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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

2nd May, 1944

In reply refer to: TS/4/4/11

Subject : Order Wires - Naples.

To : Under-Secretary of State for Telecommunications and Posts.

1. An Italian Government representative requested Major Knauer to arrange for two order wires between the Italian State Telephone Switchboard and the "5" trunk boards at Amadeo and Nolano, if such an arrangement would be permitted.

2. By letter of 24 April, Major Knauer requested R.B.S. Signals to consider the proposal and advise. Information was included to point out that the Italian daily calls into the local dial system had grown to 200 per day with a busy hour load, and that delays were frequently encountered in the use of dial lines which ties up the long-distance circuits in use.

3. The R.B.S. Signals plant division has replied to Major Knauer to the effect that the proposal is disapproved, for the following reasons:

a. The AFHQ Signal Section, who are operating these 5 boards do not desire that the boards be operated by Italian personnel.

b. The facility situation from both Nolano and Amadeo to the central part of the city is such that only most urgent military installations may be installed at the present time.

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4. If more dial lines are required, this will be pursued, but before this is done, it should be checked that only official calls are being passed on these circuits.

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

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Translation by Selan.

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4th October, 1944.

Prot.no.466893/5700-1

Subject : Paper for telegraph forms.

U R G E N T.

According to the authorisation of the Allied Command, the telegraph service in many provinces of liberated Italy has been reactivated.

But, at almost all the offices the forms necessary to perform such service are needed, and within a short time the supply will finish.

Our Administration therefore entrusted, some time ago, the Istituto Poligrafico dello Stato, with the job of providing a supply of such forms, to be consigned as soon as possible.

The above Istituto informed us that this could not be done, owing to lack of paper.

The paper should be furnished by the Cartiera Nomentana : who have many similar demands to which it is understood they must give precedence.

Therefore, we cannot rely upon this factory. But we are aware of the fact that the Cartiera di Foggia, furnisher of the Istituto Poligrafico, have at their disposal a big stock of paper, actually available, of several types.

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We beg you to authorise the Istituto Poligrafico dello Stato to withdraw from the paper-mill of Foggia the supply of paper required for concerned forms (nearly 1000 quintals), and to allow means of transportation necessary to carry them to Rome, with the urgency requested by the actual circumstances.

Since an important public service is concerned wich would be hindered by the lack of necessary forms, we beg you to give favourable attention to our request.

We thank you in anticipation.

Under Secretary of State

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DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLE POSTE E DEI TELEGRAFI
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Commissione Alleata di Controllo
Posts and Telecommunications Sub-Commission APO 394
Roma

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Prot. N. 466893/5700 Allegati
Riferirsi al foglio N. del

OGGETTO
Carta occorrente per stampati telegrafici

Urgente

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Con l'autorizzazione del Comando Alleato è stato ripristinato , com'è noto, il servizio telegrafico in molte provincie dell'Italia liberata.

Senonchè in quasi tutti gli uffici difettano gli stampati necessari per lo svolgimento di tale servizio e fra non molto non pochi di detti uffici ne saranno del tutto sprovvisti .

Questa Amministrazione ha quindi dato incarico, già da qualche tempo, all'Istituto Poligrafico dello Stato di provvedere ad una fornitura di tali stampati, da effettuarsi con la maggiore sollecitudine possibile .

Il predetto Istituto ha ora informato di non poter dar corso all'ordinazione fattagli per mancan-

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za della carta necessaria .

Questa dovrebbe essere fornita dalla Cartiera Nomentana, la quale, però, ha molti altri impegni del genere, ai quali sembra debba dare la precedenza. Pertanto, non si può fare assegnamento su detta cartiera.

Risulta però a questa Amministrazione che la Cartiera di Foggia, fornitrice dell'Istituto Poligrafico, ha ingenti quantitativi di carta già pronti, e di svariati tipi.

Si prega pertanto vivamente codesta Commissione di voler autorizzare l'Istituto Poligrafico dello Stato a prelevare dalla anzidetta cartiera di Foggia il quantitativo di carta necessario per gli stampati di cui trattasi (che è stato valutato approssimativamente a mille quintali) e di fornire i mezzi necessari per trasportarlo a Roma con quella urgenza che le circostanze richiedono.

Trattandosi di un importante servizio pubblico, che verrebbe gravemente compromesso dalla mancanza degli stampati occorrenti, si prega codesta On. Commissio-

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OGGETTO 2a foglio

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Per Report - Staley 4/4

0 LT. COL. MILLAR
WOULD LIKE TO
GO OVER WITH YOU
AT YOUR
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7/7/44

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

30 TH JUNE 1944

SUBJECT : STATUS REPORT - NAPLES COMMUNICATIONS.

TO : DIRECTOR - COMMUNICATIONS SUB-COMMISSION.

25 mat - simply (prd) operation planned

1. NAPLES END - OLIVETTA TELETYPE INSTALLATION.

EQUIPMENT INSTALLATION COMPLETED 29TH JUNE - BY INSTALLER SENT FROM ROME. INSTALLED IN SMALL ROOM - NEAR TELEGRAPH OPERATING ROOM IN BASEMENT OF POST OFFICE. LT. GIGLI, ITALIAN MINISTRY AND CAV. TENNA - NAPLES TELEG. MGR. BOTH INFORMED VERBALLY - FOR USE ONLY TO HANDLE ITALIAN GOVT (NOT CIVILIAN) TRAFFIC. CHANNEL 10 -SYSTEM 33 REFERRED TO IN SCUDDERS WIRE TO KNAUER - NOT AVAILABLE FOR ACC USE. UNDERSTAND FROM PERKHEISER -P.B.S. AND FROM CAPT. TAYLOR-AFHQ- THAT ALL EARLIER TELEG. CHANNEL ASSIGNMENTS WERE RESHUFFLED - PROBABLY DUE TO DELAY IN CABLE REPAIR DATE, WITH RESULTING INCREASES DEMANDS OVER LIMITED OPEN WIRE FACILITIES. MAJORS BECK NOR TAYLOR AVAILABLE TODAY TO ADVISE ME FURTHER.

CAPT. TAYLOR SAYS TWO SYSTEMS -NO. 2 AND NO. 17 HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED TO P.B.S. - ONE A 40-C-1 (IBELIEVE 11 CHANNELS) OTHER A BR. VF. (I BELIEVE 6 CHANNELS). CONTACTED PERKHEISER FOR CHANNEL OVER ONE OF THESE. HE SAYS ASSIGNMENTS COMING TO HIM FROM BECK - BUT NOT RECEIVED 29TH - WILL ADVISE IF ONE ASSIGNED TO US - OR IF AN UNASSIGNED AVAILABLE FOR US.

RECOMMEND: THAT INQUIRY BE RENEWED AT ROME - TO INSURE THAT OUR CHANNEL WILL BE REASSIGNED - OR ORDER ISSUED FROM C.S.O. TO P.B.S. TO ASSIGN ONE. UNDERSTAND P.B.S. TWO SYSTEMS PLANNED MAINLY FOR NAPLES -ROME TERMINAL TRAFFIC.

INSTALLER FROM ROME HELD UNTIL SYSTEM IS WORKING - AT LEAST WILL HOLD THROUGH SATURDAY 1 JULY. IN MEANTIME HE IS INSTRUCTING LOCAL TELEG. TECHNICIANS AND OPERATORS. HE IS A GOOD MAN.

2. HARMONICA INSTALLATION.

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SPACE ASSIGNED IN L.D.TERMINAL QUARTERS - BUT HAD TO BE CLEARED OF PRESENT A.F.H.Q. OCCUPANCY - AND WILL HAVE TO HAVE A PARTITION REMOVED - TO CONVERT TWO SMALL ROOMS INTO ONE MEDIUM SIZED ONE. GOOD LOCATION ON FIRST FLOOR - ACROSS FROM PHONE SWBRD ROOM. PLANNED TO BE ABLE TO TAKE SIMILAR ITALIAN EQUIPMENT LATER. (5 BAYS IS A LOT OF SPACE FOR ONE TELEG. CARRIER SYSTEM)

POWER SUPPLY FOR 18-20 AMPS. 24 VOLTS NOT OBTAINABLE FROM PRESENT NAPLES L.D. SUPPLY. NEW POWER PLANT (LARGER) ABOUT TO BE INSTALLED. ESTD. COMPLETION - 3 WEEKS FROM 24 JUNE - ABOUT 15 JULY- GIGLI TRYING TO LOCATE TEMPORARY CONVERTER SUPPLY OUTFIT - BUT UNDER STAND EITHER HIGH GRADE FILTERS OR BATEERIES O NEITHER OF WHICH ARE AVA ARE AVAILABLE - WOULD ALSO BE REQUIRED.

RECOMMEND :BELIEVE LITTLE TO BE GAINED BY TEMP. POWER SUPPLY- WILL JULY 15 DATE COME CLOSE TO COINCIDING WITH CABLE FACILITIES AVAILABLITY - AND WILL PROBABLY BE CLOSE TO INSTALLATION COMPELETION AT NAPLS END.

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3. NAPLES ROME ACC PHONE CIRCUITS.

PERKHEISER P.B.S. TOLD ME TODAY - THAT IN PROSPECTIVE ASSIGNMENTS OF NAPLES - ROME FONE CCTSTHERE WERE 6 CHANNELS SHOWN FOR A.C.C. HE ADDED THAT TWO OF THEM WOUD NOT WORK.

ASSUMED THAT THESE ARE FOR ITALIAN GOVT. USE - MENTIONED EARLIER BY COL. HENDERSON TO MAJ. KNAUER. WOULD NOT EXPECT THAT ANY PRIVATE CIRCUITS WOULD BE CUT IN TO VAPOR BOARD FOR A.C.C. NAPLES-ROME USE, UNDER PROSPECTIVE ULTIMATE DISPOSITION OF SWBRD.

HAVE PLACED IN HANDS OF CAPT. BRIDGEMAN - WITH DISCUSSION FIRST WITH HIM - CALVANESE (STATE TEL) AND SANTA MAURO (S.E.T.)

PLANNED - TO ADD TWO POSITIONS TO PRESENT STATE SW. BRD. (IN QUARTERS IN REAR OF DEMOLISHED STATE L.D.BLDG.) LARGE ENOUGH TO TAKE THE ROME CIRCUITS AND SOME OTHERS WHICH MAY BECOME AVAILABLE - AND PROBABLY BE LARGE ENOUGH TO HANDLE STATE L.D. BUSINESS UNTIL THEY TAKE OVER TO 12 POSITION SWBRD. WHICH IS TO REPLACE PRESENT MILITARY L.D. SWBRD. AT NAPLES - AFTER MILITARY IS FINISHED WITH IT.

50 PAIRS CABLE MADE GOOD BETWEEN THIS SWBRD. AND NAPLES L.D. OFFICE TO TRUNK CCTS OVER.

TRUNKS ALSO PLANNED TO REACH S.E.T. INTERURBAN SWBRD. WHICH WILL HAVE CONNECTED INITIALLY SHORT LINES, SUCH AS TORRE DEL GRECO-TORRE A - CASTELEMARRE - AND LINES IN SORRENTO AREA WHEN RELEASED BY DIST. 3. WILL GROW AS LINES TO NOLA- AVELLINO- BENEVENTO ETC. ARE ACTIVATED.

15 TOLL SWITCHING TRUNKS AGAIN REQUESTED(BY CAPT. B.THIS TIME) TO EACH NOLANO AND AMBDEO DIAL OFFICES FOR STATE SW.BRD. EQUIVALENT CABLE PAIRS RELEASED BY CAPT. B. FROM P.A.D. SERVICE NOW DISCONTINUED. STILL SOME QUESTION ON SECURITY A/C ITALIAN PERSONNEL ON SAME TRUNK BOARD WITH MILITARY OPERATION - BUT MAJ. BECK FAVORABLY INCLINED.

4. ACC RADIO.

HANDLING COMPARATIVELY SMALL LOAD - BUT CONSIDERED NECESSARY SO LONG AS WIRE CCTS ARE USED FOR TELETYPE - AS CHARACTERS ARE MUTILATED AT FREQUENT PERIODS ON TELETYPE - ALSO DELAYS IN GETTING THROUGH R.A.C. TELETYPE SWBRD.

"CLEAR" MESSAGE SENT HAS BEEN EXPLAINED. NAPLES MSG. CLKS AND RADIO OPR'S. INSTRUCTED TO SEND NO CLEAR MSGS. VIA RADIO - REGARDLESS OF AUTHENTICATION - PER ORDERS COL. HENDERSON.

INDICATIONS HERE THAT ROME END OF RADIO LINK IS NOT EXCLUSIVE A.C.C. AND THAT STATION IS ACCESSIBLE TO AND USED BY OTHER SENDERS. NO PROBLEMS INVOLVED FOR US.

