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RAPPORTO
DELLA GESTIONE COMMISSARIALE

Signori Azionisti,

In seguito alla liberazione di Roma, avvenuta il 4 Giugno 1944, la Vostra Società è rimasta priva di una amministrazione centrale legalmente valida nel territorio italiano liberato. A partire dal 24 Luglio successivo, anche il Direttore Generale è venuto a mancare in seguito al suo repentino allontanamento operato dalle Autorità alleate.

In tali condizioni, aggravate dalle inevitabili difficoltà del momento e dovute all'occupazione militare della zona di Roma, alla mancanza di comunicazioni e di trasporti, alle ripercussioni economiche, sociali e politiche degli avvenimenti allora in corso, la Vostra Società si è trovata in piena crisi, con pericolo grave per la salvezza del suo patrimonio e per il benessere del suo personale.

La Commissione Alleata di Controllo, investita in quell'epoca di pieni poteri di governo nella zona, giudicò necessario e urgente di affidare l'amministrazione della Società ad un Commissario, che fu prescelto fra i funzionari della Società stessa, d'accordo col Governo Italiano.

Il 12 Agosto 1944 sono stato così investito dei necessari poteri e ho iniziato la mia gestione, senza ricevere le consegne da alcun organo preesistente. Uno dei miei primi atti è stato quello di convocare il Collegio dei Sindaci al quale, anche in assenza di precise disposizioni legislative, ho confermato il pieno riconoscimento delle facoltà e prerogative legalmente spettanti a tale Organo che, essendo stato proclamato disciolto dallo pseudo governo fascista repubblicano fin dall'Aprile precedente, non aveva in quel momento uno stato giuridico esattamente noto e definito. Da allora il Collegio Sindacale ha dato il suo valido e apprezzato contributo alla mia gestione, affiancandola in ogni tempo con opera assidua e scrupolosa.

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A partire dal 16 Aprile 1945, alla nomina della Commissione Alleata, che come sapete era nel frattempo impegnativa per il Governo Italiano il quale era subentrato nell'amministrazione del territorio, si è aggiunta la nomina a Commissario governativo, ai sensi del D. L. L. 19 Ottobre 1944, n. 420 per la durata di sei mesi. La gestione commissariale è stata prorogata sino al 31 Dicembre 1945 con decreto del Presidente del Consiglio dei Ministri in data 1° Ottobre 1945.

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Sarebbe troppo lungo descrivere dettagliatamente il miserevole stato in cui ho trovato, reduce dalla guerra di liberazione, le attività sociali. Basti dire che, mentre le stazioni radioelettriche e l'Ufficio Centrale delle Telecommunicazioni di Roma erano stati occupati dalle Forze Armate alleate, i magazzini e la maggior parte degli uffici della Direzione Generale erano posti sotto sequestro militare. La cassa depauperata per l'assenza di introiti, per le spese dei trasferimenti nell'Italia settentrionale di personale e di impianti, nonchè per le rimesse effettuate colà; il portafoglio dei titoli di proprietà sociale utilizzabili per eventuali operazioni di credito, ridotto a meno di un terzo della sua consistenza alla fine del 1943, sempre a causa di avvenuti trasferimenti al Nord; un sensibile scoperto bancario già in atto; buon numero di ex-dipendenti, già licenziati durante il periodo fascista repubblicano, che reclamavano il diritto a rientrare nella Società dalla quale erano stati separati per non aver accettato il trasferimento, o per drastiche misure di riduzione dei quadri; e infine la massa del personale in forza che guardava ansiosa profilarsi la prospettiva di perdere definitivamente il proprio impiego.

Sorretto dalla fiducia dei dipendenti, affiancato dall'opera entusiasta e validissima di alcuni funzionari, ho intrapreso la ricostruzione dell'Azienda, animato soprattutto da ferma fede nel suo avvenire.

E' stato un lavoro duro e paziente, non sempre purtroppo aiutato da tutti coloro che potevano farlo. Oggi, a sedici mesi dall'inizio, molto cammino è stato fatto ed è con la coscienza del dovere compiuto che mi accingo a deporre nelle Vostre mani il risultato della mia gestione.

Questa avrà termine, a norma del decreto Presidenziale, il prossimo 31 dicembre. In considerazione di ciò, io Vi inviterò fra poco a voler eleggere il Consiglio di Amministrazione al quale effettuerò le consegne della mia gestione.

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Ritengo doveroso informarVi più dettagliatamente sugli aspetti principali della situazione, con particolare riguardo ai risutlati raggiunti in questi sedici mesi di ricostruzione delle attività sociali.

Impianti

Gli impianti si possono dividere in tre grandi categorie:

1 — *I cavi sottomarini*, com'è noto, sono stati quasi tutti interrotti per atto di guerra fin dal Giugno 1940 e di conseguenza l'attività cablografica della Società, almeno per quanto riguarda l'emisfero settentrionale, è venuta a mancare fin da allora. Più a lungo è continuata l'attività dei cavi del Sud America, ma nel 1943 anche questa è cessata, sempre per interruzione dei cavi.

Oggi non ci è ancora consentito di procedere alle riparazioni dei nostri cavi principali, impresa del resto assai vasta e dispendiosa, anche perchè manca un trattato di pace che definisca la loro situazione. Inoltre alcuni di essi sono ancora utilizzati dagli Alleati. Dopo l'Agosto del 1944 è stato tuttavia riparato il cavo Anzio-Palermo, e in queste ultime settimane, anche il cavo Anzio-Barcellona che permetterà la ripresa del servizio cablografico con la Spagna.

Fra gli impianti a terra, la stazione cablografica relè di Anzio è andata totalmente distrutta e qualche danno si è avuto in Belgio, a La Panne e ad Anversa. Le scorte di cavo sottomarino depositate a La Spezia sono andate purtroppo perdute, mentre mancano ancora notizie di quelle depositate in Inghilterra.

2 — *Le stazioni radioelettriche* in Italia, delle quali quella di Torrenova ha subito ingenti danni per demolizioni tedesche, sono state occupate dalle Forze Armate Alleate poco dopo la liberazione di Roma. Nel Settembre del 1944 ho provveduto a far regolarizzare tale occupazione, anche per tutelare i numerosi materiali in esse contenuti.

In seguito a reiterate richieste, è stato finalmente possibile di ottenere la restituzione delle Stazioni di Torrenova e di Malnome il 1° Aprile 1945, assumendoci contemporaneamente il compito di effettuare per conto di un Ente militare alleato alcuni importanti servizi remunerati.

I piccoli impianti radiotelegrafici esistenti a Milano sono stati razionalmente riorganizzati dopo la liberazione di quella città e vengono da allora utilizzati per un vantaggioso collegamento sussidiario con Roma.

Gli impianti radiotelegrafici che fin dal 1940 erano stati

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installati in Ispagna per costituire una riserva ai cavi sottomarini, hanno continuato a funzionare prevalentemente per il traffico fra la Spagna e le Isole Canarie, finchè il Governo Spagnolo — valendosi di una clausola della temporanea autorizzazione allora accordata — ne ha deciso il riscatto. Il passaggio di proprietà di tali impianti ha avuto luogo il 1° Luglio 1945.

Molto materiale radiotelegrafico era stato trasferito nei primi mesi del 1944 dalla zona di Roma a Bologna e successivamente in altre località dell'Italia settentrionale; esso è stato in buona parte recuperato, purtroppo spesso in condizioni assai cattive. Si è provveduto al trasporto del materiale recuperato a Roma, dove in parte è già rimesso in servizio e per il resto si sta provvedendo alla riparazione.

La stazione radiotelegrafica sussidiaria di Anzio, annessa a quella cablografica, è andata distrutta nell'ottobre 1943 ad opera delle forze armate germaniche.

In seguito ad accordi che è stato possibile prendere con Enti militari alleati, il patrimonio sociale si è recentemente arricchito di alcuni impianti radioelettrici moderni ed efficienti, nonchè di vario materiale di scorta. Grazie a tali impianti, una sostanziale ripresa del servizio è stata possibile fin dallo scorso mese di Ottobre.

3 — *Gli uffici telegrafici* in Italia hanno sofferto complessivamente poco. L'ufficio di Napoli ha avuto la sede demolita da bombe e da mine, ma gli impianti relativi erano stati precauzionalmente trasferiti in un vicino sotterraneo e non hanno subito danni importanti, tanto che oggi l'ufficio lavora a ritmo assai superiore a quello del passato. Altri minori danni sono stati sofferti in Sicilia e altrove.

L'Ufficio Centrale delle Telecomunicazioni di Roma è stato anche esso occupato da Enti militari alleati poco dopo la liberazione della città. Come già accennato per le Stazioni radioelettriche, anche questo ufficio ci è stato restituito il 1° Aprile 1945. Tutti gli uffici in territorio italiano sono attualmente in piena attività.

Il 1° Ottobre scorso abbiamo attivato in via provvisoria un ufficio telegrafico sociale presso il Comando Supremo delle Forze Armate Alleate a Caserta.

Le linee telegrafiche di proprietà sociale in Italia hanno subito danni gravissimi originati dalle operazioni belliche effettuate sul territorio nazionale. La mancanza delle ingenti quantità di materiali occorrenti per il loro ripristino, la situazione dei mezzi di trasporto e le enormi spese di mano d'opera che il ripristino stesso avrebbe richiesto, hanno indotto — al-

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meno per il momento — a rinunciare a qualsiasi ricostruzione. Per tutti i collegamenti fra gli uffici italiani abbiamo perciò preso in affitto, dall'Amministrazione dei telegrafi dello Stato, adatti circuiti telegrafici che si valgono del cavo telefonico nazionale.

Personale

Alla decisione di trasferire gli impianti radioelettrici della Società nell'Italia settentrionale, alla fine del 1943, ha fatto riscontro quella di inviare colà importanti aliquote di personale specializzato. Il grosso del personale, però, è rimasto a Roma, dove la contrazione di ogni attività ha indotto a successivi ed estesi licenziamenti. Una parte del personale licenziato o dimessosi ha, durante il periodo dell'occupazione germanica, svolto opera patriottica clandestina.

Dopo la liberazione di Roma sono subito incominciate le riassunzioni di coloro che erano stati allontanati per aver rifiutato di trasferirsi, nonchè di coloro che, per la loro specializzazione, interessava maggiormente di conservare al servizio della Società. Una parte del personale ha trovato impiego presso Enti alleati.

Il 12 Agosto 1944 vi erano 290 dipendenti a carico della Società nella zona di Roma e altri 127 in servizio presso gli Alleati. Circa questi ultimi ho subito proposto — e dopo lunghe trattative ottenuto — che fossero considerati nuovamente in forza nella Società, retribuiti da essa e distaccati presso gli Alleati dietro rimborso delle relative spese. Ciò aveva lo scopo di assicurare al personale stesso la continuazione delle provvidenze assicurative, previdenziali, ecc. previste dal Contratto Collettivo di Lavoro, e di evitare la dispersione del personale specializzato con le minori conseguenze economiche per l'Azienda. Era poi importantissimo ottenere che fosse la Italcable a fornire il proprio personale, costituendo questo fatto un riconoscimento della capacità dell'Azienda.

Del resto quest'ultima ha dovuto sopportare l'onere di mantenere durante parecchi mesi, senza entrate di traffico, non solo il personale della Direzione Generale, ma anche quello delle Stazioni e degli uffici telegrafici. L'alto fine sociale di non mettere sul lastrico numerose famiglie ha qui trovato armonica realizzazione con lo scopo pratico di non perdere il personale che sarebbe stato indispensabile per la ripresa dell'esercizio.

Questo criterio ha ispirato quella parte ingrata della mia

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gestione, malgrado le difficoltà finanziarie e la preoccupante prospettiva di veder durare assai a lungo una situazione così oscura.

Successive riammissioni, limitate in verità ai casi più meritevoli di attenzione, e sopratutto l'incessante aumento delle retribuzioni hanno imposto oneri sempre maggiori.

