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R. 134/CS

POLICY. RADIO SECTION

AUG. 1944 - JUNE 1945

007
1st Ind.
CCSIGO, AFHQ, APO 512, U.S. Army. 17 June 1945

TO: Signal Officer, Rome Area Allied Command, APO 794, U.S. Army.

There is no objection to request contained in para.2 provided the Director of Communications is prepared to accept the commitment.

For the Chief Signal Officer:

W.A. Topping
W.A. TOPPING,
Colonel, Signal Corps,
Executive Officer.

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND, OFFICE OF THE SIGNAL OFFICER, APO 794, US Army, 21 June 1945.

To: AC, Communications Sub Commission, APO 394, US Army.

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

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND, OFFICE OF THE SIGNAL OFFICER, APO
794, US Army, 21 June 1945.

To: AG, Communications Sub Commission, APO 394, US Army.

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

ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
OFFICE OF THE SIGNAL OFFICER
APO 794, US Army

AG 676.3 (Sig)

JGC/LPR/pr
9 June 1945

Subject: Release of Italian Radio Stations for Italian Operation.

To: CSO AFHQ, APO 512, US Army.

1. In accordance with letter AFHQ dated 10 August 1944 subject "Radio Stations" and letter Signal Office RAAC 31 October 1944 subject "Operation of Radio Stations", copies herewith attached, supervision of local radio transmitters by Allied Military Personnel was established on or about 4 November 1944. Previous correspondence on this matter is attached as inclosure No.3.

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2. In view of the present situation as regards personnel and the expanding liberties granted to local operations, and in accordance with request of Communications Sub-Commission AC, dated 13 March 1945, subject "Control of Italian Radio Stations", copy attached as enclosure No.4, it is requested that AC be authorized to exercise limited control over Italian radio transmitters namely ITALCABLE (Torrenova) and R.A.I. (Radio Roma). This control to consist of:

- a. Checking authorized frequency.
- b. Checking authorized time schedule of transmissions.
- c. Periodic personal check of transmitters.

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Incl 1 - Ltr AFHQ 10 Aug 44
Incl 2 - Ltr RAAC 31 Oct 44

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

Ltr 9 June 1945 (Cont'd)

Incl 3 - Ltr AC 28 Nov 44
w/inds.

Incl 4 - Ltr AC 13 Mar 45

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Comm. Sub-Comm. AC

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R E S T R I C T E D

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

ABK/wp

AG 676.3/013 SIG-O

10 August 1944

SUBJECT: Radio Stations.

TO : All Concerned.

1. It is essential that certain general instructions are strictly adhered to regarding the control and operation of captured high powered radio stations which are capable of effecting communications beyond the boundaries of this theater. This will apply to all stations of 400 watts or more output. Such stations include valuable and critical Signal Equipment, the use and disposal of which is subject to directives from the Combined Chiefs of Staff or from the government concerned.

2. Accordingly all subordinate commands will be instructed that: 143

a. All captured civil, military or naval radio stations in the areas of advance will be promptly seized and properly secured.

b. They will on no account continue operation by other than Allied personnel.

c. Initially Chief Signal Officer, Allied Armies in ITALY, Chief Signal Officers of Army Groups or Chief Signal Officers of Armies will control and permit operation of such stations within their areas, which are operationally required. Allied Force Headquarters will normally designate an advance radio representative to furnish the necessary technical information regarding captured radio stations and to coordinate demands of prospective users in conjunction with the local Communication Boards.

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Ltr. AFHQ 10 Aug 44
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d. Later such stations will revert to the direct control of Allied Force Headquarters. Final allocation of radio stations to services or civil agencies for operation will be decided by Allied Force Headquarters.

By command of General WILSON:

/s/ H.V. Roberts
/t/ H.V. ROBERTS
Colonel, AGD
Adjutant General

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C O P Y

ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
OFFICE OF THE SIGNAL OFFICER
APO 794, US ArmyAGS/LPR/hjq
31 October 1944

Subject: Operation of Radio Stations.

To: Psychological Warfare Branch, AFHQ, APO 512,
US Army.

1. It has been called to the attention of this office that PWB is operating radio installations in the Rome Area, without Allied personnel in attendance at the transmitting location.