5. VAPOR TELEHONES.

LT. COL. JARRELL WANTED WAC OPERATORS RETURNED ON JULY 1ST AS WE HAD INFORMED HIM WE COULD MANAGE. DELAYED H.Q. MOVE AND PRESENT UNCERTAINTY OR KNOWLEDGE OF DATE EXPLAINED TO HIM. HEARD HIM PHONE .HIS C.S.O. ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT LOAD - SERVICE TER-MINATIONS ETC AND FINALLY SAY THAT OF COURSE HE COULD "PULL" OPERATORS AND LEAVE US WITHOUT SERVICE - PRESENT STATUS GIVES US NO COMMITMENTS - BUT WE STILL HAVE OPERATORS. WE ARE DOING SOME AM. CIPHER WORK FOR HIM TO HELP OUT ON HIS PEAK LOADS LATELY DEVELOPED.

VAPOR SW. BRD. LOAD DIMINISHED VERY LITTLE - DESPITE PARTIAL PERSONNEL WITHDRAWAL. 11 DIAL TRUNKS - L.D. LINES AND 3 SALERNO LINES ALL BUSY AT TIMES. MOVING ALL A.C.C. POST OFFICE SECTIONS 29TH - TO OUTSIDE QUARTERS EXCEPT REGT. HQ. BIG TELEPHONE JOB ON SHORT NOTICE.

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6. SWITCH BOARDS AND TELEPHONES - FOR ITALIAN GOVT. USE.

100 LINE MAGNETO SW. BRD . MODIFIED AS WE ORDERED OF S.E.T. AND 50 NEW MAGNETO (HAND SET TYPE) TELEPHONES - CRATED IN 5 BOXES OF TEN FONES EACH - STORED IN POWER CONTROL ROOM - OFF DRIVE IN INSIDE PROVENCIA BLDG. READY FOR SHIPMENT.

3 - 100 LINE SWBRDS (MAGNETO) RECEIVED FROM ITAL. GOVT. BY S.E.T. FOR A.C.C NOW IN HANDS OF S.I.E.L.T.E. FOR MODIFICATION THE SAME AS ON ABOVE 100 LINE BOARD. WILL BE RETURNED TO STORAGE AT S.E.T. FOR HQ. ACC. CALL.

3 - 50 LINE SWBRD. NOT TO BE MODIFIED - SAME STATUS.I.E STORED WITH S.E.T. FOR ACC HQ. CALL.

150 MAGNETO TELEPHONES - TO BE CRATED AND STORED - SAME AS ABOVE.

CAPTAIN. BRIDGEMAN FULLY INFORMED ON THIS ITEM.

7. SUPPLIES AND TOOLS.

TOOLS FROM STATE RY. SUPPLY DEPOT - FOR CIRCOLO (STATE PP& TT) FOR ALL REGIONS - MATTER TURNED OVER TO CAPT. BRIDGEMAN - WHO HAS INSTRUCTED NAPLES CIRCOLO TO DRAW AND STORE THEM - USING ONLY A PORTION FOR THEM SELVES - AFTER APPROVAL OF ITALIAN MISISTRY.

8. TELEGRAPH SERVICE-

BAUDOT WORKING TO ABOUT FIVE MAIN POINTS INSOUTHERN ITALY AND SICILY. MORSE WORKING TO NEARBY POINTS ALONG ROUTE TO CORRE A. ASKED CAPT. B. TO GET POZZULOI WORKING AS OPEN WIRE ROUTE (NAVY) IS AVAILABLE. GIGLI PHONED ME ABOUT THIS.

TRANSPORT GENERALLY UNAVAILABLE -EXCEPT INTERMITTENTLY. ITALIAN REQUISITIONED TRUCKS OF NO VALUE.

IF ROME AREA HAS ANY TRANSPORT WHICH COULD BE DIVERTED TO NAPLE CIRCOLO IT WOULD BE A GOOD MOVE. COULD USE AT LEAST THREE GOOD MEDIUM SIZED (2-1/2/ TON) TRUCKS.

9. CIPHER -

SMALL DETACHMENT (AM) FROM HERE GOING TO ROME TODAY PER ARRANGEMENTS WITH COL. HENDERSON AND MAJ. SCUDDER.

RECOMMEND THAT ALL MSG.CENTER AND CIPHER PERSONNEL WHO HAVE SERVED US HERE AND WHO KNOW OUR WORK - BE ULTIMATELY MOVED TO ROME AND NOT LET SOME NEWCOMERS GET SO PLACED AS TO PREVENT THIS.

G.W.KNAUER
MAJOR.

P.S. TELEGRAPH CENSORSHIP- P.O. BLDG. FORCED TO MOVE WITH OTHERS. LOCATED TEMPORARILY IN PRVENCIA BLDG. WILL HAVE TO FORCE "TEDNA" OR PPTT DIRECTOR TO COMBINE SOME EXISTING ITALIAN PERSONNEL IN FAIRLY USEABLE PORTION OF BULIDING NEAR HIS OFFICE - TO COMBINE OFFICES AND PROVIDE ONE FOR TELEG. CENSORS. CAN MANAGE IF WORTH WHILE - TO HAVE CENSORS NEAR THE TELEGRAPH WORK.

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APO 394

10 July 1944

GENERAL ORDER)
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Reorganization And Appointments Affecting Economic Section.....I
Appointment of Directors of Industry and Transportation Sub-Commissions...II
Appointment of Deputy Directors of Commerce, Industry, and Transportation Sub-Commissions.....III

I --- RECRGANIZATION AND APPOINTMENTS AFFECTING ECONOMIC SECTION.

A. Announcement is made of the establishment and creation of the Industry Sub-Commission, effective 9 July 1944, from the Industry and Commerce Sub-Commission, and of the redesignation of the latter as Commerce Sub-Commission, of which Colonel W. S. EVANS, 291734, General Staff, will continue as Director.

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Transportation Sub-Commission	Colonel DICKENS S. ADAMS, 0131663, Corps of Engineers

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Industry Sub-Commission	Colonel J. S. E. TODD, 135161, General Staff
Transportation Sub-Commission	Lieutenant Colonel L. E. VINING, M.B.E., E.D. (Ind.), 83262, Royal Engineers

By order of Captain STONE:

A. J. COLLINS
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Assistent Secretary General

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In reply refer to: TPS/17/1

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7 April, 1944

Subject : Italian Government Communications.

To : The Under-Secretary of State for FP.TT.

1. Three copies of C.S.O. L. of C. Italy letter No.X/21/21 dated 5 April are forwarded herewith.

2. None of the circuits South of Salerno allotted to Italian Government / A.C.C will be required for the exclusive use of A.C.C., though we shall require to be able to make use of the circuits as "common user".

3. Would you be good enough to supply a statement as to what circuits are now working for the Italian Government on the Salerno - Naples and Salerno - Potenza - Bari underground cables.

J.L.Henderson
Colonel
Director, Telecommunications and Posts Sub-Commission

Top copy delivered by hand to Miss Gilt

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Lt Col Millar - 10 May

He wrote - copy of "letter" instructions - finally issued - instead of an second regional order. Capt Budgeman told order a notice in newspaper

Scott Thomas - Macon

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. Army

10 May 1944

CU-418

SUBJECT: Extension of Telegraph Service

TO : Direttore Guerrieri, Poste & Telegrafi.

1. Further regarding Regional Order Nº 40 issued by Regional, Headquarters A.C.C. authorizing civilian Telegraph Service to Naples and other cities in the south. This is your authority to extend telegraph service up to the limit of the present postal mail services in the Province of Naples.

2. From those cities in Naples Province that do not have telegraph service messages will be sent by postal service to Naples where it will be transmitted to its destination by telegraph. The same applies to telegrams received in Naples by telegraph to cities without telegraph connections.

3. The public should be advised as to this method of sending telegrams.

4. The regular telegraph tariff will be charged from the station where the telegram is received to the destination.

JOHN A. BRIDGEMAN
Captain Spec. Res.
Telecomm. Officer
Region 3, ACC.

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Director
D. Director
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P.O.
Comm. L.O.
Chief Clerk
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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29TH APRIL, 1944.

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ORDER WIRES FROM ITALIAN STATE SWITCH BOARD TO "B" BOARDS AT AMADEO AND NOLANO, NAPLES.

TO : DIRECTOR, COMMUNICATIONS SUB-COMMISSION,
REAR HEADQUARTERS ACC.

1. AN ITALIAN GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE REQUESTED MAJOR KNAUER TO ARRANGE FOR TWO ORDER WIRES BETWEEN THE ITALIAN STATE TELEPHONE SWITCH BOARD AND THE "B" TRUNK BOARDS AT EACH OF THE NAPLES EXCHANGES; AMADEO AND NOLANO, IF SUCH ARRANGEMENT WOULD BE PERMITTED.

2. BY LETTER OF 24 APRIL, MAJOR KNAUER REQUESTED P.B.S. SIGNALS TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL AND ADVISE. INFORMATION WAS INCLUDED TO POINT OUT THAT THE ITALIAN DAILY CALLS INTO THE LOCAL DIAL SYSTEM HAD GROWN TO 200 PER DAY WITH A BUSY HOUR LOAD, AND THAT DELAYS WERE FREQUENTLY ENCOUNTERED IN THE USE OB DIAL LINES WHICH TIED UP THE LONG DSITANCE CIRCUITS IN USE.

3. THE ARRANGEMENT PROPOSED WAS FORMERLY USED BY THE LONG DISTANCE ORGANIZATION, WHEREIN THE L.D. OPERATOR HAD ORDER WIRE ACCESS TO THE SPECIAL OPERATORS HEAD SET. THE SPECIAL OPERATOR RINGS CALLED NUMBERS BY DIRECT MANUAL CONNECTION TO THE SUBSCRIBERS MULTIPLE.

4. THE P.B.S. SIGNALS PLANT DIVISION HAS REPLIED TO MAJOB KNAUER TO THE EFFECT THAT THE PROPOSAL IS DISAPPRIVED, FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

A- THE AFHQ SIGNAL SECTION, WHO ARE OPERATING THESE B BOARDS DO NOT DESIRE THAT THE BOARDS BE OPERATED BY ITALIAN PERSONNEL.

B THE FACILITY SITUATION FROM BOTH NOLANO AND AMADEO TO THE CENTRAL PART OF THE CITY IS SUCH THAT ONLY MOST URGENT MILITARY INSTALLATIONS MAY BE INSTALLED AT THE PRESENT TIME.

. IT IS THE OPINION OFVTHIS OFFICE THAT THE REQUEST FOR TWO ORDER WIRES TO EACH EXCHANGE IS EXCESSIVE IN VIEW OF THE NUMBER OF TOLL CIRCUITS TERMINATING ON THE STATE SWITCHBOARD.

5. IT SEEMS PROBABLE THAT THE BEST ALTERNATIVE COULD BE TO REQUEST P.B.S. FOR ONE OR TWO ADDITIONAL DIAL LINES TO THE STATE SWITCHBOARD TO SUPPLEMENT THE TWO EXISTING LINES.

6. NO DOUBT THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD BE TOLD WHY THEIR REQUEST HAS BEEN DISAPPROVED AND THEIR IDEAS SOLICITED AS TO REMEDIAL ACTION ALTERNATIVE OF REQUESTING MORE DIAL LINES TO THE SWITCH BOARD. ALSO YOU MAY WANT TO POINT OUT THE NECESSITY FOR CONFINING THE USE OF THESE LINES TO ONLY BUSINESS CALLS FROM THE TOLL CIRCUITS.

Geo W Knauer
GEO. W. KNAUER,
MAJOR, SPEC-RES.

Copy in TS/17/1 Now sent to Region (Catania) (copy no. 34) file TS/4/4

Subject - State U/G Cable - Allocation of Circuits and Maintenance. ATENA - REGGIO - CATANIA - PALERMO.

CONFIDENTIAL

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4 Apr 44

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1. It has been agreed to provide A.C.C. (Italian Govt.) with the following circuits in the State U/G Cable :-

NAPLES - SALERNO	-	6	4 ACC, 2 Govt
SALERNO - BARI	-	6	1 ACC, 5 Govt.
SALERNO - SICILY	-	3	
SALERNO - REGGIO	-	3	

2. The NAPLES - SALERNO and SALERNO - BARI circuits have all been provided. In addition there are now working two Harmonica (Italian teleprinter) circuits NAPLES - SALERNO.

3. The SALERNO - SICILY and SALERNO - REGGIO circuits, all 4-wire, are to be provided when the rehabilitation of the State U/G Cable between ATENA and CATANIA is completed, which is expected within the next four weeks.