Con la ripresa dei servizi, a partire dal 1° Aprile di quest'anno, il personale direttamente utilizzato dalla Società è andato aumentando e nel seguito in più occasioni si è dovuto perfino lamentare scarsezza di alcune categorie di specializzati, malgrado le ricerche effettuate in vario modo. Alla data del 1° corrente, il personale in servizio in Italia ascendeva a 1223 unità.

Questo numero, che è tuttora in aumento, Vi dice l'importanza anche sociale della Vostra Azienda in questo momento.

Sono stati concessi i miglioramenti di retribuzione che la legge o i patti sindacali sono venuti via via determinando per compensare, sia pure parzialmente, il continuo rincaro della vita. Oltre a ciò, varie provvidenze sono state studiate e realizzate per andare incontro, nei limiti del possibile, agli immediati bisogni dei lavoratori.

Il personale, nella sua grande maggioranza, ha superato questa delicata fase della travagliata rinascita nazionale e aziendale con comprensione e spirito di sacrificio, pur risentendo inevitabilmente delle non favorevoli condizioni generali esistenti. Esso ora guarda fiducioso all'avvenire dell'Azienda e al beneficio che gliene potrà derivare.

Traffico

Nell'agosto del 1944 non solo ogni attività sociale era sospesa in tutto il territorio dell'Italia liberata, ma non vi era nemmeno alcuna possibilità di fomentarla a causa di due importanti fattori negativi: il mancato possesso delle installazioni radioelettriche e la scomparsa delle linee telegrafiche. Nell'Italia settentrionale, come poi si è saputo, sopravviveva in quell'epoca una modesta attività che poi ha finito coll'estinguersi completamente.

Le linee telegrafiche di cui disponeva l'Amministrazione statale sono rimaste per lungo tempo insufficienti ai più elementari bisogni dell'Amministrazione stessa, per cui vano è stato ogni sforzo per assicurare alla Vostra Società l'uso di qualche collegamento fra gli Uffici italiani che permettesse almeno la ripresa del servizio dei telegrammi «Lampo».

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Nel gennaio 1945, una richiesta dell'Amministrazione Russa, unitamente alla favorevole circostanza che uno dei nostri trasmettitori radiotelegrafici fin allora usati dagli Alleati si era reso disponibile, ha consentito di realizzare la prima riattivazione di un servizio sociale: il radiocollegamento Roma-Mosca inaugurato il 1° Febbraio.

Poco dopo, le insistenze vivissime esercitate in ogni sede per la ripresa del traffico interno, sul quale si fondavano le migliori speranze per scongiurare la grave crisi economica e finanziaria ormai alle porte, hanno finalmente ottenuto lo scopo di farci assegnare in uso alcuni circuiti telegrafici, dapprima impiegati soltanto per un non remunerativo servizio per la Stampa.

Il 1° Aprile 1945 la Vostra Società ha avuto il riconoscimento cui tutti gli sforzi erano stati diretti, riconoscimento che si è allora concretato: 1) nella riattivazione del servizio «Lampo» nel territorio liberato; 2) nel conferimento di un mandato, da parte del Psychological Warfare Branch (Ente militare alleato per la guerra psicologica), di effettuare per suo conto tutti i servizi di trasmissione e di ricevimento.

Con quella data i servizi del traffico sono così balzati di colpo a piena attività ed è da ascriversi alla cura posta nell'evitare la disgregazione dell'organizzazione preesistente, anzi alla attenzione dedicata a mantenerla, a perfezionarla in ogni possibile modo, se il sopraggiungere repentino di tali compiti e di tali responsabilità ha potuto essere fronteggiato con onore e con generale soddisfazione.

Il superamento della prova ha avuto, com'è naturale, i più benefici effetti perchè ha imposto la Vostra Azienda agli occhi delle Autorità nazionali e straniere, dando una forse inattesa misura delle sue possibilità anche in circostanze tanto difficili.

Successivamente, il Governo italiano ha concordato coi Governi alleati la ripresa del traffico telegrafico internazionale fra l'Italia, gli Stati Uniti e la Gran Bretagna. La presenza in territorio italiano di due Compagnie di telecomunicazione alleate, al seguito delle truppe ed esercenti radiocollegamenti diretti con New York e con Londra, ha reso necessario che il compito della trasmissione e del ricevimento fosse temporaneamente loro affidato. Tuttavia l'Italcable ha avuto l'incarico della raccolta e della distribuzione del traffico in Italia, con adeguato compenso.

Anche questo regime provvisorio ha avuto termine col mese di Settembre e, dal 1° Ottobre, i servizi di trasmissione e di ricevimento sui predetti circuiti radiotelegrafici internazionali sono stati pienamente ripresi dalla Italcable, che ha assunto l'incarico di lavorare anche il traffico militare alleato.

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Nel frattempo, a partire dal Luglio 1945, è stato aperto il servizio radiotelefonico con New York, per le truppe alleate. Lo sviluppo di tale traffico ha richiesto ben presto che il circuito fosse raddoppiato.

Altri circuiti radiotelegrafici diretti sono stati aperti dopo il 1° Ottobre con Buenos Aires, con Rio de Janeiro, con Lima e recentemente con Varsavia. Si sta ora provvedendo alla riattivazione di altri circuiti europei.

Poco dopo la liberazione dell'Italia settentrionale, il servizio dei telegrammi «Lampo» è stato esteso a quegli uffici sociali, anche con l'ausilio del circuito radiotelegrafico Roma-Milano. Questo traffico ha assunto proporzioni rilevantissime, si da costringere ad un notevole potenziamento di tutti i nostri uffici telegrafici e da rappresentare un fattore economico preponderante in questo momento fra le attività sociali.

Non va però trascurato che, per la Italcable, l'attività fondamentale è quella delle comunicazioni telegrafiche e telefoniche internazionali.

E' ancora troppo recente l'attivazione di questi traffici perchè sia possibile riportare statistiche significative, ma si osserva che il volume del traffico internazionale è ancora assai ridotto, rispetto a quello d'anteguerra, soprattutto a causa della scarsa ripresa del commercio estero. E' lecito ritenere che il volume suddetto andrà progressivamente aumentando nel prossimo futuro e, con tale previsione, la Società sta potenziando i suoi mezzi tecnici per far fronte a qualunque esigenza.

Occorrerà però che le tariffe, le quali come sapete sono fissate internazionalmente in franchi-oro, siano convertite in lire italiane ad un cambio assai meglio aderente all'effettivo valore della moneta, altrimenti permarrebbe un grave ed ingiustificato squilibrio fra le entrate di questo traffico e le spese di esercizio.

Situazione finanziaria

Prima del 12 Agosto 1944, in tutta Italia liberata, tanto la Direzione Generale quanto gli Uffici periferici erano già ricorsi al credito per sopperire alle spese di gestione. Esisteva così uno scoperto in maggioranza bancario, di circa 15 milioni e mezzo di lire.

Nei mesi successivi e fino all'attivazione del servizio «Lampo» (Aprile 1944) tale scoperto è andato crescendo con ritmo accelerato per il continuo aumento delle retribuzioni e dei costi in genere, malgrado la più rigida parsimonia esercitata in tutti i settori. Il complesso dei debiti contratti per finanziamenti, per

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fortuna a condizioni assai favorevoli, ha raggiunto nella scorsa primavera un massimo di circa 43 milioni.

Con la ripresa delle entrate di traffico tali debiti sono stati progressivamente ridotti e quindi estinti del tutto. Per contro sono aumentati i debiti verso corrispondenti, compresa l'Amministrazione telegrafica dello Stato.

La gestione nell'Italia settentrionale, che è stata chiusa ed assorbita a partire dal mese di Giugno 1945, ha concluso con una disponibilità di cassa di circa 13 milioni, frutto prevalentemente di realizzi avvenuti per cessioni di materiali. Tale gestione, ancorchè sotto il controllo di un Commissario dello pseudo governo fascista repubblicano, ha avuto il beneficio delle vigili cure di un funzionario competente e devoto alla Società.

Oggi la posizione finanziaria della Società in Italia è soddisfacente sotto ogni rapporto. Il portafoglio titoli emerge dalla grave crisi non solo intatto ma perfino rafforzato in seguito alle recenti sottoscrizioni di Buoni del Tesoro emessi dal Governo Nazionale e alla liberazione di alcune azioni delle quali erano stati versati soltanto i primi 5/10.

Una parte dei nuovi impianti e dei materiali acquistati da Enti e Compagnie Alleati è già stata pagata, in Italia.

Soltanto nei confronti dell'estero, stante il persistere di condizioni avverse e per ora incontrollabili, si ha un incremento dell'ammontare dei debiti per conti di traffico e per le spese causate della conservazione degli impianti, nonchè delle nostre rappresentanze prescritte dalle Convenzioni con i vari Governi.

A questo fabbisogno corrente si aggiunge quello prevedibile per il ripristino dei cavi sottomarini danneggiati e per il primo periodo di riavviamento dell'esercizio sulla rete cablografica, nonchè per il potenziamento degli impianti radioelettrici.

E' augurabile che il Governo italiano vorrà assegnare una parte della disponibilità di divise estere, contro versamento dell'equivalente in lire italiane, per questo fine altissimo di italianità e di prestigio. Qualora, malgrado ogni favorevole proposito, impellenti esigenze in altri settori non consentissero ciò, sarà necessario ricorrere ad un'operazione finanziaria.

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In adempimento degli obblighi stabiliti dalla legislazione vigente sulle gestioni commissariali, ho compilato e comunicato al Ministro delle Poste e Telecomunicazioni il bilancio al 31 Dicembre 1944, che è stato depositato presso il Tribunale di Roma.

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Reputo per me doveroso di sottoporVelo e con tale intento l'ho inserito nell'ordine del giorno. Il bilancio al termine della mia gestione sarà naturalmente compilato più tardi.

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In previsione della ormai prossima scadenza del mio mandato, in virtù dell'art. 12 del D.L.L. 18 Gennaio 1945, n. 7 che stabilisce come la prima assemblea ordinaria convocata dopo l'entrata in vigore del decreto stesso abbia la facoltà di rinnovare il Consiglio di Amministrazione quando anche non fosse scaduto il termine per la cessazione dalla carica dei suoi membri, ho messo all'ordine del giorno la nomina degli amministratori.

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Vi ringrazio dell'attenzione con la quale mi avete seguito in questo rapporto che — forse in deroga alla prassi, ma con il fine di ragguagliarVi il più possibile sulla recente storia e sulla situazione della Vostra Società — ho voluto comunicarVi. Nella imminenza ormai di lasciare la carica e la responsabilità che per sedici mesi ho portato, lasciate ch'io rivolga un ringraziamento alle Autorità, al Collegio Sindacale e ai collaboratori di ogni grado che, in tante gravi occasioni, come nella diuturna fatica, mi sono stati larghi di aiuto e generosi di consenso.

Roma, 12 Dicembre 1945.

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23 Oct 45

Ing DAVI
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1. In July 1945 two transformers were taken from Italcable warehouse VERONA and installed at [illegible] repeater station. The description of one of the transformers is as under

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with marking 8000 039"

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18 Oct 46.

Subject :- Italcable Transformers.

C&O GHQ CMF.

Copy to :- Director,
Communications Sub-Commission,
MG Allied Commission, ROME.

1. Two transformers were taken from Italcable Warehouse VERONA in Jul 45 and are still in use at FLEMO. Italcable are now asking for a receipt for one of these transformers, description as follows :-

" Transformer, Brown Boveri, 80 Kva,
[illegible]/2200, marked No R220 059 "

If this description is correct please forward necessary receipt direct to MG Allied Commission.

2. MG Allied Commission are also enquiring whether equipment requisitioned by Allied Forces and installed in VENEZIA GIULIA will be removed prior to withdrawal of occupation forces. It is understood that policy on this matter is now under discussion in VENEZIA GIULIA. Will you please inform this office as to decisions arrived at.