2. Such procedure is in violation of paragraph 2b of AG Ltr 676.3/013 Sig-O, AFHQ, dated 10 August 1944. A copy of the above mentioned letter is attached hereto.

3. You are hereby requested to immediately arrange operation of radio installations in conformity with the above named directive. 141

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

1 Incl:
Ltr, AFHQ "Radio Stations".

1st Ind. 4 November 1944
HQ Italian Theatre PWB Radio Section Unit No 12

To: Rome Area Allied Command,
Office of the Signal Officer; Att: Lt Col Louis P. Reeves

Basic communication complied with, said directive con-
formed with.

/s/ William C. Ellis
/t/ WILLIAM C. ELLIS
Major Signal Corps
Deputy Chief Engineer

1 Incl
1 File

C-C-F-Y

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission
Tel: 489081 Ext: 333

28th November 1944

In reply
refer to: 2/1/ /CS

Subject : Control of Italian Radio Stations.

To : A.P.H.Q.
ATT: Chief Signal Officer.
Thru' Signal Officer Rome Area Allied Command.

1. Reference is made to our letter of 8th September, 1944 file CS/2/89.

2. By S.O. No. 306 HQs. Fifth Army, Nov 1st, 1944 1st Lt. Herbert Lott, 0387420 Sig. Corps was assigned to 2675th Regiment Allied Commission and has reported to this HQs. for duty.

3. As Lt. Lott is a radio officer it is presumed that his assignment is in connection with letter referred to in para.1. Having had no reply to this letter, we are uncertain as to policy to be pursued and in addition do not know whether we are to receive additional personnel. In this connection it will be necessary to have corresponding change in T/O of 2675th Regiment if personnel is to be assigned.

4. In the meantime Lt. Lott has been temporarily assigned to duties at this Headquarters pending clarifying instructions from you.

/s/ J.L. Henderson
/t/ J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

Copy to : Adj. 2675th Regt.

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1st Ind. JGC/LPR/ca
ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND, OFFICE OF THE SIGNAL OFFICER, APO #
794, US Army, 19 December 1944.

To: Chief Signal Officer, AFHQ, APO #512, US Army.

1. Reference letter of 8 September 1944, referred to above is herewith added for your consideration. No reply has been received to date.

2. Request letter authority be granted this Command to pass control of local civilian radio agencies to Allied Commission.

3. Such action would appear to be generally the motive of letter instructions, AFHQ, O Sig O, subj: Radio Stations, Rome Area, 23 August 1944, to Sig O, RAAC, par d.

4. Basic request of Allied Commission, originated as a result of conference between Brig Gen TULLY, Col Henderson and Lt Col Scudder of AC, and Lt Col Reeves of RAAC, regarding this particular problem and the proposals submitted herein were generally agreed to by all attending.

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

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1 Incl:
AC, ltr, 8 Sept 44
w/1st Ind (added).

312.9/4 2nd Ind. CSB/LRE/ca
AFHQ, OCSSigo, APO 512, U. S. Army, 28 December 1944.

TO: Signal Officer, Rome Area Command, APO 794, U.S. Army.

1. Authority is granted to pass control of local civilian radio agencies in the Rome Area to the Allied Commission, effective as soon after 1 January 1945 as practical, subject to the latter being prepared to accept such control. Ultimate disposition of equipment remains vested in AFHQ.

2. No additional personnel, other than Lt. Lott already

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2nd Ind. (cont)

assigned can be made available to the Allied Commission.

/s/L. B. NICHOLLS,
/t/L. B. NICHOLLS,
Major General
Chief Signal Officer

Incls:
n/c

3rd Ind. LPR/ca
ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND, OFFICE OF THE SIGNAL OFFICER, APO
794, US Army, 1 January 1945.

To: Director, Communications Sub-Commission, AC, APO 394,
US Army.

1. In connection with action authorized in 2nd Ind.
there is a question of property control and requisitions to
be transferred, therefore, I suggest that a meeting be ar-
ranged to discuss details involved. If it is satisfactory
to you, I suggest Thursday 4 January 1945 at 1000 hours in
my office. 128

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

Incls:
n/c

C O P Y

4th Ind. JLH/ca
COMMUNICATIONS SUB-COMMISSION A.C.HQ. APO 394 4th January 1945

TO: A.F.H.Q.
Att: Chief Signal Officer, thru' Signal Officer, R.A.A.C.

