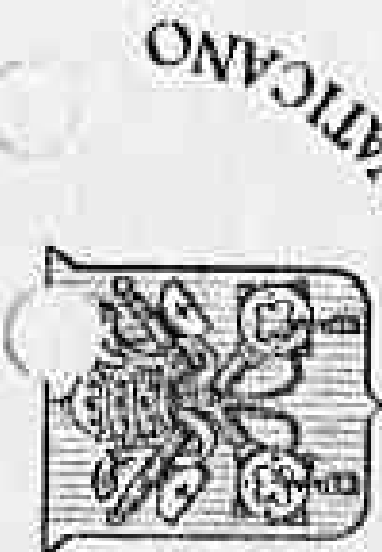
Again thanking you,

The General Director,

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STATO DELLA CITTÀ DEL VATICANO

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DIREZIONE GENERALE

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SERVIZI TECNICI
Prot. N° 343=
Posiz. N° 42

Città del Vaticano, 21 Marzo 1945

Allied Commission
Signal Section
Attention: Lt. Lott
R o m e

Con riferimento alla nostra richiesta in data 13/11/44 Prot. N° 1491 e alla "requisition AO-SIG-63-45" del 12/12/45, facendo seguito alle verbali intese con Voi avute in merito alla fornitura di

n. 1 raddrizzatore di corrente, a mercurio, tipo Westinghouse, atto a fornire una potenza di 150 KW alla tensione di 130 Volt. La tensione primaria potrebbe essere derivata da una rete a 8400 Volt 45 periodi oppure da una rete a bassa tensione 220 Volt 45 periodi,

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Vi preghiamo pertanto di volere provvedere ad annullare la nostra richiesta in oggetto e di volerne cortesemente dare notizia al "Requisition Division" che ebbe ad iniziare le trattative (Ref. RD 400/201).

RingraziandoVi ancora, Vi salutiamo distintamente

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE

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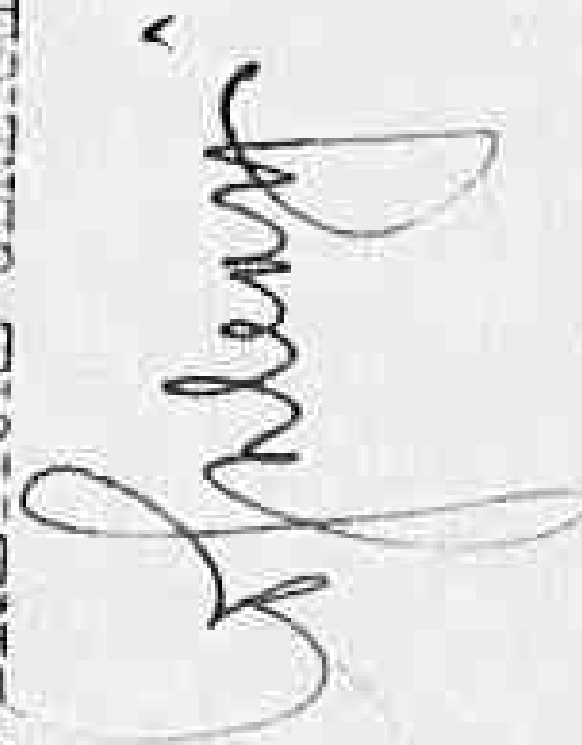
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Message Centre No D/5958

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FROM: AFHQ SIGNED ALEXANDER CITE FHGFG

TO : AGWAR FOR CCS FOR CCAC INFO AMSSO FOR BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF
AND HQ COMZONE MAIN ETOUSA ALCON ROMER e s t r i c t e d .

(Ref our MT 579 this is MAT 598)

Approval for his Holiness the POPE and his Cardinal Secretary
of State use NEW YORK ROME radio telephone service is subjects.Further enquiries are being made regarding the availability
of this service.

Would appreciate early reply.

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APO 394

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To: ~~Ministry of Communications~~
Under Secretary of State for PP.TT.

Inf: HQ. A.C. Att: Director Communicat. S/C.
Signal Officer R.A.A.C.
Rome Long Distance Fault Control
Viminale, Via Genova.
Società Telefonica Tirrena,
Corso Vitt. Emanuele 208, Città.
Adjutant Files.

Sub: Direct communication Vatican Exchange.

Ref: Tp 18.

21 March '45.

Ref. your letter to Director Communications Sub-Commission A.C. No. 977637/510-4 of 16 March 45 (Communic. S/C letter No. R 125.28.03 of 19 March '45).

1. This office has contacted the Rome Fault Control and secured the allocation of Pair 9 cable 441 between the Viminale Auto and State M.D.F.'s for use of the above circuit.

2. Arrangements for the remainder of the circuit between Viminale Auto and the Vatican Exchange can be made direct with TETI.

3. When it is desired to place the circuit in operation the Duty Officer at Rome Fault Control (Viminale) will complete the connection to the State Switchboard upon notification of your representative at Viminale.

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For L.G. Hawker
Major G.L.

Communications Officer

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION
Requisition Branch

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Ref: EE-409/201-RB

19 March 1945

SUBJECT: Receipt of Damaged Radio Tubes. Reqn. MGS-206-SIG; LAC Airg. 63.

TO : AFHQ, C-5 Section, Economics & Supply Division.
Attn: Lt. D. E. Lathrop.

1. Ref. MGS-206-SIG; LAC Airgram 63, Item 4. Two of the radio tubes requisitioned (type 633-A) were received in "smithereens". The package was opened in the presence of Lt. Herbert Lott, Radio Engineer, Communication Subcommission.
2. There were no "handle with care", "Glass", or any other markings on the carton which would indicate that the contents were fragile. The outward appearance of the carton indicated that some heavy weight had been placed on it.
3. The copy of the Shipping Document which arrived with the package is attached for your further information. Please advise if any other information is necessary to have these tubes replaced.

For the CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

[Signature]
HARLAN CLEVELAND
Executive Director
Economic Section

APPROVED

[Signature]
P. W. TOOLEY,
Major, R. A.
Chief, Requisition Branch
Supply & Resources Division

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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R.125.28.05

19th March, 1945

SUBJECT: Vatican - Viminale Line

TO: Regional Commissioner, Lazio-Umbria Region
Att: Major Hawker

To see enclosures. Kindly arrange for the
provision of the line concerned.

J. L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

Incls: Copy of letters of 25th February and 16th March.