(a) In this section of the cable the following 4-wire military circuits are to be provided. These circuits are apart from military circuits within SICILY or between SICILY and REGGIO, whose provision is controlled by C.S.O. 1 District :

NAPLES L.D. - REGGIO
NAPLES L.D. - CATANIA
NAPLES L.D. - PALERMO
CROTONE RAF - CATANIA No.1 (working)
CROTONE RAF - CATANIA No.2 (working)
CAP VATTIGANO (VIBO) RAF - CATANIA (2-wire) (working)

One 4-wire speaker circuit NAPLES - REGGIO will be provided.

(b) Altogether when the ATENA - REGGIO section is completed there will be a minimum of 10 through 4-wire circuits for which it is proposed to provide equipment.

3 Military (extended into SICILY)
6 A.C.C. (3 extended into SICILY).
1 Speaker
10 Total.

Eventually there may be one music (radio) pair.

(c) In addition, equipment will be left in place for a certain number of intermediate 2-wire circuits. None of these are required at present for military use. They will be set up by the Italian Govt. (ACC) as required for their own purposes.

(d) Upon completion of rehabilitation full control of the circuit allocation excepting the above mentioned military circuits, and maintenance responsibility between ATENA and REGGIO will be [illegible]

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provided when the rehabilitation of the State U/G Cable between ATENA and [illegible] is completed, which is expected within the next four weeks.

(a) In this section of the cable the following 4-wire military circuits are to be provided. These circuits are apart from military circuits within SICILY or between SICILY and REGGIO, whose provision is controlled by C.S.C. 1 District :

NAPLES L.D. - REGGIO
NAPLES L.D. - CATANIA
NAPLES L.D. - PALERMO
CROTONE RAF - CATANIA No.1 (working)
CROTONE RAF - CATANIA No.2 (working)
CAP VATTICANO (VIBO) RAF - CATANIA (2-wire) (working)

One 4-wire speaker circuit NAPLES - REGGIO will be provided.

(b) Altogether when the ATENA - REGGIO section is completed there will be a minimum of 10 through 4-wire circuits for which it is proposed to provide equipment.

3 Military (extended into SICILY)
6 A.C.C. (5 extended into SICILY).
1 Speaker
10 Total.

Eventually there may be one music (radio) pair.

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(d) Upon completion of rehabilitation full control of the circuit allocation excepting the above mentioned military circuits, and maintenance responsibility between ATENA and REGGIO will pass to the Italian State organisation, with the reservation that, should circumstances require, any or all circuits may be taken back for military purposes.

(e) The Italian State Administration organisation will be responsible for overall operational maintenance. For U/G cable repair and maintenance O.C. U/G Cable Coy will arrange to organise and make available to the State Administration sufficient SIRTI technical personnel and jointing crews. This personnel will be under direct operational control of the State Administration, though the organisation and [illegible] individuals may be varied as military necessities require.

(f) Within SICILY and SICILY to REGGIO circuit allocation is controlled by C.S.O. 1 District.

INITIAL ALLOCATION ATENA - REGGIO.

4. Upon completion of the repair, equipment and cable pairs will be available to provide the circuits below and which it is proposed to set up at once.

ALLIED FORCES:

1 4-wire NAPLES - CATANIA Trunks.
1 4-wire NAPLES - PALERMO (I.B.S.)

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1-4 wire- Naples - Reggio (Merrcants Switchboard)
2-4 wire- Catania- Catanzaro (U.G.) + Crotone (O.H.) (RAF) (working)
1-2 wire- Catania- Vibo (U.G.) - Cap Vatticano (O.H.) (RAF) (working)

ITALIAN ARMY:

1-2 wire- Cosenza - Catanzaro. (working)
1-2 wire- Catanzaro-Reggio. (working)
1-2 wire- Catanzaro-Vibo. (working)
1-2 wire- Vibo -- Palmi. (working)
1-2 wire- Palmi -- Reggio. (working)

A.C.C. & CIVIL:

1-4 wire- Salerno - Palermo.
1-4 wire- Salerno - Catania.
1-4 wire- Salerno - Messina.
1-4 wire- Salerno - reggio.
1-2 wire- Salerno - Cosenza.
1-2 wire- Salerno - Catanzaro.
1-2 wire- Cosenza - Castrovillari.
1-2 wire- Potenza - Catanzaro.
1-2 wire- Cosenza - Reggio.
1-2 wire- Catanzaro-Reggio.
1-2 wire- Potenza - Lagonegro. (unrepeated)

SPEAKER CIRCUITS:

1-4 wire- Naples - Reggio.
Between all adjacent stations.

(a) Insofar as the Italian Army and ACC Civil circuits are concerned it is understood that the above circuits are as discussed and agreed between representatives of the Italian State Telephone Administration, the Italian Government and ACC. However the terminations may be changed in the ATENA-REGGIO Section by the Italian Administration, within the availibility of the equipment left in place when the Italian administration takes over as provided above.

(b) Within Sicily and Sicily to Reggio any changes in circuit allocation on terminations will be controlled by CSO 1 DISTRICT.

Note: Full control over the NAPLES-SALERNO-ATENA-BARI cable is retained by CSO L of C Italy.

5. It will be noted from the above list that initially there is a total of only 8 through 4 wire circuits from Atena to Reggio. This is because there is only one 8 circuit military repeater at CASTRO VILLARI. Ultimately it is proposed to install 12 civil type 4-wire repeaters and 5 2-wire repeaters with associated equipment from Sicily, thereby releasing the 8 circuit military repeater.

(a) Installation of the 12 civil type 4-wire repeaters will bring CASTRO-VILLARI in line with the other repeater stations between Atena and Reggio and will [illegible] 8 [illegible] 4 wire circuits Atena - Reggio and 2

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1-4 wire- Salerno - Reggio.
1-2 wire- Salerno - Cosenza.
1-2 wire- Salerno - Catanzaro.
1-2 wire- Cosenza - Castrovillari.
1-2 wire- Potenza - Catanzaro.
1-2 wire- Cosenza - Reggio.
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(a) Installation of the 12 civil type 4-wire repeaters will bring CASTROVILLARI in line with the other repeater stations between Atena and Reggio and will make possible the provision of 2 additional 4-wire circuits Atena - Reggio and 2 additional 4-wire circuits Atena - Tiriolo. This installation is dependent upon the reconstruction of the damaged repeater station at CASTROVILLARI by the Italian State Administration.

6. A music circuit between NAPLES and PALERMO, or intermediate points can be provided on completion of the cable repair if the following equipment is provided:-

1 Music Repeater for CASTROVILLARI (to be replaced later by civil apparatus from CALTANISETTA.)
1 Music Repeater for VIBO
1 Music Repeater for MILLI MARINA
1 Music Repeater for CALTANISETTA

(a) / Sheet "3"

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(a) P.W.B. are understood to be obtaining suitable music repeaters from the U.S. and in the meantime are providing Tp 7 repeaters which will be installed by O.C. Underground Cable Coy.

(i) It is hoped that it will be possible, at a later date, to repair one repeater for VIBO from the damaged civil repeaters at VIBO and MILLI MARINA.

Lyman B. Tucker

LYMAN B. TUCKER,
Major, Signal Corps.
for / Colonel,
C.S.O. L. of C., ITALY.

In the field.

DISTRIBUTION:-

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For Information : C.S.O. A.F.H.Q. (Attn: Wire Div.) (3)
C.S.O. A.A.I. (2)
C.S.O. A.C.C. (5)
C.S.O. 1 District. (2)
C.S.O. 2 District. (1)
C.S.O. 3 District. (2)
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT REGION III
APO 394

25 March, 1944

MEMO:

Civilian Telegraph Service Out Of Naples.

1. The purpose of this Memo is to record the status of civilian telegraph restoral program for service out of Naples.

2. No civilian telegraph service has been approved or authorized as of this date, but work has been underway in anticipation of service restoral, as follows:

3. The State Telegraph equipment such as could be salvaged from the badly damaged portion of the Post Office Bldg. has been temporarily set up in the P.O. basement and is ready for operation.

4. A temporary power plant of small size has been set up - but requires 2 litres sulphuric acid and 4 litres distelled water for the storage batteries. This has been requested of Region III, Industrial Controller by letter 22 March from Region III, Telecomm. & Postal Section - Major Knauer. No emergency battery charging equipment is available and the battery reserve would suffice only for a few hours at heavy load period in case of commercial power failure.

5. Clean up work on unused wires and making plant safe on the two O/W routes Naples to Caserta - via Cancello (along R.R.) had been abandoned because of lack of transport. Further work on these lines, as well as on the more northerly route - Naples to Caserta - also to Benevento - has been temporarily abandoned after discussion between Major Knauer and the P.B.S. and L.of C. wire officers, in consideration of the general features of Military circuit usage, limited advantage of work available and more worth while work available elsewhere.

6. Repair of two 50 pair cables between Naples P.O. - and Galileo Ferraris had not been started. P.B.S. officers thought some sections had been used by Military. Circolo Ing.Lanuerti has checked and advised Major Knauer that the two cables are not in use in any part, that each needs damaged sections repaired in 6005 places, and that each cable is 50 pairs unloaded and unquadded.

7. Repair of the cables (Par.6) would be desirable to provide entrance of telegraph service to Naples. The only cable splicer available lives at Caserta. Either transport to and from Caserta or rations for sustenance while working in Naples was requested. See letter of 25 March by Major Knauer to P.B.S. through A.C.C.

Seen:- Col. [illegible]
Col. [illegible]

Recd. 26 Mar. 44.

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Liaison Officer requesting rations.

8. Repairs of O/H wire circuits between Naples and Salerno promise to be the most productive use of Circolo Construction forces. Region III Capt. Bridgeman had earlier started action along this line. Completion requires; a plan which has been authorized by L.of C. - per their 22 January letter to Signal Officer A.M.G. - transport of at least two good trucks, coordination of program with Circolo District heads in Salerno, and coordination with L.of C. concerning route of by passing some badly damaged sections or complete line use by Military, in some sections between Pompeii and Salerno.

9. Circolo Construction Commander Rossi and Ing. Lamberti are going to Salerno to coordinate their recommendations with Salerno District Circolo Heads.

10. Major Knauer has requested them to then furnish recommendation as to wire circuits which can be rehabilitated for civilian service along the R.R. between Naples and Salerno.

11. The recommendation must then be authorized by L.of C. as to location of wires to be repaired. Major Tucker has agreed to visit the job with Major Knauer particularly with regard to providing facilities in some sections completely destroyed or completely used by Military.

12. When a program has been approved, transport must be supplied. Also it is necessary to determine which wires already repaired between Naples and Torre el Greco, remain unused by Military and available for the civilian telegraph program.

13. The restoral of two small passenger cars to use of Ing.Lamberti of Circolo and General Superintendent Piccoli of Italcables is desirable. These cars have been requisitioned. They belong to relatives of the men mentioned. Ing. Lamberti needs the one for supervising the Circolo Construction Co. work. Superintendent Piccoli needs the other for travel pertaining to restoration of special telegraph services of his company southward through Italy and into Sicily. Major Knauer requested the Region III transportation office to locate these cars on 11 March- 44.

14. Deputy Director - Cav. Gioffre Luigi of Circolo Construction Co. agreed verbally 25 March with Major Knauer to provide data to show; the number and type of services which could be operated with salvaged equipment now set up in P.O. Bldg; the equipment which would be needed for later complete service out of Naples; and equipment which would be necessary to again serve the purposes wherein it is known or believed that equipment is destroyed.

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15. State Telegraph, Circolo Construction and Italcable officials claim to have been advised through their own channels that some circuits are to be made available through the state cable between Naples and Salerno. By some use of these circuits they hope to start

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some civilian telegraph service. The writer understands that one or possibly two cable circuits may be turned over - Naples Salerno- "to the government" and the uses of the circuits will be of their choice. The Military authorization of civilian telegraph service would still be required if the Italian Government allocated some use of the circuits to civilian telegraph usage - also a public notice or regional orderwould be required, to outline the civilian uses to be made available.

16. Cable circuits for civilian telegraph promise to remain limited for an appreciable period. Therefore rehabilitation of open wire circuits between Salerno and Naples remains desirable, to connect with other wire net works which are being energized or already exist farther south.

17. No program has been started for other portions of provinces of Naples, Benevento and Avellino areas. Military uses or restrictions appears to restrict for the present any production in these areas, except, some service could no doubt be restored on unused or undamaged lines to some vicinities, after the more important work outlined has been completed.

Region III Telecomm. & Postal Section.

George W. Knauer

GEORGE W. KNAUER
Major Spec. Res.

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TRANSLATION OF LETTER FROM THE
CIRCOLO COSTRUZIONE CO.

Naples - 27/3/44

Allied Military Government
Signal Office - Naples
Major Knauer

E.P.C. S/E.Fano Undersecretary of Communications
Salerno

SUBJECT: Reactivation of Telegraph Circuits

On the 25th. of this month, the undersigned, together with assistant Director Ing. Lamberti, met in Salerno to confer with S/E.Fano, Undersecretary of Communications, where instructions were received about the program relative to the reactivation of telegraph service between Naples and the liberated zones.