RAD/JT

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21 OCT 1946

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Nicholson Lt Col
for Brigadier,
Chief Signal Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
Communications Sub-Commission LRH/ec

T.S.185.CS 15 October 1946

SUBJECT: Telegraph Accounts

TO : Italcable

1. Reference is made to letter from this Sub-Commission T.S.181.CS, of 13 September 1946.

2. The matter of payment has been turned over by the Postal Directorate to the Financial Adviser GHQ CMF for decision, who will investigate the matter further.

3. Additional information will be furnished to you as soon as possible.

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L.R.HUMBERT,
Lt.Col.Sig.C.
Director.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
Communications Sub-Commission

LRH/ec

T.8.184.CS

15 October '46

SUBJECT: Transformer

TO : Allied Force Headquarters
Att: Chief Signal Officer.

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1. Reference is made to letter X 595/15, of 2 September 1946, and letter T.8.172.CS, of 20 August 1946, from this Office.

2. It is requested that a receipt be issued for one of the transformers used by Allied Forces at Plezzo (Venezia Giulia), which belong to Italcable, in order that Italcable may obtain from the Italian Government the price of the transformer. The nomenclature of the transformer is:

"Transformer, Brown Boveri, 80 Kva,
8400/2200, marked N° RMNO 039".

3. Inquiry is also made as to whether equipment requisitioned by Allied Forces and installed in Venezia Giulia will be removed prior to withdrawal of occupation forces.

L.R.HUMBERT,
Lt.Col.Sig.C.
Director.

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ITALCABLE

SERVIZI CABLOGRAFICI RADIOTELEGRAFICI E RADIOELETTRICI

SOCIETÀ PER AZIONI CAPITALE L. 175.000.000

SEDE IN ROMA

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DIREZIONE GENERALE

Servizio Amministrativo DAN/3

RIF.

ROMA, October 11, 1946

VIA CALABRIA 46-48 (CASELLA POSTALE D-1164)

To
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Communications Sub-Commission
APO-794

Subject : Transformers installed in Plezzo (Venezia Giulia)

1. Referring to your letter of September 6, 1946, T.8.179.CS, LHR/Ec, this is to inform you that only one of the two transformers used by Allied Forces at Plezzo (Venezia Giulia) belongs to our Company.

2. Considering that after the Treaty of Peace the territory of Plezzo is destined to Yougoslavia, we beg you to let us know whether before leaving the city of Plezzo the Allied Forces will withdraw the transformer in question and return the same to our Company.

3. Anyhow, we beg you to release to us a regular form confirming that the above named transformer was requisitioned by the Allied Forces in July, 1945, thus enabling our Company to apply to the Italian Government (Ministero del Tesoro) in order to obtain the payment of the indemnity due.

4. For your information, the characteristics of the said transformer are the following : "Transformer Brown Boveri 80 KVA, 8400/220 V., marked No. RMNO 039".

Yours faithfully,

ITALCABLE
SERVIZI CABLOGRAFICI RADIOTELEGRAFICI E RADIOELETTRICI
L'AMMINISTRATORE DELEGATO

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INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO ITALCABLE

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Communications Sub-Commission
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SERVIZI CABLOGRAFICI E RADIOELETTRICI
L'AMMINISTRATORE DELEGATO

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POSTAL DIRECTORATE,
GHQ
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7 Oct. 46.

Subject:- Italcable Telegraph Account - Payment.

To:- 'Q' GHQ CMF.

Copy to:- Financial Adviser, GHQ CMF. (A/109/TA of 5 Jun 46 refers).
HQ Allied Commission, Italy. (TB.146,03 of 23 May refers).

Reference your 24.05/Q2 of 17 June 46 and associated correspondence, the matter was referred to MEFG, War Office, on 27 June 46. The following reply dated 23 Sept. 46, has now been received :-

"The question of the propriety under the Armistice terms of payment to Italcable for the period 1 Oct. 45 to 19 May 46 should, in the opinion of this Directorate and the CMF be settled by the Financial Adviser, CMF. If the Financial Adviser agrees to payment being made his authority should be obtained in writing. Settlement of the account should then be effected by a demand on the Command Paymaster, the withdrawal being charged against the London Account, supported by receipts from the Cable Coy."

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CABLE
No. 146
T.P.

Date 14 OCT 1946

(J. C. WILLIAMS),
Lt.Col., R.E.,
A.D.A.F.S.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
Communications Sub-Commission LRB/ec

T.S.181.C3 13 Sept. 1946

SUBJECT: Telegraph accounts

TO : Italcable, 46-48 Via Calabria ROME

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Reference 18457 2 September 1946.

1. The Postal Directorate has again written the War Office about these accounts. Information will be forwarded as soon as possible.

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L.R.DUMBRELL,
Lt. Col. Sig. C.
Director.

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POSTAL DIRECTORATE,
C/O A.P.O. S.495,
C.M.F.

Tele No Naples 20538.

P/920/1.

10 Sept. 46.

Subject:- Italcable Telegraph Accounts Payment.

To:- Allied Commission,
(Communication Sub Commission),
C.M.F.

1. With reference to your T.8. 175. CS. dated 4 Sep. 46, further representations have been made to D.A.P.S. at the War Office and you will be informed immediately the reply comes to hand at this Directorate.

(G.F. EMERY)
Major R.E.
for A.D.A.P.S.

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Time Blvd.
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Date 12 SEP 1946

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Col Williams

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
Communications Sub-Commission LRH/ec

T.S.179.CS 6 September '46

SUBJECT: Transformers Installed
Plezzo Venezia Giulia

TO : Italcable, 46-48 Via Calabria, ROME

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1. Reference is made to your letter of August 17, 1946, regarding transformers used by Allied Forces for the telephone repeater of Plezzo Venezia Giulia (Zone "A).

2. These two transformers are still required at Plezzo by the Allied Forces, and cannot be returned to you at this time.

L.R.HUMBERT,
Lt. Col.Sig.C.
Director.

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Subject: PLEZZO Repeater Station

CSO's BRANCH
GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCES

Tele: FREEDOM 48

X595/15

2 Sep 46

Communications Sub-Commission
HQ Allied Commission

Reference your T.8.172.CS of 20 Aug 46.

1. The two transformers concerned are still required for use at PLEZZO.

Brigadier
Chief Signal Officer

RAD/PC

Cos's Brs. 172
File T.8 B/F'wd.
6 SEP. 1945
Date

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
Communications Sub-Commission

LRH/ec

T.S.177.CS

6 September 1946

SUBJECT: Radiotelephone Call

TO : Italcable, 46-48 Via Calabria, ROME

1. The radiotelephone call made by Mr. Frank M. Tamagna to Mr. Bowen H.Smith, Washington, D.C. should be sent to the Foreign Economic Administration.

2. There is no one in the Allied Commission, at the present time, who was acquainted with Mr. Hughes, or Mr. Tamagna. Information has been obtained that the radiotelephone call was made by Mr. Tamagna to the Foreign Economic Administration about the assignment of Mr. Tamagna in Japan or China. The Foreign Economic Administration should be able to effect payment for the call.

L.R.HUBBERT,
Lt. Col.Sig.C.
Director.

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UNITED NATIONS
RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION
ITALIAN MISSION
Bureau of Requirements and Distribution

Ref No. RD/1.13

3 Sept. 1946

CABLE FILES | ATTACHED
T.8. | Sig'nd.
Date 5 SEP. 1946

TO: Lt. Col. L. R. Humbert, Sig. C.
Director Communications Sub-Commission
Allied Commission, Rome

FROM: Harlan Cleveland, D. C. M., Bu. R. & D.
UNRRA, Rome

SUBJECT: BILL FOR TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN FRANK M. TAMAGNA IN ROME AND MR. BOWMAN H. SMITH IN WASHINGTON 11 Sept. 45

1. I believe that I remember enough about the attached bill to indicate its official status.

2. Mr. Tamagna was not visiting Italy as a member of Foreign Economic Administration, but on behalf of Handicraft Development, Inc. While he was here, however, he was asked to call FEA, Washington, Mr. Bowman H. Smith, on the phone with regard to a position in connection with the economic side of the Civil Affairs operations in Japan. I have no way of knowing whether that was the subject of the reference telephone conversation; however, I have no reason to doubt that it was.

3. Although the matter was not, as far as I know, cleared with the FEA Administration Office at the time, I believe that a fair presumption exists for considering it an official call and charging it to FEA.

4. If a more definite statement is required, it will be necessary to check the matter back with one or the other of the two participants. Presumably this can be done, if necessary, through the American Embassy and the State Department in Washington.

Harlan Cleveland
HARLAN CLEVELAND
DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION AND CHIEF
BUREAU OF REQUIREMENTS AND DISTRIBUTION

HCLEVELAND/sc

Incl: T.8.173.CS ltr.
21 Aug. 46 & Attach.
Per para 1. above.

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UNRRA-POLITY
22AUG 17hrs.
ACTION:

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
Communications Sub-Commission

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T.8.173.CS

21 August '45

SUBJECT: Attached Bill

TO : U.N.R.R.A.
Att: Mr. Harlan Cleveland

1. Inquiry is made as to whether anyone in your orgenization is familiar with the attached telephone bill from Italcable.

2. This inquiry is made in order to advise Italcable about the velidity of the charge as an official call, and any information that you may have would be useful.

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L.R. HULBERT,
Lt. Col. Sig.C.
Director.

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copia
ITALCABLE

Roma, 20 Settembre 1945

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Spett.Foreign Economic Administration
Via Veneto - Palazzo ex Ministero delle
Corporazioni
R O M A.

Conversazione Radiotelefonica.

Conto relativo alla conversazione radiotelefonica effettuata l'11 settembre 1945 dal signor Frank M. Tamagna con Mr. Bowen H. Smith - Washington, D.C.

Durata della conversazione dalle ore 23.26 alle ore 23.32

m. 6 x 400 Lire 2400.==

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C A L L T I C K E T

Serial Number 4668 IO-9

Name of calling party Frank M. Tamagna

Name of party required Bowen H. Smith

Telephone exchange Special Assistant to the director Enemy Branch Bureau Areas Foreign Economic A D M.

City Washington State D.C.

Street Adress Q Street

Nature of call Official Language Enghish (~~Official, press or secret~~)

Date call desired Sept. II Time (loc.) 22.35 F E A - B A 1571

L E A V E F O L O W I N G C L E A R

Date and time call approved 1169

Call approved by

Telephone exchange of calling party

Address of calling party in Italy

Official Call to FEA superior in Washington. Mr Hughes AC for reference. sgd. Frank M. Tamagna

Call started at 2326. Call ended at 2332 - lasted 6'

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Bureau of Requirements and Distribution

RD/1.15

3 Sept. 1946

TO: Lt. Col. L. R. Rumbert, Sig. C.
Director Communications Sub-Commission
Allied Commission, Rome

FROM: Harlan Cleveland, D. C. M., Pn. R. & D.
UNRRA, Rome

SUBJECT: MEMO FOR TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN FRANK M. TAMAGNA IN ROME AND LT. COL. BOWEN H. SMITH IN WASHINGTON 11 Sept. 45

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DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION AND CHIEF
BUREAU OF REQUIREMENTS AND DISTRIBUTION

HCLEVELAND/ec

Encl: T.S.173.C3 ltr.
21 Aug. 46 & Attach.
Per para 1. above.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
Communications Sub-Commission

LRH/ec

4 September 1946

T.S.175.CS

SUBJECT: Itelcable Telegraph Accounts.

TO : Postal Directorate
c/o 15 Base A.P.O.
CMF.

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With reference to your P/920 dated 2 August 1946, please advise this Office of the latest information from the D.A.P.S.

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L.R.HUMBERT,
Lt. Col.Sig.C.
Director.