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Translation C. gliardi

16th March 1945.

Ref. No. 977637/510-4.

SUBJECT: Direct connection Vatican exchange.

In reply to your letter R125.21 CS of the 26th ult., we communicate the writers approval that the Vatican exchange be connected direct to the inter-urban exchange of this Azienda (Special subscribers recordings).

Considering, however, the actual very small availability of acceptance positions it is only possible to connect one direct line with the Vatican.

We request you, therefore, to authorize the direct connection between the inter-urban exchange of Rome and the Vatican exchange by one line only.

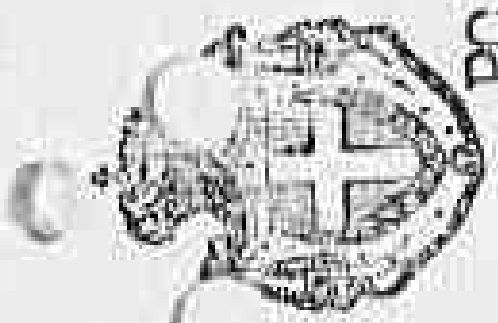
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ROMA 16 MARZO 1945

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RISPOSTA AL N. R. 125.21 CS
DEL 28.2.45

PROT. N. 977637/51044

OGGETTO: Collegamento diretto centralino Vaticano.

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALFATA
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PROT. N. 977637/5104 LEGATI

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DEL 26. 3. 45

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

15 March 1945

SUBJECT: Requisition MOS-206-SIG and MOS-245-SIG.
Parts for Vatican City Radio.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394
(Attn: Supply and Resources Division)

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5. It is believed that such procedure will ensure complete and current technical information being forwarded to CCAC by this section.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

HEADQUARTERS
16 MAR 1945

*LAC Airgram 63 not received
Letter V-1 not received*

D. E. LATHROPE,
1st Lieut., C.A.C.
Economics & Supply.

Copy to:

Communication Sub-Commission, AC.

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Incl: Copy of letter dated 10 Feb 45 from Vatican City.

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G-5 Section
APO 512

Ref. V-1

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D. E. LATHROPE,
1st Lieut., C.A.C.
Economics & Supply.

Copy to:

Communication Sub-Commission, AC.

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Incl: Copy of letter dated 10 Feb 45 from Vatican City.

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Citta del Vaticano, 10 Febbraio 1945

Allied Force Headquarters
 G-5 Section APO 512
 Attention: Lt.Col. R.A. Martino
 Economics & Supply

Con riferimento alle pregiate Vostre del 19 e 28 Gennaio u.s. Ref. V-1, Vi confermiamo con la presente il seguente telegramma trasmessoVi in data 9.2.44:

RIFERIMENTO VOSTRA LETTERA 19 GENNAIO V 1 NOSTRA
 RICHIESTA ORIGINARIA DEVESSI MODIFICARE COME SEGUE
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SERVIZI TECNICI VATICANO

Ci e gradita la circostanza per porgerVi i nostri piu
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IL DIRETTORE GENERALE

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HEAD QUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION
Requisition Branch

Tel. 357

GAC:cl

Ref: 12-100/201-83

16 March 1945

SUBJECT: Rectifier for Vatican Radio Station.
(Ref. AC-810-63; LAC 908; LAC 917).

TO : AFM, G-5 Section, Economic & Supply Division
ATTN: Major R. V. GRADY, P.O.

1. Reference your letter Ref V-2 dated 2 March 1945 regarding rectifier for the Vatican Radio station.
2. Rectifier mentioned in Para 2 is needed to deliver 120 volts of rectified direct current 150 kilo Watts, to operate the direct current motor generators for the old Marconi wireless station. Power available at the Vatican is 3,400 volts, 220 volts, 120 volts at 45 cycle alternating current.
3. It is requested that this item be shipped as soon as possible. At the present batteries are being used and it is not expected that they will last much more than another month.

For the CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

HARLAN CLEVELAND
Executive Director
Economic Section

APPROVED

F. W. TOBY
Major, R. A.
Chief, Requisition Branch
Supply & Resources Division

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 (LONDON) FOR CABINET SECRETARIAT, ALCON.

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VATICAN CITY radio spares is subject.

This is LAC 1064. (MGS-206-319).

1. Refer LAC airgram 63 and MEG 289.
2. Corrected description item 6 is capacitor, oil insulated.
 0.0213 microfarads. Peak voltage 18000, working voltage 6500. To
 replace non-Marceni equipment. Please continue procurement and advise.
3. Complete rectifiers now needed. Please correct LAC airgram 63
 to read:
 - A. Item 6. 1 complete selenium rectifier. Input 220 volts
 AC, 45 cycles, 3 phase. Output 20 volts DC at 1000 amperes.
 - B. Item 7. 1 complete selenium rectifier. Input 220 volts
 AC 45 cycles, 3 phase. Output 600 volts DC at 10 amperes.
4. Request approval for the above substitutions.
5. Refer para 2 of GEM 457. Normal procedure will be followed.
6. New subject: Refer CAL 1212. Regret delay. Awaiting reply
 from VATICAN.

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Date 16 MAR 1945DIST

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

AFO 394

Communications Sub-Commission

HHS/epc

R.125.23.CS

13th March, 1945

SUBJECT: Circuits to Vatican

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

1. Reference is made to our letter of February, 26th, 1945 R.125.21.CS asking that you investigate request of the Vatican for restoring to service the 3 circuits which formerly connected Viminale to the Vatican Telephone Exchange.

2. Have you completed your investigation?

J.L.HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

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For Signature and Seal Commission
 CIVIL SERVICE GROUP
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II. COL GORDON W. MCKEAN

C. L. HENDERSON

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COL. HENDERSON

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

GWM/lbm

28 February 1945

Memorandum to Monsignor Emilio Rossi, Ufficio Informazione,
Citta del Vaticano.

This memorandum will serve to confirm the principal points covered in the discussions between your office and ourselves in reference to formulating mutually satisfactory arrangements for the handling and expediting of communications sent through your message service.

A. Incoming Messages Addressed to Localities in Liberated Italy.

1. Where postal service is open, the messages will be sent through regular postal channels.
2. Where postal service is not open, the messages will be forwarded by us through military courier to an appropriate church official designated by you, who will effect ultimate delivery. Only messages on standard Vatican message forms will be accepted.
3. In continuance of the existing procedure, it is understood that all messages in the above categories will be delivered by you to our station at Piazza Cola di Rienzo, 29, Rome. In order to expedite delivery, we will forward this mail directly to the Italian post office for onward dispatch. The previous difficulties which did not make possible this procedure have now been eliminated.