It was in agreement with what was verbally asked by Major Tucker of Ing. Lamberti, that a presentation of a plan of telegraph circuits reactivation, subject to the approval of the Signal Office.

His Excellency Dr. Fano, therefore disposed that the above mentioned program should be as follows:

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(a) Restoration of eight circuits on Naples- Torre-Salerno line, of which six circuits for service between Naples and Salerno and the other two circuits for Naples-Castellammare di Stabia. For the Naples - Torre line, where already a crew of workmen are working, the restoral of the eight communications could be expected within a few days, while for the Torre - Salerno, there is need to ask Allied authorities for the authorization to place on the existing palification along the State railroad, a cross-bar of eight places, with six lines for Salerno; for the Torre-Castellammare line, this Circolo must yet provide, and will provide quickly, to replace in working order the palification.

(b) Restoration of the four circuits between Naples and Avellino on the palification along the State Railway between Poggioriale and Casalnuovo, along the secondary Railway between Casalnuovo and Biano and along State Highway No. 7 between Baiano and Avellino. 6002

(c) Restoration of four circuits between Naples and Benevento on the same palification of which Para (a-b) and on the palification along the State Railway between Avellino and Benevento.

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(d) Restoration of the Omnibus Communications between Benevento and the comunes of the same province.

It was presented to His Excellency Dr. Fano that it is necessary and indespensable that this Circolo be furnished with two Military vehicles for the transportation of poles and all the other line materials; not only that, personnel in that locality are not served by railway or any other means of locomotion.

However, this Circolo awaits for the relative disposition on the part of the authority who presented it and directed it.

Director
Signed- E.Rossi

Lamberti

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[illegible] REPORT ON TOUR OF [illegible] IN SICILY [illegible]

1. General. The tour lasted from 5th to 16th March. The [illegible] are shown in appendix A. The object was the extension of civilian telegraph and telephone services in N. Italy and Sicily.

2. Arrangements in Rome Vicinity. One of the details are given in appendix B to make the general arrangements above below clearer.

(a) Anzio & Colleferro: The exchange is not in operation and no junction exists. Count Pellegrini was present and will look into this. The exchange is not very important.

Anzio: The line to Montevillari is working. The director of telephones stated that part of the trouble was destined for returns and a direct line would be very helpful.x Lepore also want to have one line to return and one to Montevillari. (Inland)

(b) Anzio & Nettuno: The direct Montevillari and Nettuno and will have a single line to Anzio shortly. The exchange is functioning fully.

There is a considerable amount of wreck to underground and aerial cables in the area. Most the underground cable of 200 have been reconnected. Large sizes of aerial cable of the order of 100 pairs are involved in the damage.

Telegraph: Most of the telegraph equipment has been damaged, chiefly the coils of relays. These will be repaired using obsolete spare parts. Tension, duplex and [illegible] repeaters are available. If necessary, equipment will be sent from Palermo. The director of telegraphs stated that he has been forbidden to extend a service more centre east, and has never received an instruction to cancel this. It was made clear to him that there was no military objection to the extension of a telegraph service, which would be shorter the interests and to Montevillari.

(c) Anzio & Velletri: The civilian authorities have not been the use of the junctions to Anzio and Nettuno, these being connected to an Italian military establishment. The area management ends at the Nettuno area. It has been suggested to us, that the lines be transferred to the civilian bodies. A line exists to Terracina.

The Italian army has two circuits between Terracina and Anzio, one physical and one carrier.

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A fair amount of aerial cable damage exists in the area, and 40 out of 200 connections have been disconnected.

Palestrina: A large amount of cable, fixed and [illegible] equipment is in good repair. The area service is being [illegible]

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(c) Telegraph & Telephone : The Lucena centralized telephone and telegraph exchange will soon be ready. Line to Tagbilo shortly. The switchboard is functioning fully.

There is a considerable amount of damage to underground and aerial cables in the town. About 25% subscribers out of 500 have been reconnected. Large stocks of aerial cable of the order of 100 pairs are involved in the damage.

Telegraph: Most of the telegraph equipment has been damaged, chiefly the coils of relays. These will be repaired using Japanese spare parts. Morse, Hughes and Baudot equipment are available. If necessary, equipment will be sent from Batangas. The director of telegraphs stated that he had been forbidden to consider a service with Manila yet, and had never received an instruction to extend this. It was made clear to him that there was no military objection to the introduction of a telegraph service, which could be started who Batangas and is centralized.

(d) Batangas & Telephone : The civilian authorities were now from the use of the functions to operate the Tagbilo, these being connected to an Italian military switchboard. The same arrangement exists at the Batangas end. It has been suggested to Mr. Dunn that the lines be transferred to the civilian service. A line exists to Batangas.

The Italian army has two circuits between Batangas and Tagbilo, one physical and one carrier.

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A fair amount of aerial cable damage exists in the town, but 50 out of 500 subscribers have been reconnected.

Telegraph : A large amount of cable, Morse and Hughes equipment is in good repair, and some service is being given to the Italians. No civilian service is given at Batangas.

(e) Tagbilo Interior Telephone. A few hundred subscribers are connected out of about 1,500. Aerial construction having been extensively made Tagbilo has a line to the Italian army switchboard in Batangas via equipment above.

Telegraphs. All the services is connected by telegraph. Tagbilo connected by one line to Batangas and Lucena, working therefore by relay at Lucena. Morse and Hughes equipment exists in good order and also the Baudot set used previously for Dunn. No service is available at Lucena and in operation at the time of the visit, telegraph cables having been disconnected. One Baudot cable is connected out to Dunn.

(f) Lucena & Telephone. The 10-position automatic switchboard operation G.N.T. Dunn are in use by Lucena staff for military only. The C.O.S. No. 2 platform appears that is of the type

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the lines could be used for use operation by civilians. Positions to Jaroslav, Tulcan, Zimnan and Gotenlochen are connected to an all switchboard. They will now be connected to the intervention board. Some 200 civilian and military lines are separated to the automatic plant, on are working.

There is no local telephone service in the province and it would be wrong to function normal.

Telegraphs. There are many poles and branch and a considerable number in good order. In provincial telegraph the wires are working on channels of orange to Kosice. Arrangements have been made with the CCC for a telephone circuit to function on one of the telephone lines. The telephone wire collected and must be checked and repaired. When the cable has been repaired, a channelled circuit will be in operation. A TT channel to Kosice exists.

(f) Airport Telephones. On the automatic system, 130 out of 160 subscribers have been reconnected. The manual board, which a combined subscriber's multiple and intervention board, is not in use. The functions - and engine, are internal and connected to a very small PBX at the H. The U.S.S. boxes will be brought into use be agreed with the CCC, and the functions transferred.

At present however all of the level 9 and level 8 relay sets are in use by the military, so that new circuits will be required. The matter has been referred to H. Sigilo. The attempt to circle and the U.S.S. should be call to make up the equipment.

1 line will be installed for CCC. This has been left to certain revolution.

Telegraphs. A telegraph party go to set in Stropo and telegram and to send via telephone. A telegraph cable has been manned as in (E) above.

(g) Subscribers, Trunk Lines: The exchange is working with one line to each of Ipolyság, Balassa, Gyarmat and Nagy, but none of the provincial lines is connected on account to overhead lines and circuits.

400 out of 600 subscribers are connected.

Telegraph Lines: cable to Salgótarján, Ipolyság and Balassa. A few overhead circuits are in operation.

(h) Internal Telephones: 200 (75) civilian and 75 military subscribers are connected out of 1500 subscribers. Positions cable to Salgótarján, Ipolyság and Vámosi (Ipolyság and Nagy). The connection existing here is of a temporary nature without multiple installed under the conditions. CCC. ZK has no objection to the boxes being run by the government.

J.T. Dept has made arrangements to install a small intervention board in the route and telegraph hall.

It has been suggested to him that it might be possible to install the intervention multiple board in Salgótarján and also

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(a) [illegible] subscribers have been [illegible]. The manual board, which a subscriber's multiple on an intervening board, is not in use. The junctions - one Regina, one Estevan were connected to a very small [illegible] at [illegible]. The [illegible] board will be brought into use as agreed with the GM, and the junctions transferred.

At present however all of the level 9 and level 0 relay sets are in use by the military, so that new circuits will be required. The matter has been referred to Mr. Eagle. The circuit is simple and the [illegible] should be obtained to make up the equipment.

[illegible] will be installed [illegible]. This has been left to Captain Brooksbank.

Subscribers. A telegraph wire is not in force but telegrams can be sent via telephone. A telegraph line has been promised as in (c) above.

(c) Subscribers, Telephones. The exchange is working with one line to each of Estevan, Weyburn, Estevan and Regina. Not many of the provincial lines in connection as usage is on a toll basis now prevailing.

400 out of 600 subscribers are connected.

Telegraphs. Lines going to Estevan, Weyburn and Moosomin. A few provincial circuits are in operation.

(b) Military Telephones. Now 775 civilian and 75 military subscribers are connected out of 900 subscribers. Junctions going to Estevan, Moosomin and Weyburn (both of each pair). The exchange switchboard is a temporary nature without multiple installed under the conditions. GM. Mr. has no objection to the board being run by the government.

Mr. Pane has made arrangements to install a small intervening board in the route and telegraph call box.

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It has been suggested to him that it might be preferable to install the Stromberg multiple board in Moosomin rather than shift the board at present in that exchange to Estevan. The further arrangement would allow of trans-shipping to the backward subscribers as volume.

No provincial telephone lines are working on account of usage to the customer.

Telegraphs. Most of the equipment has been exchanged. A telegraph by circuit exists to Estevan and a few telegraph circuits are in use in the territories.

(d) Wireless Telephones. These correspondence exists as follows:-

(1) Inter-offices in use by military only. One has figures to allocate expected on for civilian use.

(2) S.C.T. Sets, in use by civilians.

(3) Intercontinental S.C.T. Sets (for overseas lines) not in

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use due to damage, will be repaired and brought into use.

A telephone circuit to Catania exists but may be subject to interruption for a few weeks while repairs to the cable are made permanent. Two telephone circuits to Reggio will be completed shortly.

A number of lines is working on the automatic exchange.

Telegraph: Full telephone working has been arranged to Catania, as stated in para 2(c). The CSO has authorized the use of a 4 core submarine telegraph cable to Reggio which has not been recovered and brought into use. Repair will probably be worked to Taranto, and Bari. A few Provincial lines are working.

There is a large amount of Postal and Horse equipment and some Nurses.

(j) Trapani and Marsala: Not visited but CSO has agreed that the switchboards and junctions may be transferred to Govt. control.

(k) Caltanissetta: Has a telephone switchboard with ten lines working. Telegraphs are working to Gela and part of the Province. Sufficient telegraph equipment is available. The military 30 CWT lorry has no headlamps. This has been raised with Lt. Giglio. The cylinder is oiling up badly.

3. Interviews

(a) Interviews with Major Sharp of CSO No.1 district: The following matters were discussed.

(1) Evolution of control of overhead routes. Demo of IC Morse issued.

(2) Authority requested to use positions at switchboards as mentioned above. Authority given. Direct telegraph cct. between Messina, Catania, & Syracuse, mentioned above.

(3) Discussion as to routes on which circuits should be employed first. Decision - Catania Palermo first. The route Catania - Caltanissetta - Palermo is in good condition and does not require very much work on it.

(4) Submarine Cables - Major Sharp will supply full details for information of ACC. Be permanent repair work of three telegraph cable across Straits

(b) Interviews with C.S.O., A.M.G.

(1) The CSO agreed that as IBS was very far-circuits, the routes could be handed over to Italian maintenance. Re-

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(h) Caltanissetta: Use of telephone switchboard and line working. Telegraphs are working to Cosenza and part of the Province. Sufficient telegraph equipment is available. The military GD CAT lorry has no headlamps. This has been raised with Lt.Giglio. One my inner is ailing up badly.

3. Interviews

(a) Interviews with Major Beard of 1st No.1 District: the following matters were discussed.

(1) Evolution of control of overhead routes. Issue of 10 March issued.

(2) Authority requested to use positions at switchboards as mentioned above. Authority given. Also telegraph, telegraph cos. between Messina, Catania, & Siracusa, mentioned above.

(3) Discussion as to routes on which Circuits should be employed first. Solution - Catania Palermo first. The route Catania - Caltanissetta - Palermo is in good condition and does not require very much work on it.

(4) Submarine Cables - Major Beard will supply full details for information of ACC. Re permanent repair of three telegraph cable across Straits

(b) Interviews with G.S.C., I.B.E.