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ITALCABLE
SERVIZI CABLOTELEGRAFICI RADIOTELEGRAFICI E RADIOELETTRICI
SOCIETÀ PER AZIONI - CAPITALE L. 175.000.000
SEDE IN ROMA

Mod. 1149

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DIREZIONE GENERALE

Servizio Commerciale CAT 2/5I

N° 18457

ROMA September 2nd 1946

VIA CALABRIA 46-48 CASELLA POSTALE D. 1384

Subject: Payment for Troops Telegrams handled by Italcable.

To the Headquarters
Allied Commission
Communications Sub-Commission
Rome

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1. With your letter T.8.I6I.CS of the 8th of July last, you informed us that G.H.Q. admitted A.P.O. liability in regard to the payment of troops telegrams handled by Italcable.

2. On the subject, please be advised that the amounts due to us in respect of the above which covers the services we rendered up to May 20, 1946, have not yet been settled; therefore, we take the liberty to apply once again to your kindness with to come to an end of this old matter.

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UNCLASSIFIED ITALCABLE

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Allied Commission
Communications Sub-Commission
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
Communications Sub-Commission LRH/ec

T.S.173.CS. 21 August '46

SUBJECT: Attached Bill

TO : U.N.R.R.A.
Att: Mr. Herlan Cleveland

1. Inquiry is made as to whether anyone in your organization is familiar with the attached telephone bill from Italcable.

2. This inquiry is made in order to advise Italcable about the validity of the charge as an official call, and any information that you may have would be useful.

L.R.HUMBERT,
Lt. Col. Sig.C.
Director.

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FINANCE
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
Communications Sub-Commission

LRH/ec

T.8.170.CS

9 August 1946

SUBJECT: Telephone Call by Mr. Tamagna

TO : Economic Section.

Your recommendation as to the disposition of the attached telephone bill for a call made by Mr. Tamagna is requested.

L. R. Humbert

L.R.HUMBERT,
Lt. Col.Sig.C.
Director.

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17 Aug. 1946

T.8.170.C3 Economic Section, Allied Commission, APO 794

TO: Signal Officer, Communications Sub-Commission, Allied Commission

The parties in question are unknown to any member of the present Economic Section, but it is suggested that inquiries be made with former members of the Economic Section now serving in U.N.R.R.A., namely Mr. Harlen Cleveland and Mr. Holstein. Since the nature of the call and the caller are unknown, we have no recommendation to make as to the disposition of the bill.

FOR THE ACTING VICE PRESIDENT:

Carlos G. Webster Jr.

CARLOS G. WEBSTER JR.
Lt. Col., FA
Chief Staff Officer

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
Communications Sub-Commission LRH/ec

T.8.172.CS 20 August 1946

SUBJECT: Transformers Installed Plezzo Venezia Giulia.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters
Att: Chief Signal Officer.

1. Reference is made to the attached copy of a letter from Italcable regarding transformers installed in Plezzo Venezia Giulia.

2. Information is requested as to whether the transformers can be returned to Italcable at this time.

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L.R.HUMBERT,
Lt. Col. Sig.C.
Director.

Enclosure: Copy of letter of Italcable

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ITALCABLE

SERVIZI CABLOGRAFICI RADIOTELEGRAFICI E RADIOELETTRICI

SOCIETÀ PER AZIONI - CAPITALE L. 175.000.000

SEDE IN ROMA

DIREZIONE GENERALE

REPARTO Servizio Tecnico - IMP -

RIF.

ROMA August 17th 1946

VIA CALABRIA 46-48 CASELLA POSTALE 0 (1384)

17406

To
Allied Commission Headquarters
Communications Subcommission
Via Veneto, 32

ROME

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Italcable's transformers

1. In July 1945 Ing. Dani of Azienda di Stato per i Servizi Telefonici took away, from our warehouse in Verona, two transformers needed by the above Azienda for the telephone repeater of Plezzo Venezia Giulia (Zone "A").

2. We have requested now to Azienda di Stato the transformers, which are necessary for our services.

3. Azienda di Stato inform us that these transformers were installed in Plezzo repeater by order of Allied Command, owing to the fact that Plezzo repeater is in a zone controlled by Allied troops, Azienda di Stato declares that it is necessary to request transformers to the Allied Command.

4. A formal inquire of Allied Command of Zone "A" should oblige.

ITALCABLE
SERVIZI CABLOGRAFICI RADIOTELEGRAFICI E RADIOELETTRICI

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INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO ITALCABLE

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SERVIZI CABLOGRAFICI RADIOTELEGRAFICI E RADIOELETTRICI

CP/ab

Letter to AFHQ on 20 Aug 1946

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INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO ITALCABLE

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AFO 794
Communications Sub-Commission LRH/ec

T.S.170.CS 9 August 1946

SUBJECT: Telephone Call by Mr. Tamagna

TO : Economic Section.

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Your recommendation as to the disposition of the attached telephone bill for a call made by Mr. Tamagna is requested.

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L.R.HUMBERT,
Lt. Col.Sig.C.
Director.

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ITALCABLE
SERVIZI CABLOGRAFICI RADIOTELEGRAFICI E RADIOELETTRICI
SOCIETÀ PER AZIONI - CAPITALE L. 175.000.000
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DIREZIONE GENERALE
REPARTO SERVIZIO COMMERCIALE CTR10/20
RIF.

ROMA, August 7th 1946
VIA CALABRIA 46-48 CASELLA POSTALE

Subject: Radiotelephone Call.

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To the Headquarters
Allied Commission
Communications Sub-Commission

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R O M E.

1. We enclose you a copy of the "Call Ticket" issued on September 10, 1945, in respect of a 6 minute call made by Mr. Frank M. Tamagna to Mr. Bowen H. Smith, Washington, D.C.

2. This call was billed on September 20th to FEA, as per enclosure, but it was reported that Mr. Tamagna had left for China and that FEA would take steps to recover the amount of Lire 2400.00 due to us. The settlement of this item is still outstanding.

3. The reason for our submitting this case to your attention, before taking it up with Washington, is due to the note which appears on the "Call Ticket" : "Mr. Hughes AC for reference".

4. Therefore, we shall be glad to receive your advices on the matter.

ITALCABLE
SERVIZI CABLOGRAFICI RADIOTELEGRAFICI E RADIOELETTRICI

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ITALCABLE
SERVIZI CABLOGRAFICI, RADIOTELEGRAFICI E RADIOELETTRICI

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BRITISH POSTAL DIRECTORATE,
C/o 15 BASE A.P.O.,
C.M.F.

TEL NO: NAPLES 20938.

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P/920.

2 August 46.

Subject:- Italcable Telegraph Accounts - Payment.

To:- Allied Commission,
(Communications Sub Commission),
C. M. F.

1. With reference to your T.8 164 CS dated 16 July 46, the question of payment to Italcable has been referred to the D.A.P.S. at the War Office. No reply has as yet been received, and the D.A.P.S. has been asked to state the present position.

2. You will be informed immediately of developments.

(J. W. H. DAVIES),
2/Lieut., R.E.,
Accountant,
for A.D.A.P.S.

RCC

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File - a report to Italcable will not be made at this time
SHH
7 Aug 1946

CROSS REFS 164 B/fwd.
FILE T.8 :-
Date - 6 AUG 1946

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
Communications Sub-Commission

CIC/ec

18 July 1946

T.S.167.CS

SUBJECT: Italcable Equipment in Tripolitania

TO : Under-Secretary of State for FP. & TT.

1. Further to our letter T.S.159.CS of 26 June 1946. You are advised that no trace can be found in Tripoli of any equipment formerly belonging to the Italcable Company. Apparently this equipment was taken over by the Custodian of Enemy Equipment.

A.C.HOLLAND,
Maj. R.Sigs.
O i/c Comms. S/C

Copy to: Italcable, Via Calabria 46-48
ROME

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
Communications Sub-Commission

ACH/EC

T.S.166.C3

17 July 1946

SUBJECT: Radiotelephone Call

TO : Italcable, Via Calabria 46-48, ROME

1. With reference to your letter 14735 of 12 July 1946, the HQs. Commandant is taking action to have Major Weideman's call paid for.

2. If payment has not been made by the end of this month you are advised to contact purchases and contracts of the HQs Commandant Branch to ascertain the cause of the delay.

A.C.HOLLAND,
Maj. R.Sigs.
O i/c Comms. S/C

Copy to HQs. Commandant.

Am/the copy
to the Typist
C.C.G.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
Captured Enemy Materials Branch

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CEM/78A/66

15 July 46

SUBJECT : Recovery of Equipment.

TO : Communications S/C
Headquarters Allied Commission

SEE 158

Further to this Branch letter CEM/78A/64 dated 2[illegible] June 1946.

Herewith copy of G.H.Q. letter L 40855 SD1b dated 3 July 1946.

J.A. CAMPBELL
Lieut. Colonel
Director
CEM Branch.

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CROSS REFS
FILE T.8
B/fwd
Date 17 LUG 1946

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Copy

Subject: Equipment of Italian Origin.

General Headquarters
Middle East Force

L 40855 SD1b

3 Jul 46

General Headquarters
Central Mediterranean Force

Further to my L 40855 dated 7 Jun 46.

It is regretted that no trace can be found in TRIPOLI of any equipment formerly belonging to the ITALCABLE Company. It would appear that it was also taken over by the Custodian of Enemy Equipment together with that of the Italian Broadcasting Company.

(Signed) ???? General
Commander-in-Chief.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
Communications Sub-Commission

ACH/ec

T.S.164.CS

16 JULY 1946

SUBJECT: Payments to Italcable

TO : Director British Army Postal Services
HQ
C.M.F.

Reference DQMG letter 2405/Q2 of 17 June 1946
Copy to this Sub-Commission

You are kindly requested to inform this Sub-Commission of the latest position regarding settlement of Italcable's claim in respect of telegrams handled for APO's up to the 20th May 1946.

A.C.HOLLAND,
Major.R.Sigs.
O i/c Comms.S/C

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SERVIZI CABLOGRAFICI RADIOTELEGRAFICI E RADIOELETTRICI

SOCIETÀ PER AZIONI - CAPITALE L. 175.000.000

SEDE IN ROMA

Mod. 383

ROMA July 12th 1946

VIA CALABRIA 46 - CASELLA POSTALE D-139-41

Gen.

DIREZIONE GENERALE

REPARTO SERVIZIO COMMERCIALE CAT 2/51

RIF. Subject: Payment for Troops Telegrams handled by Italcable

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To the
Headquarters Allied Commission
Communications Sub-Commission

R O M E.

	161
T.8	M/two

Date 5 LUG 1946

1. We acknowledge receipt of your letter T.8.161 of the 8th instant, concerning the settlement of our bills in c ion with Troops Telegrams handled by our Company contents of w have been noted with thanks.

ITALCABLE
SERVIZI CABLOGRAFICI RADIOTELEGRAFICI E RADIOELETTRICI

GF/

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO ITALCABLE

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ITALCABLE

SERVIZI CABLOGRAFICI RADIOTELEGRAFICI E RADIOELETTRICI

SOCIETÀ PER AZIONI - CAPITALE L. 175.000.000

SEDE IN ROMA

14735

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DIREZIONE GENERALE

REPARTO SERVIZIO COMMERCIALE TTT 3/1

RIF.

ROMA July 12th 1946

VIA CALABRIA 46-47 CASELLA POSTALE 0-1384

Subject: Radiotelephone calls

To the
Headquarters Allied Commission
Communications Sub-Commission
R O M E.

1. With reference to your letter T.S.154.CS of the 7th ultimo, and previous correspondence exchanged, concerning calls made by Col.Pforzheimer and by Major Weidman, we have the advantage to inform you that we have duly collected the amount of Lire 16.000,= due to us in respect of the first above-mentioned call.

2. We shall be glad if you will kindly let us know when we may expect a settlement in connection with Major Weidman's call.