B. Outgoing Messages to Enemy Occupied Territory 63

1. As previously established, it is understood that messages in this category will be limited to the standard Vatican message form now in use and that any letters or postcards sent in lieu of this form will not be forwarded.
2. In accordance with the existing practice, it is understood that you will deliver these messages to our station

In Rome and they will be returned to you for dispatch through Vatican channels.

C. Miscellaneous Incoming Correspondence.

In order to expedite the ultimate delivery of miscellaneous communications not falling within the class of messages covered in paragraph A, it is understood that you will deliver these to our station in Rome, with all necessary postage affixed, and we will effect final disposition.

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

HHS/epc

R.125.21.08

26th February, 1945

SUBJECT: Circuits to Vatican

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

1. The Vatican has approached this Sub-Commission with reference to restoring to service the 3 circuits which formerly connected Viminale to the Vatican Telephone Exchange.

2. If you agree to the necessity for re-activation of these circuits will you please make a request in the usual way.

J.L.HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

LIAISON DIVISION

SUBJECT: Vatican Telephone Calls

FILE No. 105/17/L

TO : Communications S/C

15 January 1944

1. Reference your R.125.19.CS of 14 January.
2. A copy of the reply that has been made to Mr Pittmann is attached.

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Chief, Telecoms	
Chief, Postal	
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Asst. Chief Postal	
Censorship	
Chief Clerk	

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Director
Liaison Division

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

A/C 394

Liaison Division

Office of Chief of Staff

Tel: No. 478001

Ref: 105/16/L

15 January 1945

SUBJECT: Vatican Telephonic Communication

TO : Harold H. Tittmann Esq.
2, Via Boncompagni
Rome

Dear Mr. Tittmann,

I refer to your letter of 6 January 1945 forwarding Note No. 85052/3A of 5 January from the Holy See concerning their inter-urban telephone facilities.

The proper inter-urban circuits for the Vatican authorities to use are those placed at the disposal of the Italian Government. No control is exercised over the use of these circuits by any Allied authority, and any difficulty in obtaining service is a matter for representation to the Italian Government.

The Allied Military authorities also have inter-urban circuits, which are for the exclusive use of the Allied Military and civil authorities. It is appreciated however that certain aspects of the work carried out by the Vatican may occasionally be of great urgency, and it is suggested that such communications should be made by the Allied Liaison Officer with the Vatican who has access to Allied facilities. In view of the fact that the Italian Government authorities are not permitted use of Allied circuits, it is doubtful if favourable consideration would be given by the Allied Military authorities to any application for such use by Vatican authorities. Nothing is known here or in the offices of the Rome Area Allied Command of any permission, written or verbal, being given at present for any such use of Allied communications facilities.

I would be grateful if a reply to this effect could be made to the Secretariat of State.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN RAUPLEY
Captain

JLH/epc

1.

In reply
refer to: R.125.19.05

Subject : Vatican Telephone Calls

To : Liaison Division, Allied Commission

Reference your 105/11/L dated 8th January, 1945
A draft reply is attached for your consideration.

Tel: 459081
Ext: 400

19th January, 1945

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

Incl: One draft letter

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In reply
refer to: R.125.18.08

Subject : Vatican Telephone Calls

To : Political Section

Reference attached, a draft reply is attached
for your consideration.

Ref: 489081
Ext: 400

14th January, 1945

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

Incls: 1. Correspondence from the Political Section
2. Draft letter

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Yours,

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

LIATSON DIVISION

SUBJECT: Vatican Telephone Communications
TO : Communications S/C

FILE No. 105/11/L

8 January 1945

1. Reference the attached correspondence.
2. It is requested that this office be informed if it is possible to grant this request, and what reply should be given to Mr Myron Taylor for transmission to the Vatican Authorities.

Director	
Chief Clerk	
Chief Telephone	
Chief Radio	
Chief Liaison	
Chief Air Force	
Chief Army	
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Chief Medical	
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Chief Quartermaster	
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Chief Domestic	
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Chief Commercial	
Chief Transportation	
Chief Communication	
Chief Information	
Chief Intelligence	
Chief Security	
Chief Defense	
Chief War	
Chief Peace	
Chief Humanitarian	
Chief Environmental	
Chief Social	
Chief Economic	
Chief Political	
Chief Legal	
Chief Religious	
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Date - 9 GEN 1945

Ranford Capt
for Director
Liaison Division

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2, via Boncompagni, Rome.

January 6, 1945.

Dear Captain Ranfurly:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of Note No. 85052/SA dated January 5, 1945 which I have received from the Holy See, concerning difficulties which the Secretariat of State of His Holiness states the Vatican is encountering relative to interurban telephonic communications. It is stated that under present regulations all interurban telephone calls emanating from the Vatican, including official or "State" calls, must previously have the approval of the Allied authorities after the submission of a written request.

It is pointed out that the occasions upon which the Vatican makes such official telephone calls are not numerous, but that when necessary they are frequently urgent. Reference is made to a recent case of the arrival of a ship in Naples harbor laden with supplies for the Vatican City, when a lengthy delay in putting through an urgent call occurred owing to the necessity of complying with the required formalities.

The Secretariat of State requests, therefore, that general facilities for such calls be granted by the Allied authorities and guarantees that they will be rigorously controlled and limited to those of urgent necessity.

Your courtesy in taking this matter up with the appropriate Allied authorities and letting me know the nature of the reply which may be made to the Holy See will be much appreciated.

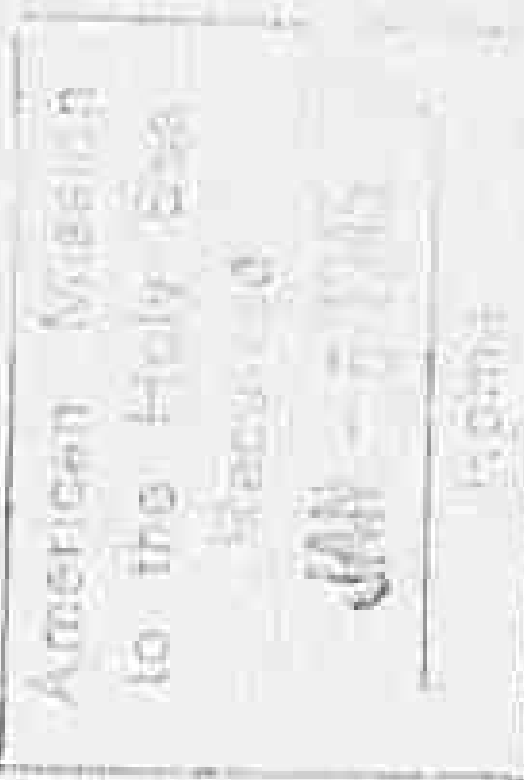
Sincerely yours,

For the Ambassador:

Harold H. Tittmann
Assistant to the Personal Representative

Enclosure:
Copy of Note.