(1) The GSC agreed that as IBE has very few circuits, the routes would be handed over to Italian maintenance. Reconstruction work could be done on any route provided there was no interference with the working circuits. Capt. Trevelyan will obtain details of these circuits and the circuits of the American Air Corps which do not come under IBE control.

(2) GSC has no objection to all civil switchboards in his area being operated by the IBE Coy.

(3) The delay in the transmission of telegrams between the Govt. and Civilians in Sicily was discussed. The delay was chiefly to the messages entering from Sicily. The routing was as follows:

Govt. - A.C.C. - Capt. Trevelyan for check of message contents after translation - ACC Ag. - IBE.AG - IBE Signal Centre.

Now routing:

Govt. - ACC AG. - IBE.AG. - IBE Signal Centre.

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Col. Mathews wishes to know the authority on which it is stated that no check of the contents of Govt. messages is necessary.

(c) Interview with Major Phelps, Civil Censorship Section I.B.2.

(1) In Sicily it was found that only the Prefect was authorised to make long distance telephone calls. Neither the new CMC No.1 Int. nor the subject to official calls being made if authorised by the Prefect or where there is no Prefect by the Head of the Carabinieri.

(2) Telegraph traffic to the mainland was permitted only for messages authorised by the Prefect. It was explained that on the mainland all civilians could send telegrams in King's Italy. The Civil Censorship Section sent a message to AFHQ with the result that all civilians in King's Italy except Sardinia may now send telegrams to any place in King's Italy except Sardinia.

(3) Major Phelps stated that the only reason why international telephone calls were not now permitted was lack of monitoring equipment. Some had arrived from USA, and a plan had been prepared showing the towns at which monitoring would take place. If the Italian Govt. would supply monitoring equipments there, almost any civilian would be permitted to make long distance calls so far as his Section was concerned. The information was passed to Lt. Gillie.

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(e) Interview with Col. Buchanan and Lt. Col. Keith.

(1) Col. Keith stated that it was essential that before the main cable was handed over, adequate arrangements should be made for the control of the cable and for the coordination of the work in the repeater stations in the lining up of circuits, etc. as there was no arrangement at present. I mentioned this to Mr. Fano later on his arrival.

(2) Col. Buchanan said that the main pole overhead route was in poor condition except for a few breaks, and that the Director of the Circuit in Naples should have done more work on the route.

I checked this up on arrival. At my request the Director was informed and also as regards the lack of attention on the part of his

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lineman to outline regulation of wires etc. He was also asked to get the work started. It was found that he had never received the 20 Ft. Van from No. [illegible] as it was in bad repair. The matter was raised by telegraph with Col. Henderson.

(3) Col. Buchanan agreed that before the cable was handed over, all of the circuits to be supplied to the Govt. would have been lined up. The cable would be maintained by Sicili Alleati stations probably at least at Naples and Taranto. Col. Keith asked me to visit his office as soon as possible to discuss various cable matters.

(f) Interview with Major Lentzner (?)

At my request, Col. Buchanan went with me to Major Lentzner's office. We found there that it was possible to buy telephone poles from civilians in lots of several thousands at about [illegible] per pole. This was explained later to Dr. Fano who arranged for quotations to be sent to him by certain firms. Col. Buchanan also made a note of this.

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Lt. Giglio was left with the Capt. to discuss future programmes for the rebuilding of routes, in which the Italian Army will give some assistance and transport with men.

(h) Miscellaneous Matters

(a) Newspaper Corriere di Sicilia

The owner of the newspaper "Corriere di Sicilia", Catania asked permission to interchange news with the "Sicilia Liberata" of Palermo by telephone. (Phone)

(b) Minor Inspection, Siracusa

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It was found that a bad [illegible] at Siracusa. Apparently this had been experienced for 14 years. It was found to be due to the rings [illegible]

(Phone from [illegible] 4/17/44 that the officer had been with Major Lentzner in Catania)

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(b) Ringer Installation, Siracusa

It was found that a line existed [illegible] at Siracusa. Apparently this has been superseded for 15 years. It was found to be new to the ringer and the exchange foreman was asked to use abandoned wire from the ringer or if unsuccessful, to try a condenser and choke.

(c) Palermo Exchange

The lamps were operated from the battery as no mains lamps were said to be available. (150volt) (Raised with Lt. Giglio)

The Ni-Fe cells operating the term circuit require electrolyte which is not available. (Raised with Lt. Giglio)

There are only 3 - level 8 and 3 - level 9 relay sets available. (see para 24 ao rel).

At present Palermo issues its own accounts and those of the rest of the Island i.e. Marsala has ceased to issue them.

Catania does so for the rest of the Island.

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(e) Call to Major Nolan, Civil Censorship Section.

A call was made to Major Nolan from Reggio on 30th March requesting authority to open a full civilian telegraph service in Sicily and on the Mainland. He stated that permission had now been given by AFHQ and it could be started, accordingly the Director of Telegraphs at Reggio was asked to start the telegraph service, and given a note stating that the Chief Censor had no objection.

H. Turner

Lt. Col.
1st April 1944

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APPENDIX I

Diary of Movement on Tour

7th March - Left Hq. Snow was 18 inches deep to Lagonegro. Pulled Count Pellegrini's car out of snow for 7 miles to Lagonegro. Result had to stay night there in private house.

8th March - 3 ft. of snow on Castrovillari road impassable so went through 18 inches of snow to Sapri and thence to Paola where stayed night at Albergo Marina.

9th. March - Arrived Cosenza and stayed at Albergo Imperiale.

10th March - Arrived Catanzaro late and stayed 2 nights at Albergo
11th Moderno

12th March - Arrived Reggio late stayed 2 nights at Town Majors
13th March billet met Mr. Pano.

14th March - Crossed ferry and arrived Catania with Mr. Pano where stayed night at Albergo S. Giorgio.

15th March - Stayed night Siracusa at Villa Politi. Mr. Pano did not go to Siracusa but went from Catania to Messina to see Prefect.

16th March - Stayed Caltanisetta at Good hotel name unknown.

17th March - Arrived late Palermo and stayed 2 nights at private
18th " villa met Mr. Pano.

19th March - Arrived late Messina and stayed 2 nights at Villa Q
20th " met Mr. Pano. On journey had collision, left car at Messina and borrowed a jeep. from HCME.

21st March - Stayed night Reggio to ensure telegraph service working.

22nd March - Stayed night at Cosenza. Filthy weather.

23rd. March - Stayed night Castrovillari at Albergo. Was unable to leave previously on account of snow. Filthy weather.

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24th. March - Heavy snow north and west of Castrovillari. Went via Tarsia, Spezzano, Ferrarata, S. Agata, Belvedere, Sapri to Palermo. This road though roundabout is worth remembering as it is relatively free from snow. The 200 miles to Palermo was not difficult.

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APPENDIX II

Miscellaneous Technical Information

(a) Repeater Stations

(1) Atsna - has 6 - 2 wire repeaters; 6½ - 4 wire repeaters. 10 of latter are spare

(2) Lacumenta - Visited but had not time to take details.

(3) Lagunera - 5 - 2 wire repeaters; 11 - 4 wire repeaters.

(4) Tirlolo - 6 - 2 wire repeaters; 12 - 4 wire repeaters. 3 - emergency 2 wire repeaters. Large [illegible] of amp.

(5) Vibo Valentia - 3 - 2 wire repeaters; 12 - 4 wire repeaters. 3 emergency 2 wire repeaters.

(6) Palai - 6 - 2 wire repeaters. There is only one spring circuit. This station is practically unused.

(7) Reggio - Temperature degree of equipment - details not taken. Equipment coaxial cable is dry.

(8) Messina - Equipment for coaxial cable is damaged but a few channels could probably be repaired.

Details of most of the repeater stations in Sicily have not been taken as much of the equipment will be shifted by Co[illegible]Keith.

(9) Caltanissetta - Destroyed but following equipment recovered: 23 - 4 wire repeaters. 13 - 2 wire repeaters. Ringing equipments.

(b) Submarine Telephone Cable details (Straits of Messina)

(1) 3 quads - North Cable
(2) 3 quads - 1 audio pair - Centre Cable No1.
(3) 1 quad - Centre Cable No.2.
(4) 3 quads - South cable.
(5) 1 conductor - coaxial

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APPENDIX III

Italian Staff Organization in Sicily

(1) East. There is an Inspector General of Telephones for Sicily namely, r. Ghegani. The officer in charge of Telegraphs for Sicily is Inspector Marcia.

(2) SET. Ing. Tagliavia is Director for East Sicily (at Catania) and Ser. Guscini takes the west side.

(3) Other officials of these organization noted are:

Dir. SET Catania - Sig. Napoleoni
Dir. Telegraph Catania - Sig. Smecca
Dir. State Teleph. Ne Messina - Sig. Pietro Bastucia.
Dir. SET Messina - Sig. Buonanarro
Dir. Telegraph Messina - Sig. Pietro Bracchese
Dir. Circuit - Messina - Sig. Giachino - This official is very efficient.
Dir. Circuit - Castrovillari - Sig. Iannetti.
Dir State Telephone - Sig. Stasi Leonardo.

Other officials have been sent once in previous reports.

Note: The Director of the Reggio Circuit does not seem to be efficient or energetic. The Director of the Circuit at Castrovillari has carried out work at considerable distances, using men with bicycles, but the Director at Reggio had done nothing. Almost all routes of the former has been repaired.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

In reply refer
to: T3/4/4/6

5th March, 1944.

Subject: Private Line Service - S.M.K.

To: Chief Signal Officer, L of C.

A copy of a report by an officer of this Sub-Commission is attached. It is probable that you already know the position regarding the lines of this company, but if not the memo may be of interest.

J. L. Henderson
Colonel,
Director, Telecommunications and Posts Sub-Commission.

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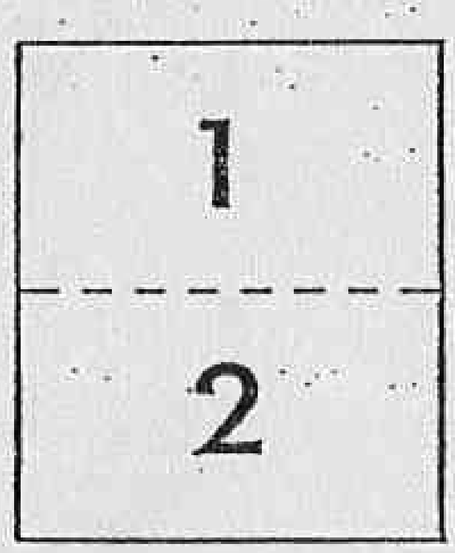