ITALCABLE
SERVIZI CABLOGRAFICI RADIOTELEGRAFICI E RADIOELETTRICI

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To the
Headquarters Allied Commission
Communications Sub-Commission

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ITALCABLE
SERVIZI CABLOGRAFICI RADIOTELEGRAFICI E RADIOELETTRICI

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GP/ Ct Cb. Radio Officer to deal.

CSC file

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Date 5 LUG 1946

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
Communications Sub-Commission ACH/ee

T.8.161.CS

8 July 1946

SUBJECT: Payment for Troops Telegrams handled by Italcable.

TO : Italcable, 46-48 Via Calabria, ROME

Reference your letter 14244 of 6th July. SEE 160

1. It is understood that the British Postal Director GHQ CMF is at present in touch with the G.P.O. London obtaining the necessary agreement to pay over to you the sums involved.

2. It would appear from copies of correspondence on the matter that G.H.Q. now admit A.P.O. liability in the matter.

SEE 174

A.C.HOLLAND,
Major, Sig.C.
O i/c Comms. S/C

See 168

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refer back in 7 days time ACH.

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ITALCABLE

SERVIZI CABLOGRAFICI RADIOTELEGRAFICI E RADIOELETTRICI

SOCIETÀ PER AZIONI - CAPITALE L. 175.000.000

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DIREZIONE GENERALE

ROMA, July 6th 1946

VIA CALABRIA 46-48 CASELLA POSTALE D-12541

RE SERVIZIO COMMERCIALE CAT 2/51

DIF

14244

Subject: Payment of Traffic Accounts - British and Indian Army Post Offices.

Director	
D/Director	CACH
Chief Telecoms	
Chief Postal	
Mod. Coms O	
Asst. Chief Posta	
Chief Clerk	

T.8.	

Date - 8 LUG 1946

To the
Headquarters Allied Commission
Communications Sub-Commission.

ROME.

SEE 161

1. Allow us to remind you that we have still in abeyance the settlement of the British and Indian military traffic accepted by our Rome office, through the APOs concerned, up to May last.

see 139A see 141 see 150

2. On the subject, please see our letters Nos. 8550, April 19; 10693, May 20 and 11758 June 3rd.

3. We give you herebelow the details of the traffic in question, with the respective amounts outstanding :-

- October, 1945,	bill	....	Lire	775.699,40	British Army APO
- November,	"	"	....	"	739.583,95
- December,	"	"	....	"	1.424.890,40
- January, 1946,	"	....	"	906.108,75	
- February,	"	"	....	"	1.206.544,75
- March,	"	"	....	"	953.060,80
- April,	"	"	....	"	794.268,85
- May,	"	"	....	"	432.892,50
				Total	L.7.233.049,40

- October, 1945,	bill	....	Lire	10.491,75	Indian Army APO
- November,	"	"	....	"	9.107,50
- December,	"	"	....	"	921,65
				Total Lire	20.520,90

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Chief Telecoms
Chief Postal
H.Q. Coins O
Asst. Chief Posts

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			Total Lire	20.520,90	

4. May we ask you to let us know what steps were taken in order to settle this matter, please ?

5. As you are aware, since May 21, last, following the arrangements arrived at for the extension of the Services telegraph facilities for troop messages throughout Italy, the traffic in question is being accepted directly at the State of Italcable Telegraph offices, and the telegrams are paid for immediately et the acceptance centres.

GF/

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
Communications Sub-Commission ACH/ec

T.S.159.CS 26 June 1946

SEE 158

SUBJECT: Italcable and R.A.I. Equipment in Tripolitania

TO : Under-Secretary of State for FT. & TT.

Reference your 681.316/8350/62 of 29th Dec. '45 and 678.181 T/8350-62 of 13th August '45 also RAI letter DT/230142 of 21 August '45 without copy to you.

1. As the result of enquiries made by general Headquarters Middle East Forces in Tripoli it appears that such property and equipment owned by RAI in Tripoli as escaped destruction was taken over by the Custodian of Enemy equipment and was sold in 1944 for public utility undertakings in Tripolitania.

2. No firm information is yet available in respect of the equipment owned by the Italcable company, but it is thought most likely that this will have been disposed of in the same way.

3. Any further information will be passed on as available.

A.C. HOLLAND
Major.R.Sigs.
C i/c Comm. S/C

Copy to: Italcable,
46-48 Via Calabria ROME
R.A.I.,
Via delle Botteghe Oscure 54, ROME

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
CAPTURED ENEMY MATERIALS BRANCH

CEM/78A/64

24 June 1946

SUBJECT: Recovery of Equipment.

SEE 159

TO : Headquarters Allied Commission
Communications Sub Commission.

Reference your T.8.98.CS dated 8 June 1946.

1. Attached herewith copy of letter received from G.H.Q., C.M.F., together with copy letter from G.H.Q., M.E.F.

2. Should any further information become available you will be notified.

CROSS 98
T.8
B/fwd
24 JUN 1946

J.A.CAMPBELL
Lieut.-Colonel
Director
CEM Branch

2. Enclosure.

1. Encl. copy G.H.Q., C.M.F. letter 5072/Q2 dated 14 June 1946.
1. " copy G.H.Q., M.E.F., letter L.40855 SDI 4 dated 7 June 1946.

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COPY

SUBJECT: Equipment of Italian Origin.

General Headquarters
Middle East Force

L 40855 SD1b

7 Jun 46

General Headquarters
Central Mediterranean Force

Ref. your GHQ/5072/Q (CEMS) dated 18 Jan 46.

1. As the result of enquiries made in Tripoli, it appears that such property and equipment of the Italian Broadcasting Company as escaped destruction was taken over by the Custodian of Enemy Equipment and was sold in 1944 for Public Utility undertakings in TRIPOLITANIA.

2. No firm information is yet available in respect of the equipment of the Italcable Company, but it is thought likely that this will have been disposed of in the same way.

3. Delay in replying to your letter is regretted.

(SGD) ? ? ? ? ?
General
Commander-in-Chief

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COPY

G.H.Q. C.M.F.
5072/Q2.
14 June 46.

SUBJECT: Italian CEM.

AC (CEM Branch).

Reference our GHQ/5072/Q(CEMS) of 18 Jan 46 addressed to GHQ MEF, copy to you.

1. Attached is a copy of MEF letter L.40855 SD1b of 7 Jun 46.

2. If any further information is received from MEF concerning equipment of the Italcable Coy, you will be informed.

BJH/DY.

B.J.HEWITT, S/Comd.,
for Major General,
MGA.

Copy to: G-5.

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Correspondence Section
8447

G.H.Q., G.M.F.
2405/42
17 Jun 46

SUBJECT: Payments to Italcable

TO: Postal

Attached is letter 2505 dated 11 Jun 46 with related correspondence, from CSO CMF.

1. This correspondence apparently deals with the payment of Terminal charges for troops cables received from APOs over the period 1 Oct 45, to it is assumed, 20 May, that is the date on which troops were authorised to file their cables direct with Italcable or PT offices.

2. It has always been the opinion of this branch that traffic accepted by Italcable from APOs should be subject to the conditions of Addendum No. 23. However it does appear that the agreement marked 1:48 has some bearing on this question and since the FAO was probably concerned in the negotiations and the moneys in question are handled by you on behalf of the FAO, will you please refer this question to the FAO. DAPS do letter 12/13/3377 dated 6 Apr 46 appears to have some bearing on this question.

SEE 146

Director
U/Director

J.A.J. FIELD, Lieut-Colonel,
for Brigadier,
Public.

JAF/AG

Copy to: CSO - Your K505 dated 11 Jun 46 refers.
FAO(M) - Y ur A/169/FA dated 5 Jun 46 refers.
M. Allied Commission - Your Tr.146.05 dated 28 May 46 refers.

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T. & Tele Italcable

MEMORANDUM TO CHIEF COMMISSIONER

Confirming conversation with you, Italcable has given the following information.

"Via Imperial" routing is not yet permitted but will be shortly but only for those destinations not served by Italcable before the war. These are reported to be unimportant from a traffic standpoint.

At present telegrams received by Italcable for the U.S.A. which are bearing routing"via Italradio"are sent by radio to R.C.A. Telegrams bearing routing "via Italcable" are sent either byland line to Paris and thence W.U. to the U.S. or to Lima, Peru via radio and thence All America. Traffic division is made proportionate to origin of incoming traffic.

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Further to my letter of
a proposal has been made by Italcable for repairs and changes to submarine cables in the Mediterranean which if approved would result in restoration of cable communication Italy - U.S.A. via the Azores, without passing through Gibraltar, and the direct cable link Italy-Gibraltar now operated by Cable and Wireless and considered essential by SACMED.

In order to accomplish this it is proposed to restore the Malaga-Horta cable as it was until June 1940, repair the Barcelona - Malaga cable, and connect with the Anzio-Barcelona cable already repaired and returned to Italcable operation.

In order to accomplish this it would be necessary

a) To cut and abandon the Gibraltar shore end of present Horta - Gibraltar cable (which consists of a portion of the former Horta-Malaga cable) splicing the remaining portion to one of the unused portions of the former Malaga - Lisbon or Malaga - Las Palmas cables. This would deprive Gibraltar of its present direct link to Horta but, as such a link did not exist before the war, no hardship would be caused in reverting to previous routing which was Gibraltar - Lisbon and Lisbon-Horta cables. Both these cables are British owned and operated cables.

b) To authorise Italcable to proceed with the repair (and once repaired to operate) the Italcable cable which formerly joined Malaga and Barcelona.

Once agreement had been obtained to the above suggestion there would be, of course, many details to be arranged but these can be safely left to the cable companies involved

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~~This proposal is made on the basis of restoration~~

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b. To authorize Hcal cable to proceed with the repair and re-operate (re-opened) the Hcal cable which formerly joined Malaga and Barcelona.

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I cannot too strongly urge that every effort be made to obtain agreement to the above proposal which from the stand point of the ~~U.S.~~ United States represents the only solution so far put forward which will restore pre-war cable communications ~~between~~ with Italy and at the same time retains ~~facilities~~ ~~cable facilities~~ which are ~~maintained~~ maintained to essential military cable facilities which are maintained to be essential military cable facilities.

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~~description~~ ~~factor is to~~

M E M O R A N D U M

A) - Whereas the Italcable is reckoning the score of the complete and definitive restitution of the cables of their own System which have been taken in use by the Allies consequentially to the Armisti ce and therefore they have ready the schedule of works to be realis ed in order to restore the normal working of the system itself as soon as the restitution will be materialized.

Nevertheless not to delay anymore the restarting of the traffic with the American Companies, the Commercial Cable and the Western Union Telegraph, in accordance with the tripartite agreement of the 11th November 1925, the Italcable
suggest:

1. to keep the submarine cable Rome-Gibraltar unaltered and work it as at present until the Allies' military requirements now standing will cease, and this cable too may be returned to the Ital - cable,
demand:
2. in order to restore the Malaga-Horta cable as it was operated until the 11th June 1940, to cut and abandon the Gibraltar shore end of the present Gibraltar-Horta cable splicing the remaining main portion of the latter with one of the useless existing portions of Malaga-Lisbon or Malaga-Las Palmas cables ending close to Europe Point and landing at Malaga,
3. to repair the Barcelona-Malaga cable in order to restore the Rome-Barcelona-Malaga-Horta circuit.

B) - In order to materialize the above suggested program it is essential:

a) to get the Allied agreement on the above program and the authorization to start the necessary works at sea,
b) to secure the disposal of the c.s. Rampino from the 15th July next,
c) to secure the disposal of the spare submarine cable which is necessary to make effective the repair of the Malaga-Horta cable and the repair of the Barcelona-Malaga cable,
d) to get in touch with the British Authorities in order to have [illegible] the actual present conditions of

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d) to get in touch with the British Authorities in order to have all necessary informations on the actual present conditions of the Italcable's cables in the Mediterranean waters,
e) in the meantime to have the Italcable allowed the cable-ship eventually stationning at Gibraltar should the Rampino fail in the work owing lack of her picking up gear.