1829
From the Vatican, January 5, 1945.



85052/SA

The Secretariat of State of His Holiness presents its compliments to His Excellency the Personal Representative of the President of the United States to the Holy See and takes the liberty to refer to the actual difficulties confronting the Vatican in the matter of interurban telephonic communications. Under present regulations all interurban telephone calls originating from the Vatican, including official or "State" calls, must previously have been approved following the submission of a written request to the Allied Authorities.

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The Secretariat of State of His Holiness would therefore bespeak the good offices of His Excellency the Personal Representative of the President of the United States to the Holy

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The Secretariat of State of His Holiness would therefore bespeak the good offices of His Excellency the Personal Representative of the President of the United States to the Holy See to obtain a general facilitation for such calls from the Allied Authorities while guaranteeing, at the same time, that those calls will be rigorously controlled and limited to those of urgent necessity.

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ACTION: PROCEED, INFO: ADVISE FOR CCS FOR CAC, H. AC ROME.

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AFH, SIGNED WILSON

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ROUTINE

CITE: FDD

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11 NOV 1944

A. C.

Dec 24

SECRET.

This is 229.

1. In accordance with CAL 334 and LAC airgram 63 items 6, 7, and 8 request you supply following radio equipment:

ITEM NO. IN LAC
AIRGRAM 63

ARTICLE

NUMBER REQUIRED

46

Element rectifier metallic dry also
dry 20 volt, 10 amperes 1-phase.

1

47

Element rectifier metallic, also dry
600 volt, 12 amperes 3 phase

1

48

Condenser Electric 1500 volt 0.001
3 microfarad

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2. Consign to AC ROME for state of VATICAN CITY usual markings CA not RA in red.

Please signal availability quoting weights when air priority will be established here.

3. Request leader can be furnished H. AC ROME. This is required by 206-33.

correspondence not rec'd

14/11/44

Tap-Net: Acquisition

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Chief Clerk

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MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI

SOTTOSCRITTARIATO DI STATO
ALLE POSTE E TELECOMUNICAZIONI

SEGRETERIA

Roma, 6

-9 NOV. 1944 =

N° 5/84/3006Risposta al N. CS/2/5/15
del 7 c. m.OGGETTO: Valvole termoioniche
per Radio Vaticana.ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
Posts, and Telecommunications
Sub-Commission.R O M A

- 1.- Questo Sottosegretariato non ha mancato di interessarsi nel senso desiderato presso gli Enti dipendenti o controllati, ma inutilmente.
- 2.- Ha richiesto allora al Padre Soccorsi le caratteristiche delle valvole per trovarne di equivalenti, ma malgrado le cortesi promesse nulla ha ricevuto.
- 3.- Sollecitato nuovamente, il Padre Soccorsi ha informato che, nel frattempo, grazie all'interessamento del Ministro Inglese presso la Santa Sede, egli è in trattative con la Marconi Ltd per una fornitura di valvole di tipo equivalente a quello richiesto. Pertanto ha ringraziato di tutte le ricerche, ma ha precisato che non occorre più proseguirle.
- 4.- Tanto si comunica per buon governo di codesta Sottocommissione.

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APC 394
Telephone 489081 Ext. 533

7th October, 1944

In reply
refer to: CS/2/5/15

Subject: Vacuum Tubes.

To: H.E. The Under-Secretary of State for PW. IT.

1. A request has been received from Father Bodcorso of the Vatican Radio Station as to the availability of the following vacuum tubes:

F. 625
P. 610
L. 610
HL. 610

2. A check of the tubes found at Goltano does not reveal any of these tubes and the code numbers are unknown to US or British Signals.

3. It would be appreciated if further information could be given preferably equivalent British or US code numbers or failing this electrical characteristics which would determination of U.S., or British equivalents.

J.L.HENDERSON
Colonel

Director, Communications Sub-Commission

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400.312/6 3d Ind
Hq NATOUSA, OCSigO, APO 534, U. S. Army, 4 October 1944.

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To: Allied Control Commission, APO 394, U. S. Army.

1. An inventory of vacuum tubes recovered intact from the Coltano Radio Station does not list the types mentioned in basic communication.

2. The American Signal Supply Division and British Stores have been unable to identify the tubes listed in basic communication. Before further action can be taken, it will be necessary to have either the British or American equivalent tube number or necessary information of electrical characteristics that will help this headquarters identify them.

For the Chief Signal Officer:

R. W. Minckler
R. W. MINCKLER
Colonel, Signal Corps



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For the Chief Signal Officer:

R. W. HUNCKIE
Colonel, Signal Corps



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1st Ind. LPR/pr
 ROME ALLIED AREA COMMAND, OFFICE OF THE SIGNAL OFFICER, APO
 # 794, US Army, 16 September 1944.

To: Allied Control Commission, APO 394, US Army.

1. Inventories of radio stocks and supplies frozen by this section do not list any tubes or their equivalents of the types requested in the basic communication at the present time. Should any source of supplies of such tubes be located, you will be promptly notified and they will be made available to you.

2. Coltano Radio Station is located in the vicinity of Leghorn, which is outside the jurisdiction of this office. Suggest Signal Officer of that district be contacted in regard to the matter.

JPR
 LOUIS P. REEVES
 Lt Col, Sig O,
 Signal Officer

1 Incl.
 Ltr ACC 12 September 1944

2nd Ind. HES/epc
 COMMUNICATIONS SUB-COMMISSION HQS A.C.C. APO 394 26th Sept. 44

TO: CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER A.F.H.Q.

Request information re availability of tubes mentioned in basic communication.

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H. J. S. C.
 J. L. HENDERSON
 Colonel
 Director, Communications Sub-Commission



1st Ind. LPR/pr
ROME ALLIED AREA COMMAND, OFFICE OF THE SIGNAL OFFICER, APO
794, US Army, 16 September 1944.