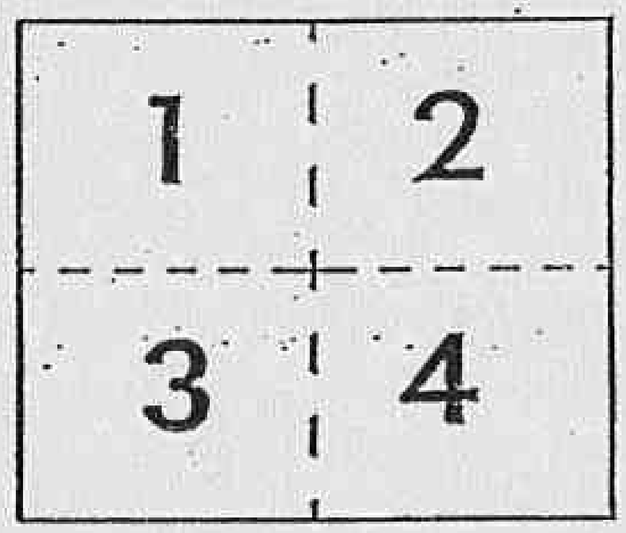

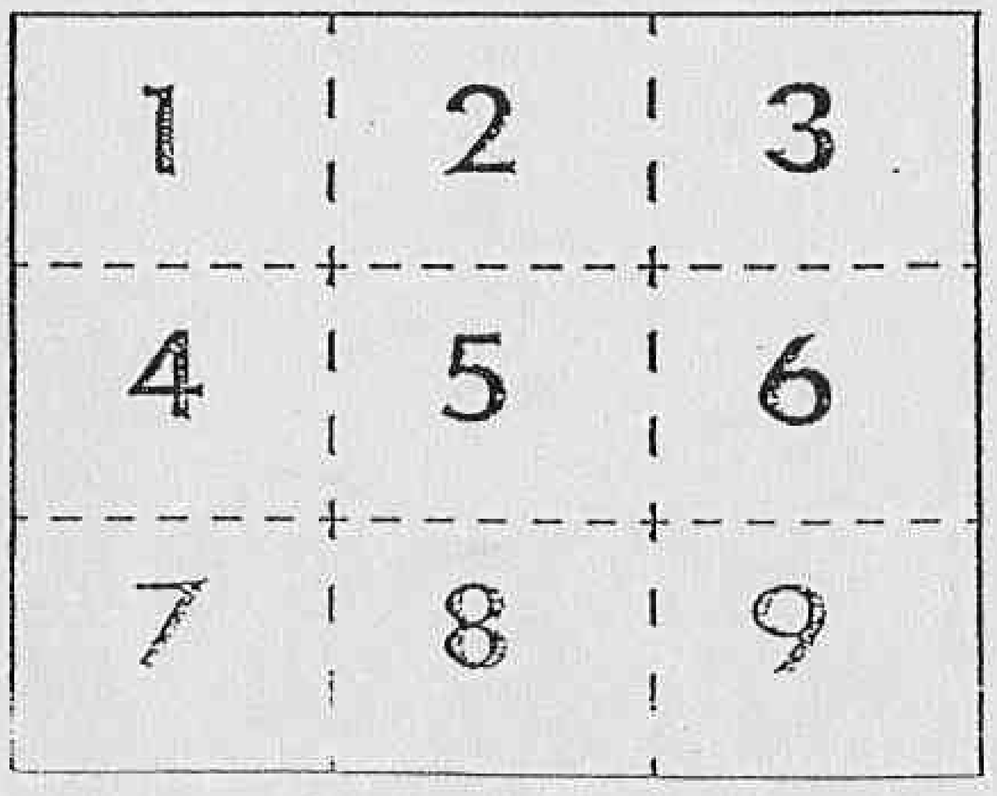

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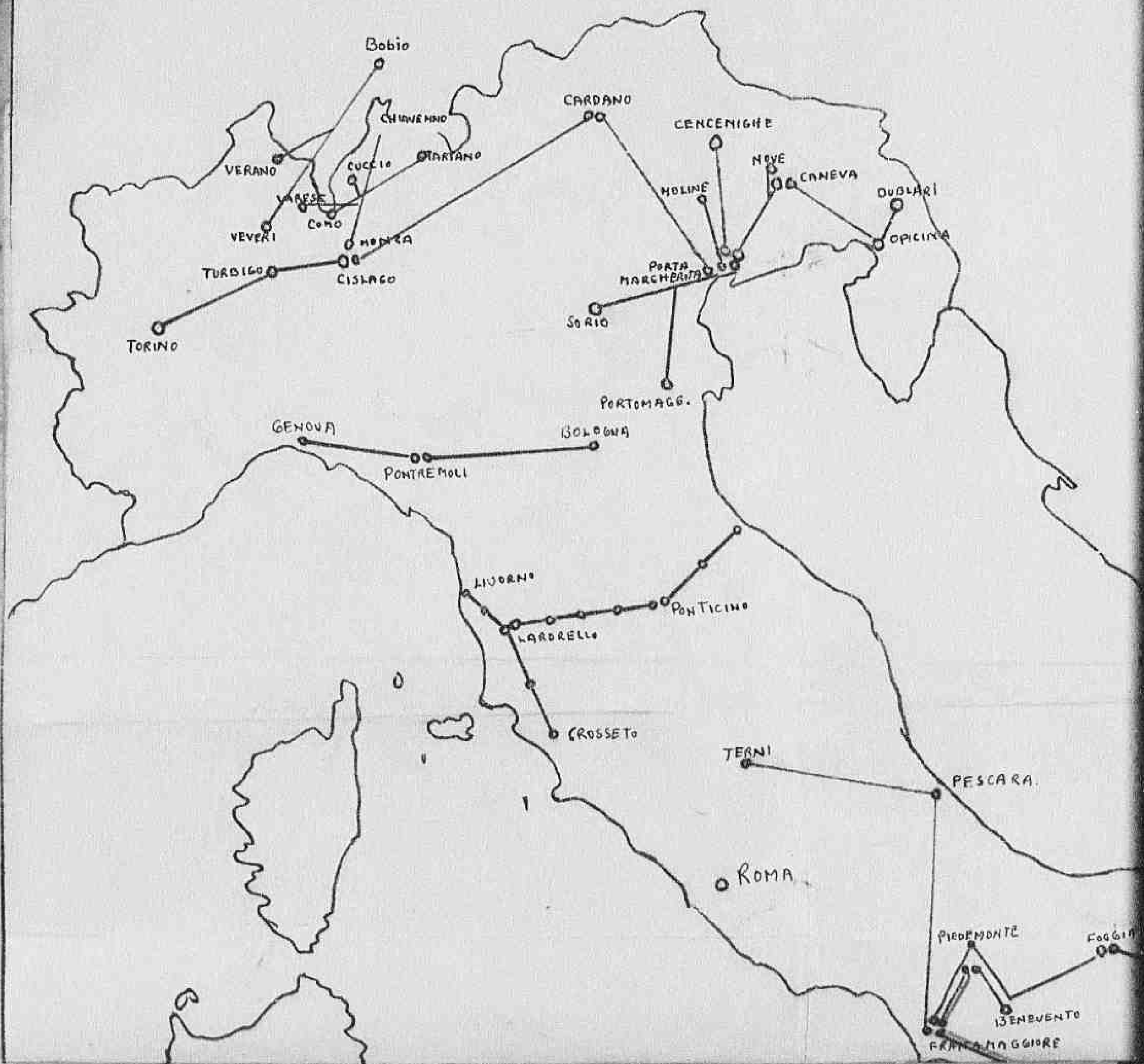

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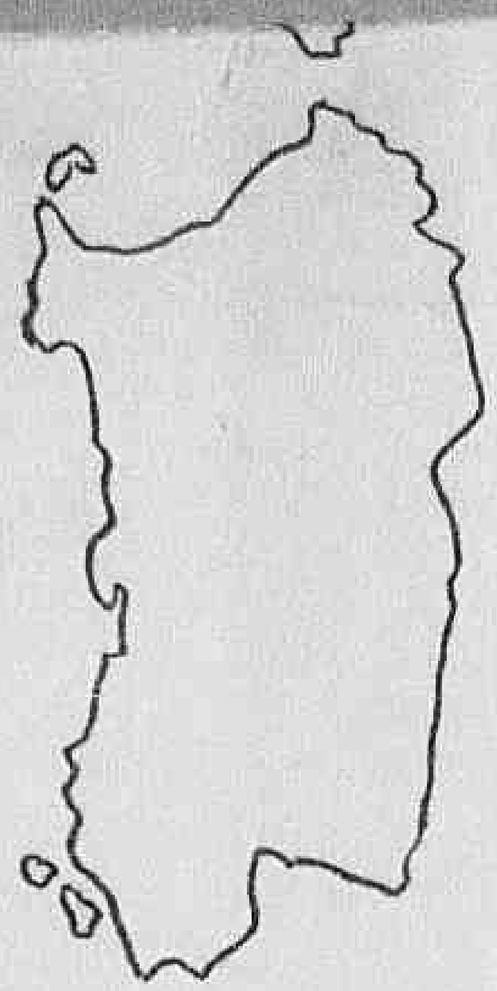

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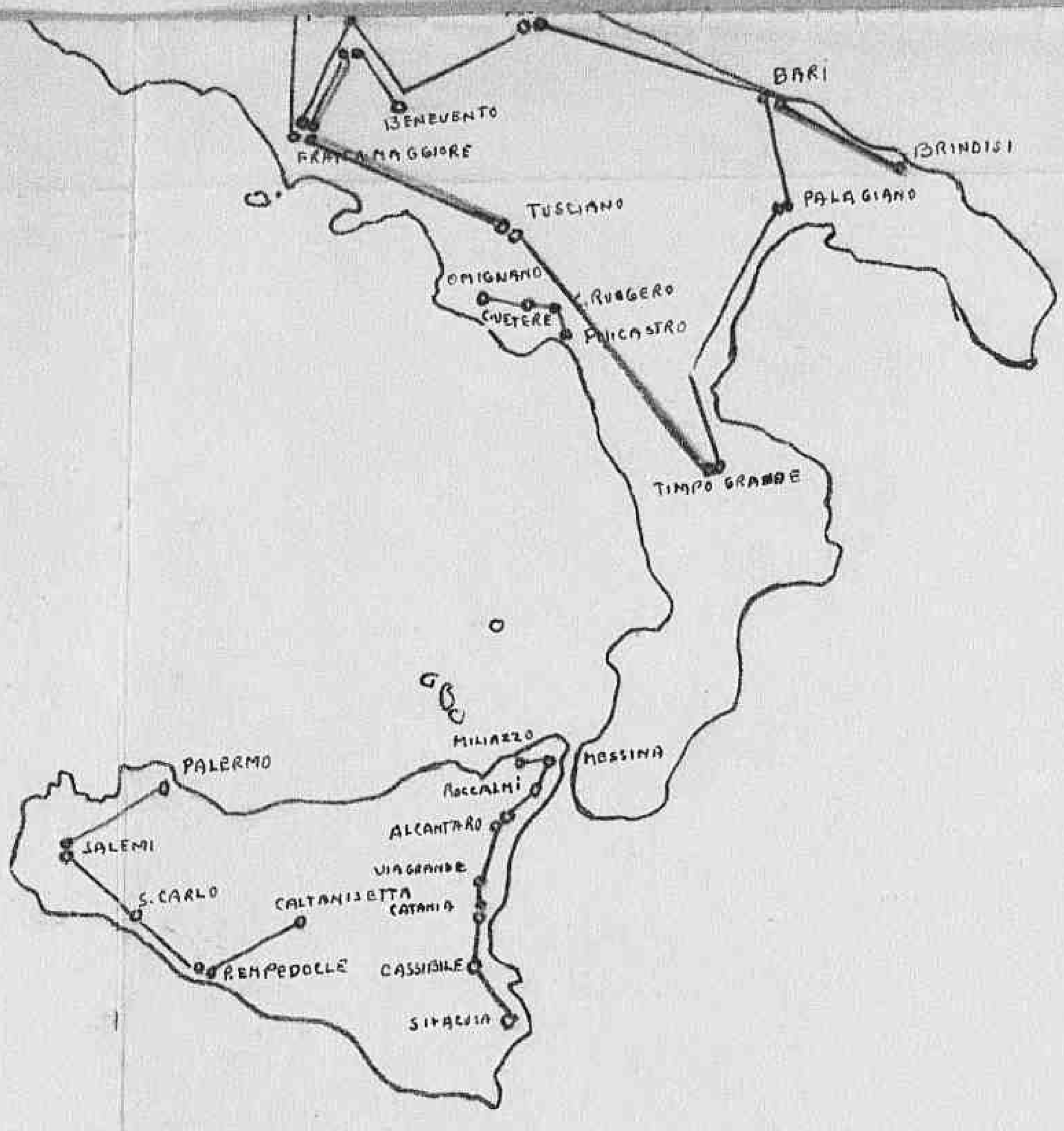

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Subj. Restoration of Telephone Service between Cosenze, Catanzaro, Reggio and Crotone.

To: Chief, AMG, MILGOV
Provincia Bldg., Naples.

Ref. ECA/28/57
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29 Dec 43

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4. The service, while not up to American civilian standards, is already proving of great value in expediting the work of AMG in Calabria.

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Memo to Lt. Col. McGaffrey, R.C.A.C.

22 December 43

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6. You will be advised re any further developments in this matter.

Signed W. J. Garlock

W.J. Garlock, Capt. Sig.C.
Communications Officer

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Please see Capt Stone's endorsement

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6 Jan 44 Comm S.

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7 Jan 44

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Capt Stone BENTLEY

Capt file — see him

This letter must be

put before Capt STONE

on his arrival.

Col Henderson

Lt Col Stewart

Capt LARKIN.

Amy

120 hrs

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Captain

Thank you

Good work! Amy

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Communications Officer.

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Appendix to Report of 26 December 1943.

PLANT POSITION AT BARI ON 21st DECEMBER 1943

1. Telegraphs. The instrument room contains a very large number of Morse key plus Wheatstone inker sets, while Baudot instruments are as follows: 8 - 4 way, 4 - 2 way, and 1 - 6 way (private Rome - Taranto Admiralty det automatically retransmitted at Bari). All of these circuits work Simplex, one wire. (Sending steps for reception).

Of the important Provincial towns, Bari was working to Brindisi, Taranto, Lecce, Catanzaro (Baudot), Reggio C. (Baudot), Potenza, Matera, Antravire but not to Cosenza. Of the lesser towns, (all in Bari Province), 7% were working to Bari, the Allies having taken the lines of the others.

One Baudot instrument takes both Catanzaro and Reggio.

One Italian teleprinter which used to work to Albania exists. The reserve for this circuit was taken by the Allies.

2. Telephones.

(a) Plant.

(1) State T & T. The State switchboard is only required in part, several positions being spare. The operators at this switchboard make out trunk (toll) tickets for submission to Naples, although the SNT operators make out the priced tickets for the same calls.