C) - Taking in consideration the data on the cutting of the cables operated by the A.F. on the Italcable's cables as shown in the attached No.2 sketch, it is presumed that it should not be difficult to make use of the section of the Malaga-Lisbon cable or of the Malaga-Las Palmas cable still existing intact and useless between Malaga and

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Europe Point to restore the landing at Malaga of the Horta cable. Of course, should the charted datas on the interruptions not correspond with the actual state of the matter, all hypothesis would be amended and a new schedule of work agreeded thereupon.

6th June 1946

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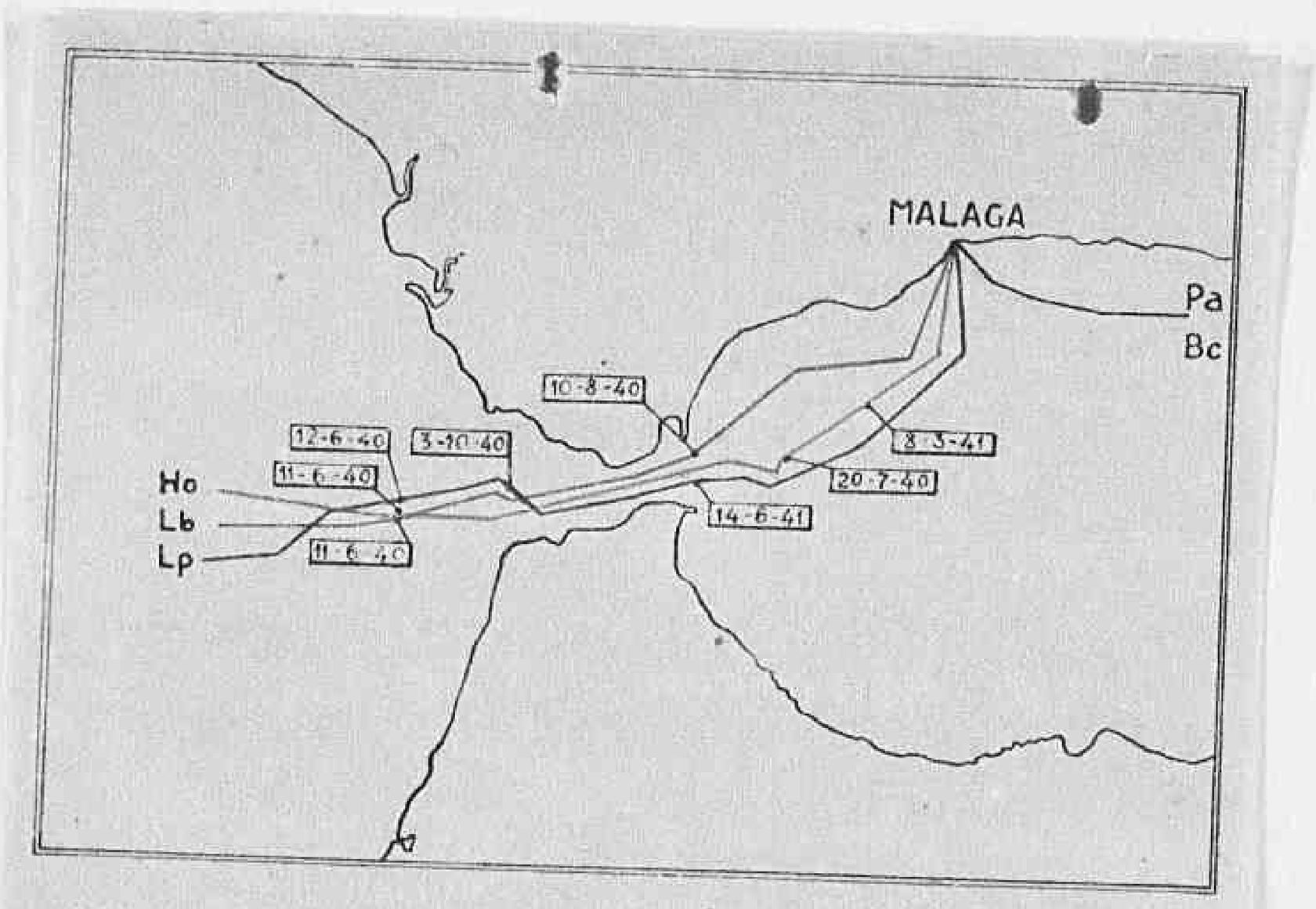

Sketch Nº 2 -
Italcable system.
Cuttings operated on the cables in the zone of the Strait of Gibraltar.

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ITALY - North America route 1925-1960
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PRESUMED CABLE DIVERTION

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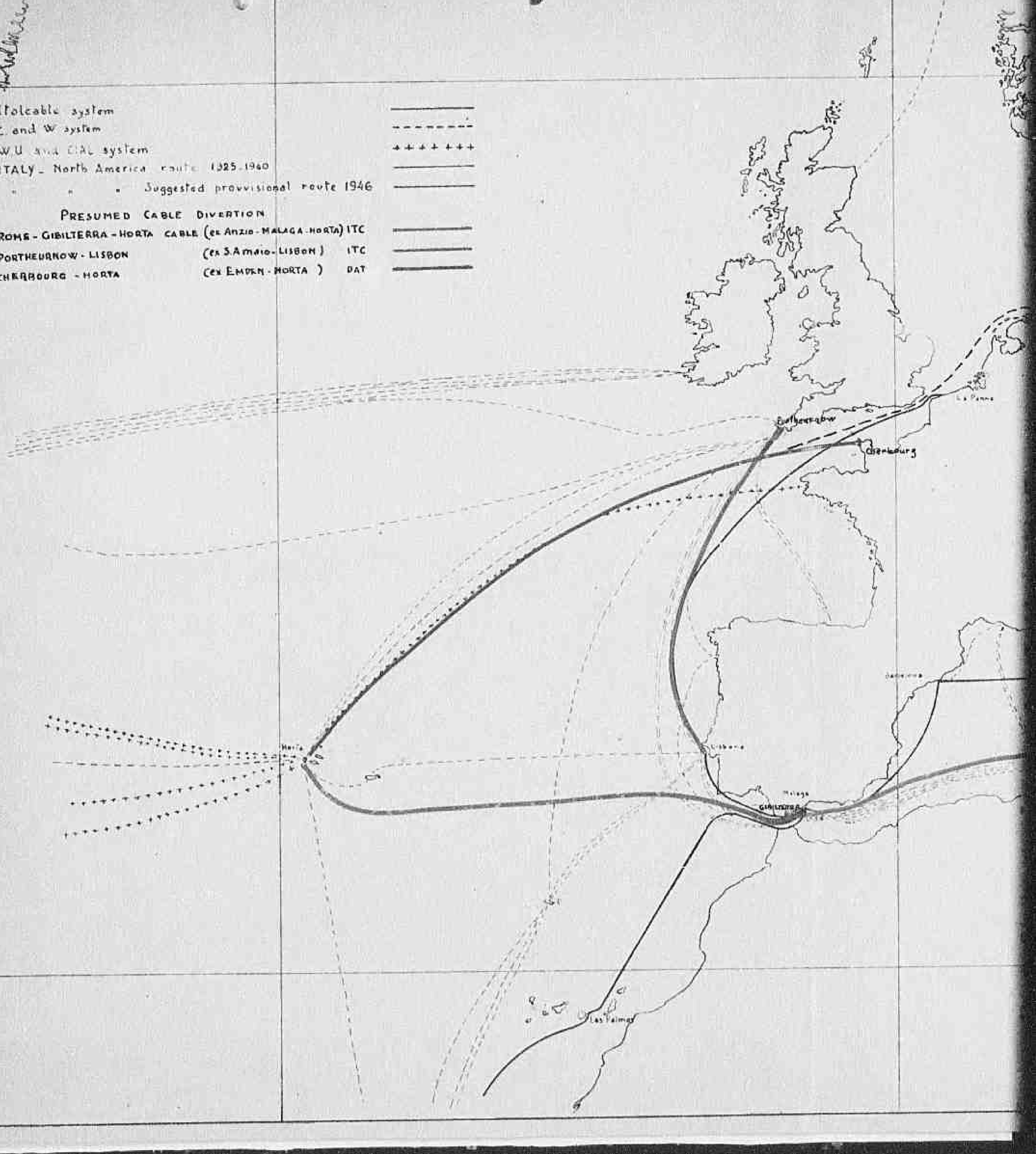

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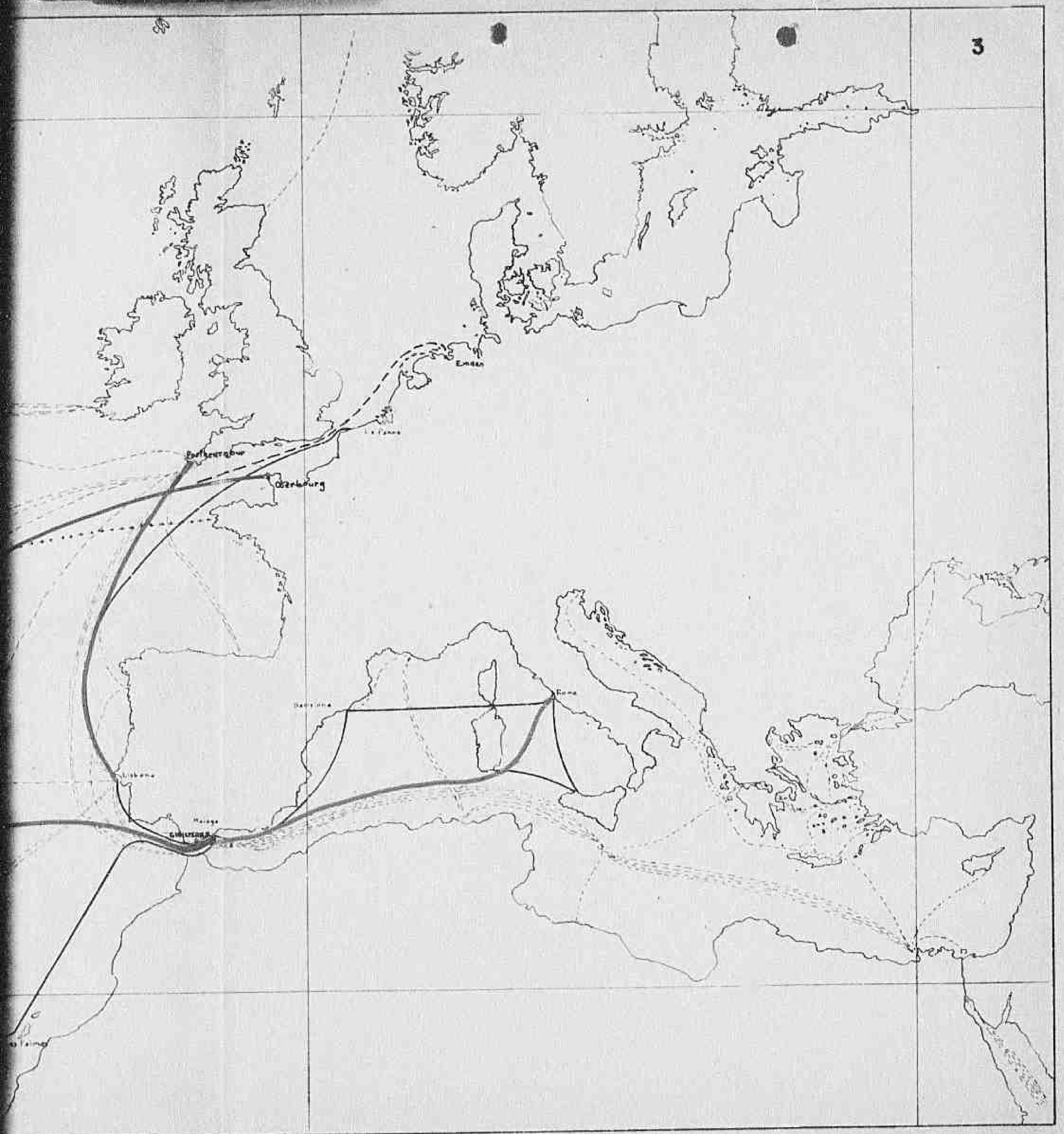