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Lt Col, Sig C,
Signal Officer

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Ltr ACC 12 September 1944

2nd Ind. HHS/epc
COMMUNICATIONS SUB-COMMISSION HQS.A.C.C. APO 394 26th Sept. 44
TO: CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER A.F.H.Q.

Request information be availability of tubes mentioned in basic communication.

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

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
AFC 394
Telephone 489081 Ext. 333

12th September, 1944

In reply
refer to: CS/2/5/12

Subject: Vacuum Tubes - Vatican Radio.

To: Signal Officer, Rome Area Allied Command. ✓

1. The Director of the Vatican Radio Station, Father Soccorso, has asked if it is possible for him to obtain a small quantity of the following tubes.

F 625
P 610
L 610
HL 610

2. There was a supply of such tubes at the Coltano Radio station but as all Radio stations and stocks have been taken over by Allied Military authorities it is not known if such stock is still available.

3. The Vatican Radio is ^{of} British ^{MANUFACTURE} Marconi and it is presumed that code numbers refer to British type tubes.

4. It would be appreciated if your Radio Officer could investigate and inform this Sub-Commission of any available source of supply in Italy.

11.12.44
J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel
Director, Communications Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
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/s/ J.L. Henderson
/t/ J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel

Director, Communications Sub-Commission

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1st Ind.

LPR/pr

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Louis P. Reeves
LOUIS P. REEVES
Lt Col, Sig C,
Signal Officer

1 Incl.
Ltr ACC 12 September 1944

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LOUIS P. REEVES
Lt Col, Sig C,
Signal Officer

1 Incl.
Ltr ACC 12 September 1944

2nd Ind. HHS/epc
COMMUNICATIONS SUB-COMMISSION HQS.A.C.C. APO 394 26th Sept. 44

TO: CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER A.F.H.Q.

Request information re availability of tubes mentioned in basic communication.

J.L.HENDERSON 7042
Colonel
Director, Communications Sub-Commission

HNB/epc

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 390
Telephone 489081 Ext. 533

12th September, 1944

In reply
refer to: CS/2/5/12

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J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel

Director, Communications Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394.

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Roma, 12 Settembre 1944.

Gentile Ammiraglio :

rispondo alla Vostra lettera dell'11
settembre u.s. per assicurarvi che farò del
mio meglio onde si possano trovare le valvole
desiderate da Padre Soccorsi della Stazione
Radio del Vaticano.

Dobbo d'altro canto farvi subito pre-
sente che non sono sicuro di poter riuscire
nell'intento data la attuale estrema scarsità
di tale materiale.

Nel mentre Vi prego, gentile Ammiraglio,
di volermi ricordare alle Vostre sorelle, tradi-
te i miei piu' distinti saluti.

H.H. SCUDDER

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All' Ammiraglio
Giuseppe Pession
Via Tevere 20.
R O M A.

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Roma, 11 settembre 1944

Ill.mo Sig. Colonnello,

Il Padre Soccorso, Direttore della Radio Vaticana, per poter assicurare il funzionamento dei servizi che gli sono affidati, desidererebbe che gli fossero cedute alcune valvole del tipo P 625, P 610, L 610, HL 610, che spera siano rimaste disponibili presso la stazione di Coltano. Non sapendo a chi rivolgersi, mi ha pregato di interessarmene.

Ho segnalato la richiesta al Sottosegretario di Stato Ecc. FANO, il quale mi ha autorizzato a rivolgermi a Lei affinché si compiacca di accertare se le predette valvole effettivamente esistono, e, nel caso, accogliere con benevolenza il desiderio che Le sarà manifestato direttamente dalla Radio Vaticana.

Voglia gradire, gent.mo Colonnello, i miei più distinti saluti.-

Sig.

Colonnello SCUDDER

R O M A
=====7029
Aff.
G. Pettina

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Subject: - Vatican Information

Service

Col. Miller
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HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

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G.S.I. (c)

AAT/1401/12 GSI (b)

X Branch

D.C.I. (s) O.H.O.M.A.A.F.

20 Jul 44

Herewith one copy of A.F.H.Q. letter G1/B/2184/A2 dated
7 Jul 44.

Brigadier,
B.G.S. (I)

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Radio file dealing with
Volcano radio since
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SUBJECT: - Vatican Information Service

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

G1/B/2184/A2

7 Jul 44

Headquarters,
 Allied Armies in Italy (Advanced)
 Headquarters,
North Africa District.

1. Consequent upon the occupation of ROME it is not considered that the Vatican Information Service in so far as it applies to the fixed text radio messages, can achieve any further purpose.
2. Signals, this Headquarters, do not propose to re-open the wireless link with the Vatican and therefore this Service is now closed.
3. The Standard 25 Word written communications between civilians in Allied Occupied ITALY and enemy occupied territory and between civilians in Allied occupied ITALY and PW in enemy hands will still continue.
4. This Headquarters letter of even number dated 16 Mar 44 is therefore cancelled.

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 (Sgd) A.S. BARSDOFF,
 Lieut-Colonel, A.A.G.,
 For Major General,
 G1 (B).

WRM/wd.

Copy to: - I.N.C.

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G.1 (A).

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P.M.G.

G.2

Service d'Information due Saint Siege, Peres Blancs,

Maison Carmes

Liaison (for onward transmission to French Authorities)

Office of the British Minister

Office of American Political Adviser.

MAAF Liaison Officer.

REAR HEADQUARTERS
Allied Control Commission
APO 394

5 June 1944

Communications Sub-Commission,
Rear Hq. ACC.

ATTENTION: COLONEL HENDERSON.

For acknowledgement and necessary
action.

For the DCC:

F. J. S.

*La Apostola telephonica Server
Saganta saying that in view of
the changed situation now Rome
is taken, no action will be
taken on the matter.*

TRANSLATION

P. M. 135, 31 May 1944

Supreme Command,
Section 1,
Office of Miscellaneous Affairs.

File No. 103319/AV

Incl. No. 1.

1034
6 JUN 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR: CAPTAIN E. W. STONE,
Deputy Chief Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission.

Dear Commander Stone:

The Rome radio in a transmission given on 24th instant (a portion of which I include), informed that messages sent through the S. Sede (Vatican) from places in liberated Italy to regions of Italy controlled by the Germans, do not arrive at destination.