Reference your 312.9/4 dated 28th December 1944

1. The instructions are noted.
2. Your attention is invited to para.3 of your letter of
23rd August, and to the requirements stated by this office in our

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4th Ind. (cont)

letter of 8th September, which were agreed to by Brigadier General Tully at that time and were actually below his original estimates.

3. It is pointed out that it will not be possible to carry out the requirements then stated by you with the personnel now allocated for the purpose.

4. With the release of transmitters from Allied to Italian use (as already agreed for Rome - New York radio telephone and Rome-Moscow radio telegraph and likely to be extended to other circuits later), the automatic security cover afforded by Allied operation of these stations will cease to be effective. There will in fact be no appreciable security cover on transmissions as far as this organization is concerned other than that exercised by the Italian authorities.

5. It would therefore be appreciated if a letter stating that a much lower standard of security than originally required will now be acceptable to A. F. H. Q., in view of the shortage of personnel available for the supervision of Italian radio stations.

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s/
t/J. L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

LPR/ca

5th Ind.
ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND, OFFICE OF THE SIGNAL OFFICER, APO
794, US Army, 5th January 1945.

TO: Chief Signal Officer, AFHQ, APO #512, US Army.

1. Forwarded.

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

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312.9/4 6th Ind.
AFHQ, OCSigo, APO 512, U. S. Army, 15 January 1945.

TO: Communications Sub-Commission, Allied Commission Headquarters, APO 394 (Through Signal Officer, Rome Area Command).

1. As agreed in the course of a conference held in the Office of the Signal Officer, Rome Area Command, on 9 January 1945, concerning re-establishment of Italo-radio circuits, every effort will be made to provide an additional officer and three (3) enlisted men for assignment to your command.

2. The relaxation of security provisions in connection with individual circuits only will be considered by this headquarters on the receipt of requests therefore, accompanied by concrete proposals. No general reduction in security standards can be authorized at this time.

3. The Allied Commission will assume control of such facilities as they are released by military agencies and made available to the Italians. The details of the changeover will be as mutually arranged between the Signal Officer, Rome Area Command, and Director of Communications, Allied Commission, Rome.

GEORGE I. BACK
Colonel, Signal Corps,
Deputy Chief Signal Officer.

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Incls:
n/c

7th Ind. JGC/LPR/ca
ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND, OFFICE OF THE SIGNAL OFFICER, APO 794,
US Army, 19 January 1945.

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

1. Suggest a meeting as previously planned at your earliest convenience.

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

R.134.8.CS

13th March 1945

SUBJECT: Control of Italian Radio Stations.

TO : A.F.H.Q.
Att: Chief Signal Officer.

1. P.W.B. has informed this Sub-Commission that they are withdrawing their personnel from Italian Broadcasting Stations in Palermo, Naples, Bari and Cagliari. Therefore it is presumed that control of such stations from a security standpoint will pass to Allied Commission under the terms of C.S.O., A.F.H.Q. letter of August 23rd 1944, addressed to Signal Officer R.A.A.C., subject "Radio Stations", and subsequent correspondence.

2. In view of the present more liberal attitude towards Italian activities, especially in Italian Government territory, it is proposed that control of Broadcasting Stations under A.C. supervision will consist of periodic checks to insure that:

- a. transmissions are on authorized frequencies
- b. transmissions are made only during authorized hours

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Such checks would be made by personnel at this HQs with monitoring Radio receiving equipment now available. These checks would be supplemented by occasional visits to Broadcasting Stations as exigencies of transport and personnel permit.

3. It is not proposed to attempt any censorship of programs broadcasted, as it is felt that such action would be interpreted as contrary to the spirit of recently announced liberalization of policy towards Italy, besides requiring a large and specially trained expert staff, not available here.

J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

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2nd. Ind.

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND, OFFICE OF THE SIGNAL OFFICER, APO
794, US Army, 21 June 1945.

To: AC, Communications Sub Commission, APO 394, US Army.

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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R.134.11.CS

22nd May, 1945

SUBJECT: Control of Italian Radio Station

TO: Signal Officer, R.A.A.C.