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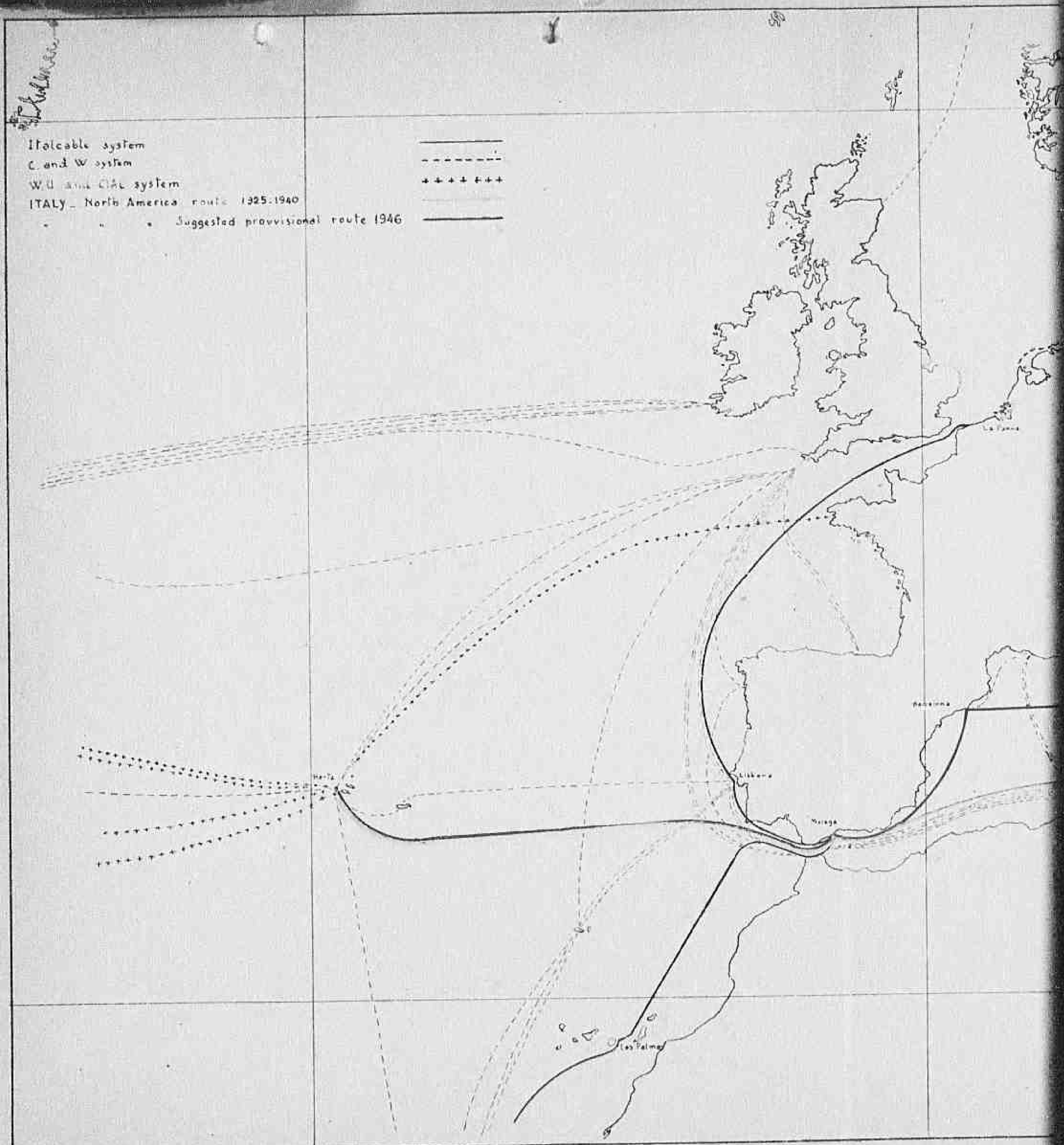

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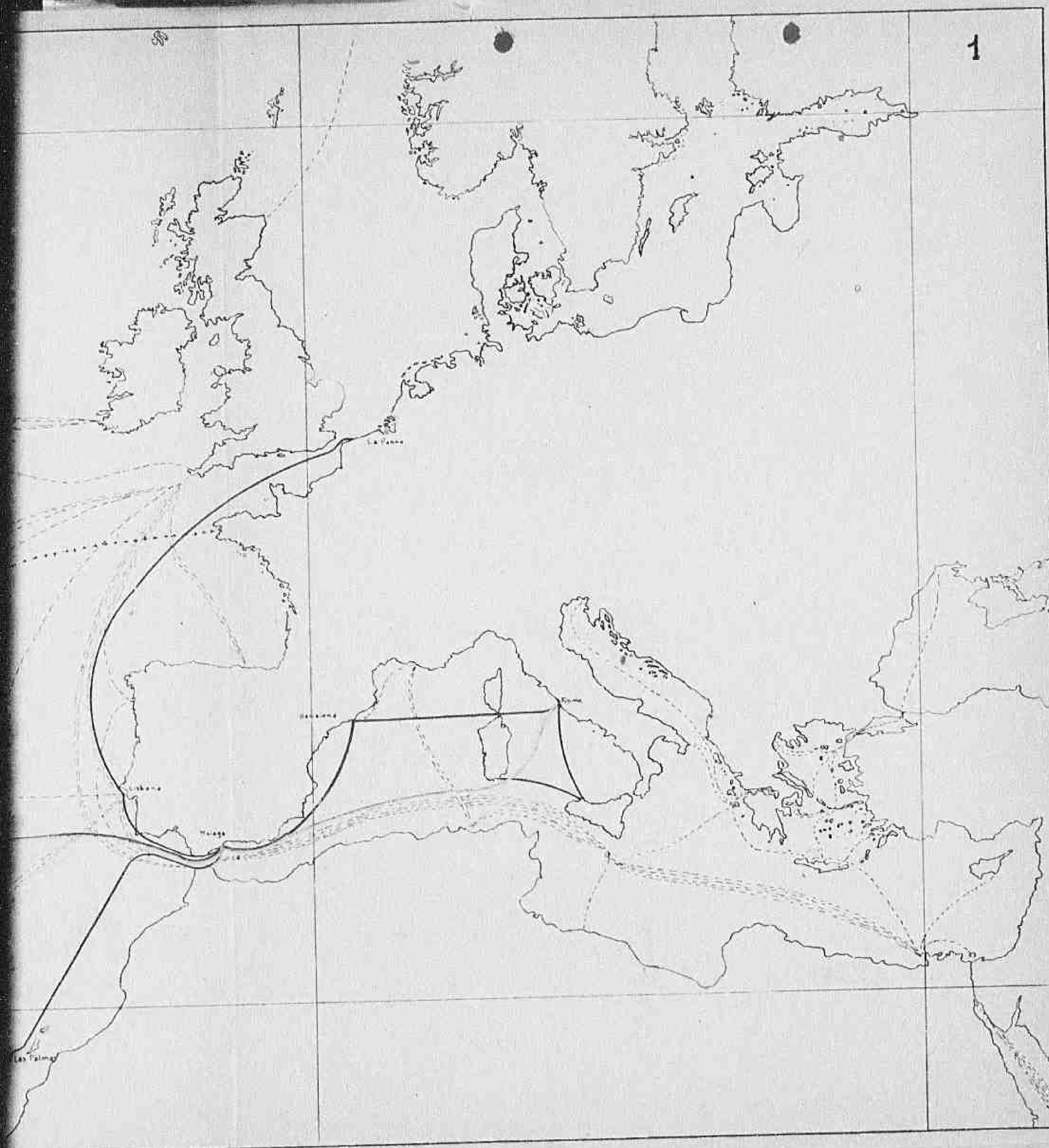

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
Communications Sub-Commission

T.8.154.CS

7 June 1946

SUBJECT : Radiotelephone calls.

TO : Italcable
46-48, via Calabria
Rome

SEE 162

1. Reference is made to your letter of June 5, 1946.

2. In accordance with your letter of 28th May no action is being taken by this Commission reference to the call made by Col.PRONZINI&R and it is presumed that you will follow this with the U.S. Embassy.

3. The Hqs. Commandant is being requested to settle the account for Major Waidman's call.

H.H. SCUDDER
Colonel, Sig.C.
Director.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
Communications Sub-Commission HHS/ams

T.S.153/CS 7th June 1946

Subject: Radio-telephone Call.

To : Headquarters Commandant
A.C. Hqs.

1. Inclosed in duplicate invoice from Italcable covering radio-telephone call made by Major Weidman on September 4th 1945.

2. Inclosed, as well, copy of booking ticket covering this call which was approved in the name of Admiral Stone as an official call.

3. Request that payment be made to Italcable, 46-48 Via Calabria, Rome.

H.H.SCUDDER
Colonel, Sig.C.
Director.

2 Inc. :
1. Invoice in duplicate.
2. Copy of booking ticket.

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COPY

OFFICIAL CALL

Call Ticket

Serial Number 4500

Name of calling party: Major Floyd E. Weidman

Name of party required: Brig. Gen. Charles M. Spofford

Telephone exchange: Office of Asst Secretary of War

City: Washington DC

Nature of call: Official Language: English

Date call desired: 4 Sept. Time (loc.) 1600 HRS

Approved and chargeable to the U.S. Signed Lt. (signature illegible)USNR
Flag Lieutenant
for Adm. E.W. Stone

Date Date of completion 4/9 Name of operator DW

Called started at 16,06. Call ended 16,11 - lasted 5'

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To the Allied Commission
Communications Sub-Commission
Rome

ITALCABLE
Servizi Cablografici
Radiotelegrafi e Radioelettrici
Societa' per Azioni - Capitale 175.000.000
Sede in Rome

Recieived the amount of L. 2000.- (Two thousand) in respect of a 5 minute radiotelephone call made by Major Floyd E. Weidman to Brig.Gen. Charles M. Spofford, Asst. Sec'y of War, Washington, D.C., on September 4. 1945. from 4.06 PM to 4.11PM.

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ITALCABLE

SERVIZI CABLOGRAFICI RADIOTELEGRAFICI E RADIOELETTRICI

SOCIETA PER AZIONI - CAPITALE L. 175.000.000

SEDE IN ROMA

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DIREZIONE GENERALE

REPART SERVIZIO COMMERCIALE TTT 3/1

RIF.

ROMA June 5th 1945

VIA CALABRIA 46-48 CASELLA POSTALE 0-1394

Subject: Radiotelephone calls.

To the
Headquarters Allied Commission
Communications Sub-Commission
ROME.

1. We are in receipt of your letter T.8.147.CS of the 28th ultimo.

2. According to your request, we are sending you here with, bills in respect of calls originated from Major Weidman and Col. Pforzheimer.

3. As pointed out to you with our letter No.11334 of the 28th May, in regard to call from Col. Pforzheimer, we have been in contact with Mr. Chiocca, of the WO of the American Embassy, to whom we have given extract from letters we exchanged with ATT, as well as a copy of the "call ticket" covering said call.

4. We wish to thank you for the attention you have given to our request.

ENCLOSURES.
GP/

ITALCABLE

Direzione

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO ITALCABLE

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To the
Headquarters Allied Commission
Communications Sub-Commission

R O M E.