(2) SNT (1) The Ericsson automatic exchange is in very good and clean condition. The number of registers is large - 10 per 500 lines. An engineering monitoring board exists and by its aid subscribers are fired if they wait over 20 seconds before dialling. This keeps the register traffic low. The mechanic present seemed efficient.

(b) The manual board is divided into 3 suites for (1) Recording and Information (2) Interurban or junction work and (3) to contain a multiple of all subscribers' lines. In this Ericsson system, all trunk or interurban calls are recorded at Suite No. 1, recalling being done from the interurban board via the board with the subscribers multiple (by the aid of order wire and transfer circuits). The automatic plant is thus used for interurban or long distance calls.

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The handset instrument takes both Ritzmann and Buggio.

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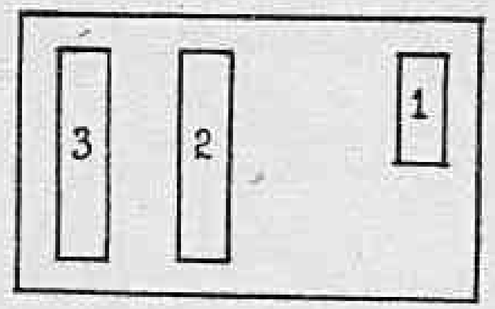

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I understand from Capt. Prentice (G III Lines, CSC Dist. 2) that the CSC is going to take over Suite No. 2 and let the Italian Government install a small suite for civilian use.

(c) A motor generator charges the batteries, an engine generator being held as spare. The batteries are 18 months old.

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(d) The position as regards interurban and trunk (toll) circuits is as follows:

Trunk 1 - Bari Brindisi circuit
1 - Bari Lecce circuit

Interurban Bari has circuits to two Provincial towns only, all of the other circuits being in the hands of the Allies or of the Italian Army. There are no within Province circuits working from Lecce or from Brindisi.

(e) As it forms a good guide to the system of subscribers' accounting records, I obtained a blank copy of the nine page advice note used in connection with work done on each subscriber's installation, also a commercial information card which is held in a cardex file in the SNT office, and engineering fault and main frame cards. The advice note system at least looks the same as that normally recommended by the Ericsson Coy.

According to the SNT district manager (Puglia and Lucania) all accounts are sent out from Naples. They are prepared by machine apparently using some form of stencil. The same stencil is used to reproduce the figures on the account in a common ledger. At present Bari seems to be handling its own accounts, Naples office not apparently functioning in this respect.

3. Stores. I inspected the Circolo stores at Bari, the SNT external stores being negligible. Main items are as follows:

(a) Aerial cable, lead covered - large quantity.
(b) GI wire - fairly large amount 3 mm and some 2 mm.
(c) Bronze or copper wire - very little.
(d) Armo (iron) - not very many.
(e) Insulators and spindles - large numbers.

4. Personnel. The chief officials whom I met are as follows:

Count Pesenti
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Coy.

According to the SET district manager (Puglia and Lucania) all accounts are sent out from Naples. They are prepared by machine apparently using some form of stencil. The same stencil is used to reproduce the figures on the account in a common ledger. At present Bari seems to be handling its own accounts, Naples office not apparently functioning in this respect.

3. Stores. I inspected the Circolo stores at Bari, the SET external stores being negligible. Main items are as follows:

(a) Aerial cable, lead covered - large quantity.
(b) GI wire - fairly large amount 3 mm and some 2 mm.
(c) Bronze or copper wire - very little.
(d) Armo (iron) - not very many.
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MATERA PROVINCE

Appendix to report of 19 Dec 1943

Telephone and Telegraph organisation, methods, etc.

1. Organisation. State overhead routes carry no set wires, and so there is no dual responsibility. Each organisation has its separate store of telephone material e.g. wire, etc. SET staff consists of one female operator at the switchboard and two mechanics. The State staff consists of approx. 10 men singly on in two's at several small towns in the Province, for maintenance and minor repairs.

In the case of both the SET and State organisations, major construction work is planned and executed from Bari where the construction staff is headquartered, and where the main stores are held. Construction work is done by the Circolo Construzione at Bari. The Provinces of Potenza, are also entirely controlled, as regards major construction work, from Bari.

The same organisation roughly is in use for other conquered Provinces the main Circolo HQ's being at Castrovillari, Foggia (up to Chieti), and Naples. Naples construction area borders on Rome construction area.

2. Duties of Set Operator.

(a) Connection and control of all cables. calls
(b) Connection of calls for members of the public who call at the switchboard and acceptance of the fees.
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Apparently all subscribers accounts have been paid to date, and I think it might be checked that the SET HQ is still receiving the payments.

3. Stores. I inspected both the SET Store and the State T&T Store. The former has about 600 lbs of bronze wire in two sizes and about the same of GI wire (nearly 3mm dia). The latter has 300-400 lbs of bronze wire of two sizes (nearly 2mm and nearly 3mm dia). A third bronze wire (1mm dia) used to be used for subscribers drops but as the supply has run out, a twisted aluminum wire is in use (3 strands each about 1½mm dia). Not more than about 100 lbs of this are in stock. I have sample of all of these wires.

The above amounts are only sufficient for normal maintenance and it is possible that only the stores at the four Circolo HQ's mentioned may contain fairly large quantities of stores. five

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Telegraphs. The Director, Posts and Telegraphs, states that all of the telegraph circuits were working. I examined the telegraph room and found a few two wire simplex sets being worked and a Siemens and Halske duplex set idle. A Wheatstone Set (reception only) was idle. This had been a Rome circuit.

Telephones. The only outlet was a line to Potenza. The latter I believe has a line to Bari.* Matera had a line to Bari, now in use by the Canadians. The latter have also taken the three Brindisi - Taranto lines.

Most of the telephone lines to communes are working.

I asked the Director to send me a copy of a communication map of the area controlled from Bari.

There is only one short section of underground cable in Matera Province - from the exchange to the Post Office.

* Now taken by Allied forces

*. Letter in Postal file No TC/6/1 folio 64

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Use is made of a large rectangular box sunk in the wall of a building for overhead trunk line termination; fuses, heat coils, and lighting arrestors are mounted in it.

The trouble in this Province is not so much lack of men, stores or transport to repair trunks and junctions, but simply that most of the very few trunks in existence have been taken. At the same time one cannot help noticing long routes with a fair number of wires on them especially beside railways, and the question arises as to whether such routes under war conditions are fully employed in the best way. (e.g. are all railway signalling wires needed?) This would require to be discussed with the Ministry of Communications. *

FURTHER INFORMATION. I think that when further officers can be sent out a more accurate idea of the stores, staff and transport position could first of all be obtained from the four Circle centres. It might be suggested to the Minister of Communications that in examining the circuit position the necessity for all wires in use by the Railways, or the possibility of spare Railway wires existing be checked if this has not been done.

* Since discussed with Col. Rosani.

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Sub: Telephone & Telegraph Communications in Region II

HEADQUARTERS 17 DEC 1943 AMG

Ref. ECA/78/1

To: Chief, AMG, APO 394 AMG HQ Region II

7 Dec 43

1. Capt. William Garlock, together with Lt. Col. Bentlett, surveyed the telephone and telegraph facilities in Region II between Nov 18th and 29th. His report is attached. 16B

2. A restoration of effective tel. and tel. communication in the Region would be a great boon in the conduct of AMG business, as well as a great asset to the Italian government when the Region is turned over to that government for administrative control. At present the only means of communication is by couriers. It is impractical to use motorcycle riders for this purpose because of the condition of the roads, and because it is impossible to carry a sufficient amount of petrol to cover the distance between supply sources. The only motor transportation available to Region II HQ is three jeeps, two of which are not in safe running condition, and eight 15 cwt's. As a consequence, we are able to operate only a bi-weekly courier service to Calabria, weekly to Salerno, and bi-weekly to Potenza. It therefore takes from 5 to 10 days to send messages to Reggio and get a reply, even if the matter requires no particular research. We have found ourselves severely handicapped in vital matters of supply because of our inability to send information on the amount and distribution of cargoes, or concerning the assembly of information.

3. Capt. Garlock informs me that it would be possible, with the use of a truck, available Italian personnel, and the use of available materials, to restore temporary service on at least one telephone circuit between Reggio, Catanzaro and Cosenza within three weeks. I have instructed him to clear the matter with the Sig. Officer, HQ, Dist.2. If that officer concurs, Capt. Garlock will proceed at once to execute the repairs. If the approval is obtained from Dist. 2, HQ, Capt. Garlock will inform the Undersecretary of Communications in the Italian government, Dr. Fano, of his plans.

4. The restoration of service described in the preceeding paragraph is intended solely to provide a temporary service of limited capacity for the use of Region II and Italian civilian officials. It is not as extensive as the plans outlined in Capt. Garlock's attached report.

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G.H. McCaffrey

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R.C.A.O.

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: Lt.Col. Densmore, T.C.S.S., ACC.

Memo to R.C.A.O. 6 Dec 43. (2B)

Report of Survey of Telephone and Telegraph Facilities - Region 2

Attached is a report covering a survey made between 18th Nov. and 29th to determine the present status of civilian telephone and telegraph facilities in Region 2, together with estimates of requisite construction and repair necessary for the restoration of these services between important Regional centres. The area covered by this report falls in zone 5 which is operated by the "Società Esercizi Telefonici" (S.E.T.) Zone 5 comprises the districts of Avellino, Benevento, Caserta, Naples, Salerno, Bari, Foggia, Lecce, Potenza, Matera, Taranto, Catanzaro, Cosenza and Reggio Calabria. This report, however, is limited only to those districts south of Salerno and not included in the Kings Italy.

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Report of Telephone and Telegraph Facilities Survey - Region 2, together with recommendations for restoration of services.

MATERA

(a) Telephone

Matera is served by a 300 line, magneto exchange with 198 working lines. Direct trunks are available to Potenza (via which calls to Bari can be completed), Altamura and Ferrandina. Lines to Monte Sceglaero and Santolino are used by the Italian Navy and Army respectively. Facilities have suffered no damage in this area.

Queen only opened for Mission use

(b) Telegraph

Telegraph service is available from Matera to all Provincial centers in Region 2 with the exception of Crotone. Service to this point is contemplated early in December subsequent to completion of repairs now in progress.

The following official was interviewed : -

Sgr. Gralli Sedele - Director, Telegraph Office.

CASTROVILLARI

(a) Telephone

Castrovillari is served by a 100 line magneto switchboard. Service is now available locally for official use only. Aerial construction has been considerably damaged and the repeater station located there, totally destroyed. Trunk circuits to Cosenza, Rossano and Corigliano have been repaired.

(b) Telegraph

Telegraph service is now available from there to Cosenza, Paola, Lagonegro and S.Arcangelo and comprises the entire Cosenza Province except where aerial construction has been damaged along the west coast route between Paola and Sapri. This section is now being repaired and restoration of service will be effected within a few days. It is anticipated that service on a circuit to Salerno will be restored by Dec 15th 43.

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Cosenza is served by a 2 position, 1500 line Ericssons type dial exchange. A "standard" type repeater station is also located here, neither of which has been damaged. Aerial construction, however, has been considerably damaged within the city. Local service is being rendered to approximately 100 subscribers and service is being restored to others as repairs are completed. There is a trunk line available, for official calls only to Catanzaro. The normal peacetime number of subscribers was approximately 800.

(b) Telegraph

Telegraph service is available to all main Provincial towns with the exceptions as stated above. In addition, a direct circuit to Bari is functioning.

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The following officials were interviewed : -

Sig. S.Tonatta - Director-Circolo delle Costruzioni.
" DI Salvo - In Charge of S.E.T. Exchange.
" S. Petroni - In charge of Repeater Station.
" Vizzini - Provincial Director of Telegraphs.
" Pietro Grimaldi - S.I.R.T.,Representative.
" Spatero - Director, S.E.T.

CATANZARO

(a) Telephone

Catanzaro is served by a 3 position,1000 line Ericssons type dial exchange. This office has not been damaged but aerial construction has suffered to some extent within the city. Local service is being afforded to approximately 400 of 700 stations, formerly in service. 12 direct circuits to the Tiriolo repeater station are in working order as is a line to Cosenza, authority for the use of which is awaited. Repairs are now in progress on a circuit formerly in operation to Crotone. Completion early in December is contemplated but it will be used for telegraph. The twelve direct circuits are contained in a spur of the main arterial trunk cable running from Teriolo to Catanzaro. Service to Naples was formerly afforded, however,over arrial circuits to Cosenza and to Reggio by aerial and underground cable.

(b) Telegraph

Telegraph circuits are in operation to Cosenza,Bari(Baudot), Pizzo on the west coast and to Monasterace on the east coast. Repairs were in progress on this latter line and service should now be extended to Reggio. Taranto can also be reached from Catanzaro.