1. With reference to letter dated 23rd August, 1944, subject: Radio Stations Rome Area, 6th Ind. paragraph two, this Sub-Commission forwarded the attached proposal to A.F.H.Q. Not having received any comments from A.F.H.Q. it is assumed that this proposal was acceptable.

2. If the Signal Officer, R.A.A.C. feels that approval or disapproval is needed of the proposal, it is suggested that the question be raised with C.S.O., A.F.H.Q., by the Signal Officer, R.A.A.C.

J.L.HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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Communications Sub-Commission

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19th April, 1945

SUBJECT: Radio Circuits

TO: A.F.H.Q.
Att: Chief Signal Officer

Reference your letter 311.23/1 dated 16th April.

1. This Commission would like to have the opportunity of expressing its views on any application affecting Italian commercial interests, such as the recent request for communication with Balkan countries, and considers that a representative from it might be co-opted when such proposed circuits come up for discussion.

2. Apart from this, the Commission has no other comment to offer and is glad of the acceleration that will certainly result from the formation of the Sub-Committee.

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For the Chief Commissioner:

J.L.HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.


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MEMO.

~~CHIEF COMMISSIONER~~

You may wish to see.

Is there any point on which you would like me to comment,
vide para 5?
J. L. HENDERSON
Director,
Communications Sub-Commission.

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Ext. 400
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I think we should request that
CC - AC should be consulted (asked to
express his views) on any application to com-
municate with Ital. commercial interests. Example:
recent requests from Italian Govts. WSCC

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Chairman
Combined Signal Board

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Date 17 APR 1945

16 April 1945

SUBJECT: Suggested revision of existing procedure for the approving and establishing of radio circuits in the Mediterranean Theatre.

TO : G-2(Sigs.I), G-2(C.I.), G-2(C.C.), G-3 and G-5, AFHQ, British Resident Minister, U.S. Political Adviser, CINC MED (FCO), MAAF (Air S.O.-in-C.), Allied Commission (Italy) and Allied Commission Austria.

1. At this stage of the war, in addition to the usual Allied Military requirements, this headquarters is constantly receiving applications from many different sources apart from the American and British fighting Services for the opening or re-opening of radio circuits. The origin of these requests and the reasons for them can be summarised as follows:

(a) Foreign military organisations (e.g. Italian Army, Greek Navy).

Communication facilities are required by them in order that the Allied policy for the re-establishment of these national organisations can be put into effect. These requests are normally forwarded through their Allied sponsors or liaison missions.

(b) Diplomatic representatives and missions.

Special facilities are sometimes required in addition to existing military and commercial outlets.

(c) Military government and UNRRA.

Communication links are required to facilitate the supply of food, control of police, transport, etc. essential for the relief and rehabilitation of liberated countries.

(d) Commercial communication companies.

Requests for the opening or re-opening of commercial circuits from liberated countries are sponsored by the national government or Allied Commission concerned. The setting up of such facilities is helpful in the rehabilitation of the country and provides the means for the dissemination of news and the exchange of diplomatic, commercial and private messages.

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2. Because the applications originate from such widely different sources they are not directed to one particular branch of AFHQ, but are received by various branches such as Signals, G-2(C.C.), G-5, CINC MED, MAAF and the Resident Minister's office. The procedure for handling the applications does not follow any set rules, and as a wide circulation is required in order to obtain the concurrence of all the interested branches, it is, consequently, very slow. Even when especial care has been taken to coordinate the necessary action with all branches affected one or other branch has often been left out and confusion has resulted. No reduction in the number of these applications is foreseen. On the contrary, as the war moves into Northern Italy and Austria an increase in applications coming from a greater variety of sources must be expected. It is, therefore, proposed that a sub-committee of the Combined Signal Board, AFHQ, be set up to handle all such future applications, in conjunction with co-opted representatives of other interested parties.

3. Composition of the sub-committee.

It is suggested that the sub-committee should be composed of representatives of the following:

CSO, AFHQ.)	
FCO to CINC MED.)	
Air S.O.-in-C., MAAF.)	<u>C.S.B., AFHQ.</u>
British Resident Minister.)	
U.S. Political Adviser.)	
G-2(Sigs.I).)	
G-2(C.I.).)	
G-2(C.C.).)	<u>Co-opted</u>
SCU4.)	<u>representatives</u>
G-5, AFHQ.)	