From information received by the Italian Military Authorities it seems indeed that messages sent from soldiers to their relations in occupied Italy and forwarded by the S.M.R.E. in accord with the Allied Authorities, and through the Vatican, have not been forwarded by the competent allied officers.

It has been ascertained on the other hand that similar messages, forwarded through the diocese of the Bishop of Lecce, have been delivered as usual.

The fact that these messages are not forwarded may easily cause great disappointment and discouragement to those soldiers whose families are still in occupied territories and for whom these messages represent the only means of obtaining news from their relations.

I would be most grateful, dear sir, if you would kindly do your best towards removing if possible any obstacles which may have arisen in this important service which was begun in accord with the Allied authorities, with the best of hopes.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Adolfo Infante
Division General.

Trans. No. 600-DSG-1-6-44, R. Romano/ajp.

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3 June 1944

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 Supreme Command

Radio Rome - Transmission on 24th May 1944.

Stefani Agency - The question of Correspondence between Persons Separated by the War.

There are many units dispersed on both sides of the Garigliano and a good many soldiers stranded inside the territory occupied by the enemy. Others find themselves beyond the border and are unable to return home. Thus everyone is worried about his family far away. In order to reassure all those who are suffering the consequences of this disruption, and these amount to several million Italians, we have informed the offices of what has been done hitherto and what can still be done in conjunction with correspondence services.

The greatest difficulty arises from the enemy's refusal to listen to any of the entreaties made by the Italian Red Cross. The offices have not yet been able to resume the postal service for prisoners of war, for which the Italian authorities are certainly not to be blamed. As regards civilians, there are no existing international agreements on the matter and thus no mail service has been established. There was a rumor that a service of this kind had been established through the Portuguese government. The Portuguese consular authorities, having been questioned on the matter, declared the rumor to be of private source, and of a speculative character.

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Trans/No. 600-DGG, 1-6-44, R. Romano/ajp.

TRANSLATION

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Trans. No. 600-060-1-6-44, R. Romano/sjp.

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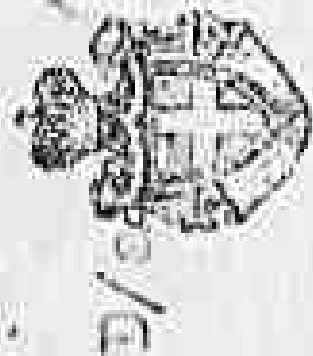
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Trans/No. 600-500, 1-5-44, P. Romano/adj.

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P.M. 135, il 31 maggio 1944

COMANDO SUPREMO

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ufficio affari vari

Prot. n° 103319/AL

Allegato: 1

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- Vice commissario capo della Commissione Alleata di Controllo -

APU 394

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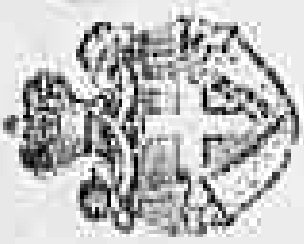
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aventi le famiglie nei territori occupati e per i quali l'in-
vio dei messaggi stessi rappresenta l'unico mezzo per potere
inviare e ricevere qualche notizia dei loro cari.

Le sarei vivamente grato, caro comandante, se vo-
lesse cortesemente interessarsi della questione al fine di ri-
muovere possibilmente gli eventuali ostacoli che possono aver
ostacolato il buon funzionamento di questo importante servizio
che era stato iniziato, d'accordo con le autorità alleate,
sotto ottimi auspici.

Cordialmente.

A. Infante
IL GENERALE DI DIVISIONE F.G.S.
(Adolfo Infante)



COMANDO SUPREMO

RADIO ROMA - Radiotransmissioni del giorno 24 maggio 1944 -

Agenzia Stefani - La questione dei servizi di collegamento tra le per-
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proposito, però, si opera di poter raggiungere un risultato concreto in quanto sono cominciate a giungere risposte agli interessanti, anche volendo tener conto che il nucleo in simile servizio non può dare risultati immediati perchè i messaggi richiesti sono lavoro di mesi. Il Ministero della Cultura Popolare ha disposto un servizio di intercettazione per civili e militari captato dalle radiofoniche, ma la trasmissione nemiche sono irregolari. Questi messaggi vengono intercettati e comunicati alla stampa, e trasmessi anche sul bollettino dell'Unità di prossima pubblicazione che ne elencherà 30.000. A tale proposito il Ministero della Cultura Popolare ha disposto che la trasmissione del radio messaggio venga estesa a tutte le provincie, ed all'ufficio ha istituito un apposito ufficio in Milano, via Carducci 14 denominato "Ufficio Messaggi del Ministero della Cultura Popolare".

Questo ufficio raccoglierà le richieste per le trasmissioni e le catalogherà per regioni, provincie e comuni per ordine alfabetico. Attualmente la trasmissione sarà di 1.500 messaggi giornalieri e presto sarà portata a 2.000. Sarà provveduto anche alla compilazione di uno schedario alfabetico per quei militari rimasti nell'Italia occupata, militari in Germania, e prigionieri di guerra in Italia che vengono richieste informazioni e le relative risposte eventuali affinché non siano perduti i collegamenti con i famigliari separati dalla guerra e (che alla fine della guerra dovranno promuoversi dal predetto ufficio). Inoltre il Ministero della Cultura Popolare farà installare nei locali terreni un ufficio per il pubblico con personale a disposizione di tutti gli interessati. =

10 APR RECD

SUBJECT:- Vatican Information Service.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

G1/B/2184/A2.8 Apr 44.✓ Allied Control Commission (Rear).

1. Reference is made to your cable 2557 of 30 March 44
2. Attached are Administrative Instructions in so far as they apply to the standard text messages for Italian PW.
3. The Military Government Section are replying separately as regards the civilian facilities.

*This S/C is**All are not covered - partly military channels.*

WFM/ALC.

ENCL.

Anthony
A.S. BARSDORF,
Lieut-Colonel, A.A.G.,
for Major-General,
D.A.G.,
G-1.(B).

Copy to Mil Gov Sec. (with Encl).

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Seen:- Col. H. *V*
Maj. H. *W*
Ct. H. *W*

Recd. 10th April, 1944.

10 APR REC'D
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SUBJECT:- Vatican Information Service.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

31/E/2484/A2.

16 Mar 44.

Headquarters,
North Africa District.
No. 1 District.
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6. A limit of one despatch per month will be placed on the number of messages a PW may send.

7. The office nominated in para 4(d) above, in the case of the British is G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon.