The following officials were interviewed : -

Sig. Spera) Director, S.R.T.
" Alphonse Licitre - Provincial Director Telegraphs.
" Forma - Director local Telegraph Office.

CROTONE

(a) Telephone

Crotone is served by a 200 line magneto exchange. Local service is being given on six lines. No trunk lines are connected to the switchboard and outside communication is therefore impossible. One trunk line was formerly in operation to Catanzaro. A number of Telephone instruments formerly working in the town was removed by the Italian Army.

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(b) Telegraph

No service now exists but as stated herein before, telegraph service with Catanzaro is contemplated early in December. Telegraph equipment associated with two military telegraph lines in located in this office, but no information was available relative to the present status of the circuits.

No local officials were available for interview.

REGGIO DI CALABRIA

(a) Telephone

Reggio is served by a 4 position, 1500 line Ericssons type dial exchange. A repeater station is also located here, leither of which has suffered damage. This, however, is not true of aerial construction within the city. Some 200

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lines are working but approximately 1000 are still out of service. The submarine cable to Sicily terminates on the repeater station main frame, the pairs, however, at present being dead ended, those actually in use being picked up elsewhere. No outside service is now available, because of damage to main arterial underground cable, and cable and aerial lines to Catanzaro. Repair of local lines is progressing slowly due to lack of material.

(b) Telegraph

As stated above, telegraph service to Catanzaro should now be restored and in operation. A survey is now being made to determine the extent of damage to circuits on the west coast but as yet, no information is available.

The following officials were interviewed : -

Dr. Alfredo Spadaro - Director, S.R.T.
Sig.Federico - Director, Circolo.

Repeater Stations

Repeater stations associated with the main arterial underground trunk cable and located in Region 2, are as follows.

Location	Type	Present Status
Salerno	Siemens - Halske	Undamaged
Potenza	" "	"
Atena	" "	"
Lagonegro	International Standard	"
Castrovillari	" "	Destroyed
Cosenza	" "	Undamaged
Tiriolo	" "	"
Vibo Valentia	" "	"
Palmi	" "	"
Reggio	" "	"

All repeater stations are equipment with motor generator sets which are worked off the main supply. Double banks of accumulators are provided as well as a reserve battery. In addition, each station is equipped with a stand-by generator set.

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Main Arterial Underground Trunk Cable.

The state underground cable running south from Salerno, Castrovillari, Cosenza, Tiriolo, Vibo, Palmi and Reggio is the principal wire communication artery in Region 2. A spur of this cable runs from Tiriolo to Catanzaro and another branch goes via Potenza to Gravina and Bari.

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Pair No.	Gauge in m.m.	Loading	Purpose
A - B	I.3	H. I3	Broadcast
1-I8	0.9	H. 44-25	4 Wire east
I9-42	"	Not loaded	" " "
43-47	"	H. I77-63	2 Wire
48-57	"	H. 44-25	4 Wire west
58-62	"	Not loaded	2 Wire
63-70	"	H. 44-25	4 Wire west
7I-94	"	Not loaded	" " "

The spur cable from Tiriolo to Catanzaro contains 6-0.9 m.m. quads, fully loaded H. I77-63 used for 2 Wire.

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Reggio - Milli Marina Submarine Cable.

This cable was formerly under the h jurisdiction of District 2 Signals, and the circuits therein operated by the R.N. Sub Area Signals Office, Reggio. Both of these organizations are no longer in Reggio and further details relative to the disposition of five, apparantly serviceable, circuits were unobtainable. The R.N. Sub Area Signals Master at Taranto advised this cable is now within the jurisdiction of District 1. One circuit - Messina to N.O.I.C., Reggio is in operation.

RECOMMENDATIONS

I. Main underground trunk cable - This cable has been servered in approximately 25 locations within Region 2. These consist of the destroyed repeater station at Castrovillari and the remainder for the most part, where Angitola River bridges carrying this cable, have been destroyed. Inasmuch as all other repeater stations within Region 2 have escaped damage, it is felt a satisfactory grade of transmission will still be possible by merely splicing the cables at the destroyed station location. "Circolo" Engineers, with whom this matter has been reviewed, concur.

It is estimated that 1250 meters of cable, together with necessary splicing materials, will be required. There are 2 reels of cable, containing approximately 90 meters each at Castrovillari. A force of 20 men and 2 foremen equipped with a construction truck should be able to restore service on this cable within a 2 week period.

In view of the vital importance of this cable in the restoration of wire communication in Region 2, it is recommended that the necessary authorizations issue, with a high priority, together with a release of necessary materials and transportation, for the undertaking of this work.

2. Aerial Lines. In general, line plant between the various provincial centres in Region 2 has suffered comparatively little damage and except for the requirement of reasonable maintenance and tree trimming can be considered in satisfactory and serviceable condition. Damage within cities, between Catanzaro and Reggio and from Pizzo south along the coast to Reggio, has been extensive. At several points along this route, road, railway, railway signalling circuits and electric power lines converge. Based upon the assumption that, initially, only facilities necessary to cope with official and essential requirements will be restored, it is estimated that 75 poles together with incidental pole fixture equipment and approximately 100 Km of bronze or 14 bare copper wire will be required. It is felt a considerable amount of required wire can be salvaged from

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Officials of both S.E.T. and Circolo delle Costruzioni have advised that sufficient personnel is available.

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In reply refer to: X/6/1

5 December 1943

Subject: Restoration of Telegraph Service to Region II for the use of the Italian Government.

To: Under-Secretary of State, (Dr. Fano) for Telecommunications and Posts.

A copy of a report by Lieut. Col. Bentlett on his recent inspection trip is attached here with for your information.

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, U.S.N.R.
Communications Section
Allied Control Commission

1 Incl:
Copy report by Lieut. Col. Bentlett.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

A.P.O. 394

27 November, 1943.

To: Director, Telecommunications Sub-Commission.

Subject: Restoration of Telegraph Service in Region II for the use of the Italian Government.

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1. Attached is a memorandum of my inspection of certain centres, from which it can be stated that Telegraph facilities will be available from 1st December onwards, between the larger towns in PUGLIA, LUCANIA and CALABRIA. The extension of this service to the SALERNO area depends on the restoration of the BARI - POTENZA - SALERNO cable, but it was stated that a telegraph service between CASTROVILLARI and SALERNO is being restored now and should be available by 15 December (See Para. 2 of this memo.).

2. The position on restoration of telephone service is not so clear as surveys are still being made both by the "Circolo" and S.E.T. Captain Garlock of Region II is in a position to check, roughly, stores requirements of such ~~estimates~~ surveys.

3. On returning to PALERMO I propose to contact C.S.O., No. 1 District to clarify the question of the proposed use for the circuits in the submarine cable - REGGIO - SICILY.

Copy to Region II.

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VISIT OF INSPECTION OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES IN REGION II
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The S.E.T., State Telegraph and Circolo Constrazione officials visited are listed in the appendix .

2. Telegraphs.

MATERA is working via POTENZA to BARI and so in to the FOGGIA, BARI, BRINDISI and LECCE network.

Castrovillari is working to COSENZA and PAOLO, LAGONEGRO, and S. ARCANGELO in fact the whole of the COSENZA Province is working except for certain damage on the West coast route PAOLO to SAPRI. Work on this route is in hand. It was expected (vide manager of Circolo Constrazione at Castrovillari) to restore a circuit to Salerno by 15th December.

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REGGIO. The outlet to Cantanzaro has been mentioned. A survey is being made of the West coast route but much damage has been done. The outlets to Sicily are dealt with in Para. 5.

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CROTONE. 200 line magneto exchange.

Local service is being given on six lines but no C/S connections are possible. A number of instruments were removed from the town by the Italian Army. Telegraph equipment for two CATANZARO military telegraph circuits exist in this exchange, but the line position was unknown.

REGGIO. 1500 line Ericson with 4 manual positions. 200 lines are working, but 1000 are ooo due to bombing etc. Restoration of these subscribers lines and of short distance trunks is proceeding, and it is anticipated that a reasonable local service will be available in two months.

The position on the inter-provincial service is still the subject of survey except for specific lines mentioned in the foregoing. Without restoration of some circuits in the main underground network, it is thought that the provision of a satisfactory service will be difficult.

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4. Main U.G. Cable. CASTROVILLARI Repeater Station is completely destroyed except for two 120 volt batteries and two drums of cable, eaxh holding about 90 metres. The stations at TIRIOLO, COSENZA, VIBO and REGGIO are untouched, but it is understood that the PALMI station has been slightly damaged. Twelve circuits have been put through from VIBO to COSENZA by using continuously loaded wires over damaged bridges etc. It was not possible to find how these circuits were to be used, but they might well be picked up for civil purposes particularly as lines exist between CATANZARO and TRIOLO Repeater Station.

Consideration might be given to extend such facilities by repairing certain pairs between REGGIO and VIBO, and replating CASTROVILLARI station by transferring Repeaters from TIRIOLO, COSENZA, etc.

5. Submarine cable REGGIO - MILI MARINA. Six or seven circuits have been restored. It was not possible to find the exact number as they did not appear on the test frame in REGGIO Repeater Station. No. 2 District Signals had handled the cable and the circuits had been operated by the R.M. Sub Area Signals Office, REGGIO. Both these units have now left, and no one in REGGIO had the details of what had been done. One circuit is working from MESSINA to NOIC, REGGIO, and this is extended to 250 HeavyvAA Battery, REGGIO as desired. The R.M. Sub Area Signals Master was contacted at TARANTO, and he stated that No. 1 District were handling the circuits in this cable. It shoudl be possible to provide circuits for the civil authorities.

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APPENDIX

CASTROVILLARI	A.M. CERCCHERINO	- Chief of Post (State, Telegraph and Telephone)
	ARIFINO PASQUALE	- Director of Telegraphs (Local)
	S. IONNATTA	- Director of "Cercolo" - COSENZA.
	Sgr FALCIONE	- In charge of Repeater Station.
COSENZA	Sgr DISALVO	- In charge of S.E.T. Exchange.
	S. PETRONI	- In charge of Repeater Station.
	Sgr VIZZINI	- Provincial Director of Telegraphs.
	GRIMALDI PIETRO	- S.I.R.T. Representative.
	Sgr SPATERO	- S.E.T. Director.
CATANZARRO	Sgr SPERA	- S.E.T. Director.
	ALPHONSE LECITRI	- Provincial Director of Telegraphs.
	Sgr FARMA	- Local Director of Telegraph Office.
REGGIO	Doctor ALFREDO SPADARO	- Director of S.E.T. for CALABRIA.
	Sgr FREDERICO	- Local Director of "Cercolo".

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

TS14/4

10 November 1943

Subject: Communications, Italian Government

To : Acting Chief of Staff, Allied Military Government

1. Reference your 435 of 5 November 1943 above subject.

2. Acting Director of Telecommunications is being dispatched to Region II and SUBNDISI in order to confer with Capt STONE, USN, and report on telecommunications situation in Region II.

3. Lt Col RODGERS will forward a report with respect to Postal Services in Region II. Acting Director, Postal Services Sub-Commission, will report on Region I.

4. Officers have been detailed to prepare a plan and report on telecommunications in Region I.

5. Information with respect to internal transportation facilities now available is being worked up.

L. D. DEMMORE,
Lt Col. Sig C.
ACTING CHIEF OF SECTION

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9 Nov 43

Re attached:

1. Col Bartlett will go to Region II - contact Capt. Stone - Capt. Garlock will accompany him to Region II and make survey, selection - make recommendations & report.
2. Maj Kuenzer & Capt Parent will go to Region I and develop selection
3. We will communicate with Region VI and get information & selection there.
4. We apply approved control Col Bartlett's return

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 512

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6 November 1943

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SUBJECT: Communications.

TO : Chief of Communications Section.

ITALIAN GOVERNMENT COMMUNICATIONS

1. Whereas at the moment the Italian Government only exercises authority in the four provinces of Bari, Tonio, Brindisi and Lecce, it is expected that Regions I and II will be handed over from Allied Military Government to the Italian Government; supervised by the Allied Control Commission, at an early date. Later, Region VI will probably be handed over, followed by other regions when the Allied forces have advanced further.

2; No government can exercise authority without communications. Therefore, before any regions can be handed over to the Italian Government, that government must have the use of adequate communications. These include postal services, telephones; telegraphs, wireless and, under present circumstances, the use of air transport.

3. Chief of Communications Section will consider this matter immediately with authorities concerned and report to Acting Chief of Staff. He will consult Captain Stone; USN, in this matter. He will base his report on a phased programme in the order Region I, Region II, Region VI. A subsequent report will be required regarding other regions.

/s/ E. GUETERBOCK
/t/ E. GUETERBOCK
Brigadier
Acting Chief of Staff

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