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4. Duties of the sub-committee.

To consider all applications for the opening or re-opening of radio circuits, other than those of the American and British fighting Services which will continue to be dealt with as at present, having due regard to the following considerations:

- (a) Availability of equipment.
- (b) Availability of suitable frequencies.
- (c) Safeguarding of security.
- (d) Necessity for the establishment of the circuit.
- (e) Advisability of establishing the circuit. (Normally a political question.)

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An application having been approved by the sub-committee, it would be passed to the appropriate Signals branch for the allocation of frequencies, call-signs and, where necessary, the provision of equipment.

By keeping Signals Intelligence and SCU4 fully acquainted with the establishment of each and every new link their work will be simplified and, possibly, reduced and confusion will be avoided.

5. Addressees are requested to forward their comments as soon as possible to the Secretary, Combined Signal Board, AFHQ.

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Major General,
Chairman,
Combined Signal Board.

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Copies to:
Plans Div., Signal Section, AFHQ.
S.I.S. Div., Signal Section, AFHQ.
Radio Div., Signal Section, AFHQ.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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13th March, 1945

SUBJECT: Control of Italian Radio Stations

TO: A.F.H.Q.
Att: Chief Signal Officer.

1. P.W.B. has informed this Sub-Commission that they are withdrawing their personnel from Italian Broadcasting Stations in Palermo, Naples, Bari, and Cagliari. Therefore it is presumed that control of such stations from a security standpoint will pass to Allied Commission under the terms of C.S.C., A.F.H.Q. letter of August 25rd 1944, addressed to Signal Officer R.A.A.C., subject 'Radio Stations', and subsequent correspondence. 3-1 127

2. In view of the present more liberal attitude towards Italian activities, especially in Italian Government territory, it is proposed that control of Broadcasting Stations under A.C. supervision will consist of periodic checks to insure that:

- a. transmissions are on authorized frequencies
- b. transmissions are made only during authorized hours

Such checks would be made by personnel at this Hqs with monitoring Radio receiving equipment now available. These checks would be supplemented by occasional visits to Broadcasting Stations as exigencies of transport and personnel permit.

3. It is not proposed to attempt any censorship of programs broadcasted, as it is felt that such action would be interpreted as contrary to the spirit of recently announced liberalization of policy towards Italy, besides requiring a large and specially trained expert staff, not available here.

Copy sent to
Col. Buves
5/18/45

J.L. RENDERSO
Colonel,
Director.

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312.9/4 6th Ind.
AFHQ, OCSigO, APO 512, U. S. Army, 15 January 1945

To: Communications Sub-Commission, Allied Commission Headquarters,
APO 394 (Through Signal Officer, Rome Area Command).

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GEORGE I. BACK,
Colonel, Signal Corps,
Deputy Chief Signal Officer.

Incls:
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7th Ind. JGS/AFR/hjq
ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND, OFFICE OF THE SIGNAL OFFICER, APO 794,
US Army, 19 January 1945.

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

1. Suggest a meeting as previously planned at your earliest convenience.

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

*discussed with Lt. Reeves
in memo 22*

5th Ind. LPR/aa
ROME AREA ALLIED C AND, OFFICE OF THE SIGNAL OFFICER, APO 794
US Army, 5th January 1945.

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TO: Chief Signal Officer, AFHQ, APO 512, US Army.

1. Forwarded.

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

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COMMUNICATIONS SUB-COMMISSION A.C.H.Q. APO 394 4th January, 1945

TO: A.F. H.Q.

Att: Chief Signal Officer, thru' Signal Officer R.A.A.C.

Reference your 312.9/4 dated 28th December, 1944

1. The instructions are noted.
2. Your attention is invited to para. 3 of your letter of 23rd August, and to the requirements stated by this office in our letter of 8th September, which were agreed to by Brigadier General Tully at that time and were actually below his original estimates.
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J.L.HENDERSON
Colonel
Director

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312.9/4 2nd Ind.
AFHQ, OCSigO, APO 512, U. S. Army, 28 December 1944.

CSB/LRE/ac.

TO: Signal Officer, Rome Area Command, APO 794, U.S. Army.

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2. No additional personnel, other than Lt. Lott already assigned can be available to the Allied Commission.

L.B. NICHOLLS,
Major General,
Chief Signal Officer.