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MG/ALC,

EXOL.

Copy to:- G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon.
INC.

A.S. EISENBERG,
Lieut-Colonel, A.A.G.,
for Major-General,
D.A.G.,
G-1.(E).

10 APR 1958

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APPENDIX 'A'.VATICAN INFORMATION SERVICESTANDARD TEXT MESSAGESFIXED MESSAGES FOR PRISONERS OF WAR

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| ENGLISH: | 1. We have received your message |
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| ENGLISH: | 2. Glad to know you are safe and sound |
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| ENGLISH: | 3. We are all well |
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| ENGLISH: | 4. Write |
| ITALIAN: | Prego scrivere. |
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| ITALIAN: | Padre deceduto. |
| ENGLISH: | 7. Mother is dead |
| ITALIAN: | Mamma deceduta. |
| ENGLISH: | 8. We have had no news of you for several months |
| ITALIAN: | Da parecchi mesi non abbiamo tue notizie. |
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| ITALIAN: | Nato maschio. |
| ENGLISH: | 10. A daughter has been born |
| ITALIAN: | Nata femmina. |
| ENGLISH: | 11. Don't worry about us |
| ITALIAN: | Non state in ansia per noi. |
| ENGLISH: | 12. We are safe |
| ITALIAN: | Stiamo bene. |

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ITALIAN: Siamo bene.
13. ENGLISH: Nothing untoward has happened to us
ITALIAN: Niente di male ci e' arrivato.
14. ENGLISH: We are at home and everything is going well
ITALIAN: Siamo a casa e tutto va bene.
15. ENGLISH: Deeply sorry announce death of.....
ITALIAN: Profondamente addolorati annunziamo la morte di

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APPENDIX 'B'.VATICAN INFORMATION SERVICESTANDARD TEXT MESSAGESFIXED MESSAGES FOR USE BY PRISONERS OF WAR

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| ENGLISH: | 1. Have received your message |
| ITALIAN: | Ho ricevute messaggio. |
| ENGLISH: | 2. Am a prisoner of war |
| ITALIAN: | Sono prigioniero di guerra. |
| ENGLISH: | 3. Am well |
| ITALIAN: | Sto bene. |
| ENGLISH: | 4. Am in hospital wounded but shall leave shortly |
| ITALIAN: | Sono in ospedale, ferito, ma uscirò fra breve. |
| ENGLISH: | 5. Have been in hospital wounded but am out again |
| ITALIAN: | Sono stato nell'ospedale, ferito, ma sono uscito |
| ENGLISH: | 6. Am writing you regularly |
| ITALIAN: | Scrivo regolarmente. |
| ENGLISH: | 7. Shall write as soon as possible |
| ITALIAN: | Scriverò quanto prima, appena possibile. |
| ENGLISH: | 8. Let me have news of you as soon as possible |
| ITALIAN: | Date notizie quanto prima, appena possibile. |
| ENGLISH: | 9. Love and affectionate good wishes to everybody |
| ITALIAN: | Amore ed auguri cordiali a tutti. |
| ENGLISH: | 10. Deeply grieved to hear of the death of..... |
| ITALIAN: | Profondamente addolorato sentire la morte di |
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ITALIAN: Scrivo regolarmente.
- ENGLISH: 7. Shall write as soon as possible
ITALIAN: Scriverò quanto prima, appena possibile.
- ENGLISH: 8. Let me have news of you as soon as possible
ITALIAN: Date notizie quanto prima, appena possibile.
- ENGLISH: 9. Love and affectionate good wishes to everybody
ITALIAN: Amore ed auguri cordiali a tutti.
- ENGLISH: 10. Deeply grieved to hear of the death of.....
ITALIAN: Profondamente addolorato sentire la morte di
- ENGLISH: 11. Have had no news for several months
ITALIAN: Da parecchi mesi non ho vostre notizie.
- ENGLISH: 12. How are you all
ITALIAN: Come state, voi tutti?
- ENGLISH: 13. My address is.....Name Number Camp Hospital
ITALIAN: Il mio indirizzo è (nome, Numero del campo o ospedale)

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FATIMA REAR

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THINGS RPTD IBS FOR HANCOCK FOR ALASIA FROM FATIMA REAR FROM HENDERSON SIGNED
MACFARLANE PAREN PERMITTED UNDER PARA SIX YOUR SIX ONE THREE EIGHT THREE OR
HOW THESE ARE CENSORED OR ROUTED.

AUTHENTICATED:

E.J. CHIOCOA
OWO USA
Asst. Adj.

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To: Signal Officer, P.B.S.
 From: Telecommunications and posts sub-commission, Rear HQ, ACC.
 Subject: Radio communications for the Vatican.
 Reference: ES/2/5/5 : 20th March, 1944.

Reference A.A.I. letter No. 2791/9/X dated 14th March, 1944.

1. A copy is enclosed of an instruction approved by the HQ, ACC and issued to regional commissioners.
2. Messages for transmission to the Vatican via Algiers will be passed to you by ACC signals, Naples, who will check that the conditions in para 2(d) are complied with.
3. Messages should be passed by you to the cable terminal of the Naples-Santa commercially operated cable. If the cable is not functioning, or is overloaded, messages should be despatched by official mail, and will not be transmitted by radio from Italy.
4. Incoming messages should be passed to the ACC signals for delivery. They will be forwarded to the regional commissioner concerned, if apparent; if doubt exists as to the location of the addressee the message will be referred to the office of the Cardinal Archbishop of Naples.
5. All charges will be collected by the cable operating company from the office of the Cardinal Archbishop of Naples, which requires a copy of all cables with the account.

J. L. Henderson
 Colonel,
 Director, Telecommunications and posts sub-commission.

Copies to: ACC signals, Naples.
 AG Office, ACC, Naples.
 Regional Control and Military Government Section, ACC, Naples.

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Headquarters,
A. A. I.

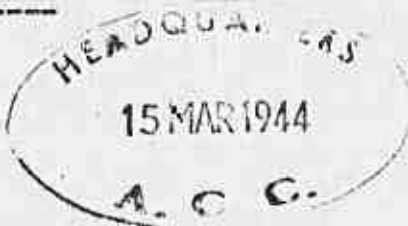
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Subject: Wireless Communications -
Vatican

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14 Mar 44

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1. Instructions have been received from AFHQ that messages to and from Ecclesiastical authorities in this theatre to the Vatican may be accepted for transmission.
2. All Vatican traffic will, therefore, be routed and details of payment will be made in accordance with instructions to be issued separately by the Allied Control Commission (Telecommunication Section).

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W. H. Taylor Col.
Brigadier,
Chief Signal Officer.

Copy To: Allied Control Commission.

Seen: Col. H. V. /
Maj. H. 3

15th March 1944.

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FROM: HQ AEMF

TO: FATIMA

INFO: FREEDOM

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 REF FREEDOM INDEX 61333 DATED 7 PARA 2 A. Consider forward limits for communica-
 tions with Vatican should be same as those applicable to Civil Communications.
 Facilities generally via northern boundaries of Provinces Bari Potenza Avellino
 Salerno plus enclaves Naples City and Benevento town.

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Seen: - Col. H. *[Signature]*
 Maj. H. *[Signature]*

Received 10th March 44.

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ALLIED MILITARY MISSION....INCOMING MESSAGE

8 MARCH 1944

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RECD.....C808254

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COMMUNICATION FACILITIES BY MAIL AND RADIO WITH THE VATICAN MAY BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ECCLESIASTICAL AUTHORITIES IN ITALY, SICILY, AND SARDINIA SUBJECT TO PROVISIONS AS IN PARAS 2, 3, 4. (TO FATIMA HPFD ACFT SIGNED CINC CITE THINGS REFERENCE YOUR 1715 OF 31 DECEMBER).

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PARA 3. RADIO. (A) MESSAGES MAY BE WRITTEN IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE ONLY. (B) MESSAGES SHOULD BE ADDRESSED FREEDOM FOR INC, AND WILL BE DESTACHED IN CLEAR FRAMED FIL TO ENSURE TRANSMISSION BY LINE CABLE. (C) MESSAGES WILL BE SUBJECT CENSORSHIP HERE. (D) SUCH DELAY AS MAY BE NECESSARY WILL BE IMPOSED HERE BEFORE RETRANSMISSION BY DIRECT RADIO LINK WITH VATICAN. NO INDICATION SHOULD BE GIVEN ECCLESIASTICAL AUTHORITIES OF PERIOD FOR TRANSMISSION. (E) MESSAGES TO VATICAN WILL BE SERIALLY NUMBERED IN A VAT SERIES COMMENCING NUMBER 1. (SERIALLY MESSAGES FROM VATICAN ARE TO BE IN VAT SERIES)

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PARA 5. REQUEST INFORMATION REGARDING TERRITORIAL RESTRICTION AGREED WITH AGMT (VIDE PARA 2) (A), AS WE INTEND TO NOTIFY VATICAN THAT COMMUNICATIONS MAY ONLY BE ADDRESSED TO SAME AREAS AS THOSE WHICH PASSED FOR RESTRICTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS.

PARA 6. ABOVE DIRECTIONS SUPERSEDE ALL PREVIOUS INSTRUCTIONS ON THIS SUBJECT, BUT ARE DISTINCT FROM AND ARE NOT INTENDED AMEND EXISTING FACILITIES AFFORDED VATICAN INFORMATION SERVICE.

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Received 8th March 1946

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To: Regional Commissioners, Nos. I, II, III, and V.

1. New instructions have now been received from AFHQ regarding communications with the Vatican.

2. Communications facilities by mail and radio with the Vatican can be made available to ecclesiastical authorities only in Italy, Sicily and Sardinia, subject to the following provisions: -

- (a) The communications exist, for the present, exclusively only south of the Northern boundaries of the provinces of Bari, Potenza, Avellino, Salerno or in Naples City and Benevento.

NOTE.

- (b) All communications will be restricted to non-political matters.

- (c) No communication will be permitted direct with the Vatican, but both mail and radio must always be passed through AFHQ.

- (d) Radio messages may be written in the English language only, must be addressed "AFHQ FOR INFO", and despatched in clear marked "VIL".

- (e) Letters need not be written in English, but must be addressed "CARE OF THE SECTION, AFHQ".

3. The procedure to be followed by Regional Commissioners to implement the above instructions will be as follows:-

- (a) The communications will be transmitted by the representative of the Roman Catholic Church to the Provincial Commissioner of their province who will forward them to their respective Commissioners.

- (b) Regional Commissioners will advise of the communications as follows:-

2. Communication facilities by mail and radio with the Vatican can be

made available to ecclesiastical authorities only in Italy, Italy and

Switzerland, subject to the following provisions:-

- (a) The communications must, for the present, originate only south of the Northern boundary of the provinces of Bari, Potenza, Avellino, Salerno or in Naples City and Benevento zone.

- (b) All communications will be restricted to ecclesiastical matters.

- (c) No communication will be permitted direct with the Vatican, but both mail and radio must always be passed through AFHQ.

- (d) Radio messages may be written in the English language only, must be addressed "AFHQ FOR INFO", and dispatched in clear.

Franked "VHL".

- (e) Letters need not be written in English, but must be addressed "CAFV OF THE SECTOR, AFHQ".

3. The procedure to be followed by Regional Commissioners to implement the above instructions will be as follows:-

- (a) The communications will be transmitted by the representatives of the Roman Catholic Church to the Provincial Commissioner of their province who will forward them to their local *225* Commissioner.

- (b) Regional Commissioners will dispose of the communications as follows:-

Mail will be addressed as stated in para 2(c) and forwarded by normal official mail service.

Radio messages will be forwarded to ACE signals, Naples, Franked "VATICAN MESSAGE".

4. All communications are being made as AFHQ for commercial in both directions, for any necessary delay imposed on transmission and for

the forwarding by mail or radio to the Vatican from Algiers.

5. The necessity for substituting the volume of communications in question. No indication may be given to the ecclesiastical authorities as to the time required to transmit communications.

6. The above arrangements supersede all previous instructions on the subject.

7. Regional Commissioners of Regions I and II will please note that the instructions contained in AHS 327 of 27th January, 1944 and 25/6/01 of 11th February, 1944 are hereby cancelled. It will be seen that the new facilities apply to only one of the three categories of mail dealt with in the instructions which are now cancelled. The two services which are now no longer available through Vatican channels (private communications other than Church mail and telegram of or mail) are provided for in this H. Memorandum 127/41/01 of 11th March, 1944.

8. The existing facilities offered by the Vatican Information Service are not changed.

9. Regional Commissioners will arrange to acquaint the ecclesiastical authorities in their Regions with the contents of paras

2, 7 and 8 above.

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