Incls:
n/c

3rd Ind.
ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND, OFFICE OF THE SIGNAL OFFICER, APO 794,
US Army, 1 January 1945

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TO: Director, Communications Sub-Commission, AC, APO 394,
US Army.

1. In connection with action authorized in 2nd Ind. there is a question of property control and requisitions to be transferred, therefore, I suggest that a meeting be arranged to discuss details involved. If it is satisfactory to you, I suggest Thursday 4 January 1945 at 1000 hours in my office.

LOUIS P. REEVES
Lt Col, Sig C
Signal Officer

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1st Ind.
ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND, OFFICE OF THE SIGNAL OFFICER, APO 794,
US Army, 19 December 1944.

To: Chief Signal Officer, AFHQ, APO 512, US Army.

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

1 Incl:
AC, ltr, 8 Sept 44
w/1st Ind (added).

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Chief Signal OfficerEXO/TJT
APO 512, U.S. Army
23 August 1944

Subject: Radio Stations, Rome Area.

To : Signal Officer, Rome Area Command.

1. Under the provisions of letter from AFHQ, dated 10 August, subject: "Radio Stations", all fixed plant radio stations in the ROME Area of 400 watts or more output will hereafter be under the direct control of Allied Force Headquarters. ROME Area in this case will include all radio stations as indicated above within a radius of 50 miles of ROME.

2. Normally there will be furnished to you from this office a technical adviser to assist in the supervision and control of these radio stations. It is desired that you arrange to provide this assistant with office space. In addition to being your technical adviser in radio matters, this officer will be charged with the maintaining of adequate office space as an advance agency for the Chief Signal Officer and Deputy Chief Signal Officer, AFHQ, for their use at such times as they may be required to conduct business in ROME. This office space to include a conference room for special communication conferences as may be required from time to time.

3. Generally speaking, you will be guided by the following principles:

a. Italian Civil, Military or Naval stations will not be operated by Italian personnel.

b. Such stations as are indicated by you may be operated to assist the Allied military effort either by Allied military personnel or by Italian personnel under rigid supervision of Allied military personnel.

c. Civil stations formerly used in international communications will be kept intact insofar as practicable with a view of restoration of civil communications at a later date.

d. You are to establish close liaison with the ACC in order that may be familiar with the situation in case the control of these stations should be turned over to them at a later date.

e. In any case where you are uncertain as to proper procedure to follow, as indicated by these instructions, you will refer such matter promptly to the Chief Signal Officer, with pertinent comments and recommendations.

L. B. NICHOLLS,
Major General,
Chief Signal Officer,cc: CSO, AAI
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ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
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28th November 1944

In reply
refer to: 2/1/CS

Subject : Control of Italian Radio Stations.

To: AFHQ
Att: Chief Signal Officer
Thru Signal Officer, Rome Allied Area Command.

1. Reference is made to our letter of 8th September 1944 file CS/2/89.
2. By SO No 306, Hq Fifth Army, 1st Nov 1944, 1st Lt. Herbert Lott, 0387420, Signal Corps was assigned to 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission and has reported to this Headquarters for duty.
3. As Lt Lott is a radio officer it is presumed that his assignment is in connection with letter referred to in par 1. Having had no reply to this letter, we are uncertain as to policy to be pursued and in addition do not know whether we are to receive additional personnel: In this connection it will be necessary to have corresponding change in T/O of 2675th Regiment if personnel is to be assigned.
4. In the meantime Lt Lott has been temporarily assigned to duties at this Headquarters pending clarifying instructions from you.

/s/ J. L. HENDERSON
Colonel
Director.

Copy to: Adj. 2675th Regt.

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ROME ALLIED AREA COMMAND, OFFICE OF THE SIGNAL OFFICER APO
794 U.S.ARM, 12th September, 1944.

To : CSO, AFHQ, APO 512 U.S.ARM

1. It is planned to pass control of Italcable and EIAR from RAAC to ACC as a step in the final release of Italian civilian installations. Further discussion between ACC and this office has indicated the desirability to affect this transfer of control to ACC by 15th October.

2. It is recommended that favourable consideration be given request in basic letter in order to enable ACC to effectively administer this control.

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Lt. Col. Sig. C.
Signal Officer.

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