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ENCLOSURES.
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ITALCABLE

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Chief Postal	
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OFFICIAL CALL

Call Ticket

Serial Number 4500

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ITALCABLE
SERVIZI CABLEGRAFICI
RADIOTELEGRAFICI E RADIOTELEFONICI
Società per azioni - Capitale 115.000.000
Sede in Roma

To the U.S. Embassy,
Office of Military Attaché
R o m e

Received the amount of Lire 18.000.== (eighteen thousand) in respect of a 20 minute radiotelephone call made by Major Gen.George J. Richards to Col. Carl H. Pforzheimer, Jr., Washington, D.C., on February 5, 1940 from 0020 to 0040.

Rome, June 5th , 1945

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Allegato N. 5

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
Communications Sub-Commission HTWM/ec

T.8.151.CS 6 June 1946

SUBJECT: Payment of Italcable for Telegrams.

TO : Financial Adviser (Br), AFHQ.

Ref: AC Memo T8/146/CS of 28 May 1946 to you.

1. It is found that, in addition to the sums mentioned as due to Italcable in the above reference, for personal telegrams from British troops, there is a further sum owing for services to Indian troops in the theatre.

2. According to Italcable, the share due to the Company amounts to 20,520.90 lire, covering the period from Ist October 1945 to 31 Dec. 1945.

H.H.SCUDDER,
Col.Sig.C.
Director.

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SERVIZI CABLOGRAFICI RADIOTELEGRAFICI E RADIOELETTRICI

SOCIETÀ PER AZIONI - CAPITALE L. 175.000.000

SEDE IN ROMA

DIREZIONE GENERALE

REPARTO SERVIZIO COMMERCIALE CAT 2/51

RIF. 11758

ROMA, June 3rd 1946

VIA CALABRIA 46-48 CASELLA POSTALE D-1394

Subject: Payment of Traffic Accounts - Indian APO

To the
Headquarters Allied Commission
Communications Sub-Commission

R O M E.

1. In further reference to our letters Nos. 8550 and 10693 of April 19 and May 20, respectively, please be informed that in addition to our credit against the British APO, we have in abeyance the settlement of another account for traffic accepted from the Indian APO.

2. This latter account amounts to Lire 20,520.90 and covers the period from October 1st, 1945 to December 31st, 1945.

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SERVIZI CABLOGRAFICI RADIOTELEGRAFICI E RADIOELETTRICI

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INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO ITALCABLE

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Director
D/Director
Chief Telecoms
Chief Postal
P. Q. Coms. O.
Asst. Chief Postal

To the
Headquarters Allied Commission
Communications Sub-Commission

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Director
D/Director
Chief Telecoms
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H. Q. Coms O.
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SERVIZI CABLOGRAFICI RADIOTELEGRAFICI E RADIOELETTRICI

SOCIETÀ PER AZIONI - CAPITALE L. 175.000.000

SEDE IN ROMA

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DIREZIONE GENERALE

REPARTO SERVIZIO COMMERCIALE TTT 3/1

RIF

ROMA, May 28th 1946

VIA CALABRIA 46-48 CASELLA POSTALE 0-1384

Subject: Collection of Radiotelephone Tolls.

To the Headquarters
Allied Commission
Communications Sub-Commission

R O M E.

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1. Reference is made to our letter 10984 of May 23rd.

2. In connection with February 5 call from Col. Pforzheimer to Major General Richards, Washington, please be informed that in view of the fact that the "ticket" concerning this call was endorsed by Mr. McK. Key, Counselor of the American Embassy, we have discussed the matter with Mr. Chiocca, Chief of the Warrant Office of the Embassy. Mr. Chiocca will apply to Washington for authority to pay this item to us.

3. Under this circumstance, we beg you kindly to disregard the matter.

4. We await your news concerning September 5, 1945 call from Major Weidman of the AFHQ to Brigadier Gen. Spofford, Washington, for which we anticipate our thanks.

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SERVIZI CABLOGRAFICI RADIOTELEGRAFICI E RADIOELETTRICI

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To the Headquarters
Allied Commission
Communications Sub-Commission

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SERVIZI CALCOLATORI ELETTRICI RADIOTELETTRICI

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Director
D/D Admin
Chief Telecoms
Chief Postal
Asst. Chief Postal
Consorzio
Chief Cable

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FILE T.8

May 25

Dear Mr. Key,

Your letter of May 21, 1946 requests the views of this Commission on the report received from the State Department covering the activities of Italcable in Buenos Aires in connection with radio telegraph service between Argentina and Italy. The activities of Italcable offices in other countries are not normally a concern of this Commission but it is considered very natural that wherever possible Italcable would reactivate its offices throughout the World.

Direct Radiotelegraph service between Italy and Buenos Aires was in fact, inaugurated by Italcable on 12 October, 1945 ^ Provisional Approval Interim Frequency allocation having been made by AFHQ in the normal way.

Since early June 1945 this Commission has not concerned itself with administrative details of new telecommunications services, such as rates, etc. as TAM 592 provided that all such problems would be a matter for coordination and agreement between the civilian agencies involved without reference to SACMED or the combined Chiefs of Staff.

In view of the report received by the State Department that rates to be applied by Italcable to the Argentina-Italy service were lower than commercial rates presently effective, Italcable was asked for a schedule of rates at present applicable to the service which is given below.

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Rates per word from Italy to Argentine.

-	Ordinary:	Gold Francs	2.95	(Lire 218.30)
-	CDE :	"	1.77	(Lire 130.98)
-	Deferred:	"	1.475	(Lire 109.15)
-	Press :	"	0.80	(Lire 59.20)
-	NLT (minimum 25 words)	"	24.625	(Lire1822.25)
-	NLT (extra word)	"	0.985	(Lire 72.89)

These rates are stated by Italcable to be the same as in effect before the war and are applicable to messages transmitted either by radio or by cable. It is not known what rates are quoted by other carriers in Buenos Aires.

The old cable which connected Rio de Janeiro, Montevideo and Buenos Aires may very well be used to link up with the direct radiotelegraph circuit Buenos Aires - Italy and it is further believed that Italcable is negotiating with the French in order to utilise a direct cable link Rio de Janeiro - France when and if the French have made the necessary repairs and changes to their cable.

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral USNR.
Chief Commissioner

Mr. David McK. Key
Charge d'Affaires,
U.S. EMBASSY
ROME

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SERVIZIO COMMERCIALE

These are same as previous rates —

According to Commander Osti of Ital cable —

25/5 telephone conversation Osti - Millar

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AFO 794
Communications Sub-Commission HHS/ec

28 May 1946

T.8.147.CS

SUBJECT: Radiotelephone calls.

TO : Italcable
Via Calabria 46-48
ROME

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1. Reference is made to your letter of May 23rd 1946.

2. If you will send both bills to the writer arrangements will be made to put them in the proper channels.

3. The bills should give full particulars of the calls and should be made out to the Allied Commission in the case of Major. Weidman's call and the United States Embassy Office of Military attaché in the case of Col. Pforzeimer's call.

H.H.SCUDDER,
Col.Sig.C.
Director.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
Communications Sub-Commission HTWM/cc

T.S.146.CS 28 May 1946

SUBJECT: Payment of Italcable for Telegrams

TO : Financial Adviser (Br), APHQ

SEE 157
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Ref : Your A/189/FA of 21 March 1946.

1. It is thought from the wording of the above reference, that there may be some misunderstanding as regards the services rendered.

2. The Italcable claim is for PERSONAL messages handed in by troops, and not official messages.

3. A public telegraph service Italy-UK was opened in May 1945, operated by Cable and Wireless, Ltd., collection and delivery being done by Italcable for which the latter received a proportion of the charge (see agreement).

4. This service was thrown open to the British troops at reduced rates to enable them to send personal messages home. The only way in which this service differed from the normal civilian service was in the addition of the APO's as intermediaries on account of the use of military addresses. Italcable was thus entitled to the share of the charges as defined in the agreement.

5. On Oct. 1945 Italcable took over complete operation of the service.

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6. Since that date (Oct. 1st 1945) Italcable has received no share of the money paid in by the troops to APO's for their personal messages. This is the sum now under discussion.

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7. Recently the Italy-UK service for the troops has been extended to parts of Italy not hitherto offering telegraph facilities to troops but this makes no difference as regards the type of message sent and the amount charged to the troops.

8. In addition, the APO's have recently handed over the collection of messages directly to Italian offices instead of accepting telegrams themselves in the first place, and then passing them to Italcable.

9. It is thought that the above explanation will make it clear that Italcable is within its rights in claiming the due proportion of the sums paid by troops for personal messages.

Total collections by APO from Oct 1st to Feb. 4 for Services personal telegrams amounted to about 4,255,360 lire, of which a sum equivalent in pounds sterling to £.9,158-12-0 is due to the British Post Office.

It is suggested that you settle matters with the B.P.O. as a British-British transaction not involving Italcable, and pay the balance to Italcable in lire.

H.H.SCUDDER,
Col.Sig.C.
Director.

Enclosures: General Agreement
Rates Agreement.

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AGREEMENT ON OPENING OF PUBLIC TELEGRAPH SERVICE BETWEEN ITALY ON THE ONE HAND AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE UNITED KINGDOM ON THE OTHER

Whereas RCA Communications, Inc. and Cable and Wireless Limited are operating radio stations in Italy for the maintenance of direct radio service from Italy to the United States of Amerion and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, respectively, at the request of the military authorities of those Governments and will continue to operate such service so long as there is a military necessity therefore, the Delegation appointed on behalf of the Governments of the United States of America, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and Italy to discuss the opening of public telegraph service between Italy on the one hand and the United States of America and the United Kingdom on the other agree as follows:

(1) A public radio telegraph service shall be opened immediately (subject to the provisions of paragraph 5) between Italy on the one hand and the United States of America and beyond and the United Kingdom and beyond on the other and shall initially be conducted solely by the RCA Communications, Inc. and Cable and Wireless Limited respectively, except that collection and delivery in Italy shall be performed by the Government of Italy or its nominee.

(2) During the period of such operation by such RCA Communications, Inc. and Cable and Wireless Limited, those companies shall pay a reasonable rental for such land and facilities as they may use from the date of opening of public service by such companies. In the event that the companies and the owner or owners of the land or facilities shall be unable to agree as to the amount of such reasonable rental, the amount shall be determined by a board consisting of the Minister of Communications of the Italian Government, the Chief Signal Officer AFHQ, and the Chief Commissioner of the Allied Commission or representatives duly designated by them.

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(3) During the same period, the Government of Italy or the entity designated by it shall be entitled to receive a terminal charge in respect of collection and delivery of public telegrams.

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(4) When military necessities no longer requires RCA Communications, Inc., and Cable and Wireless Limited to handle military traffic including telegrams sent by the troops and military press from Italy to the United States of America and the United Kingdom, the two companies will simultaneously relinquish to the Government of Italy or such entity as it may designate operation of the Italian terminals of the radio telegraph services on those routes. This will, of course, be dependent on the designated Italian entity making satisfactory provision for any residual military requirements of the United States of America and the United Kingdom. When the two companies so relinquish operations of the Italian terminals they shall be entitled to remove any or all facilities installed by them except buildings or improvements on buildings;

(5) The opening of public radio telegraph service as described in the foregoing paragraphs shall come into operation as regards the respective countries as soon as agreement has been reached on the rates between those countries.

(6) If not in conflict with military requirements, public telegrams between Italy on the one hand and the United States of America and the United Kingdom on the other may also be routed via submarine cables (under the terms of paragraph 1 above) at the same rates as those fixed for the radio telegraph service, such routing to commence after approval by the appropriate United States and United Kingdom authorities, respectively.

(7) For the purpose of this agreement, public telegraph service shall be considered to mean all telegraph traffic other than messages filed direct with the Companies and originated by the United States and United Kingdom Governmental, including military, authorities, members of the Allied Armed Forces and press correspondents duly accredited on the Allied military authorities in Italy.

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1. Rate agreement entered into between the delegations appointed on behalf of the governments of the United States of America and Italy to discuss the opening of public telegraph service.

2. The basic rate for public telegraph traffic, as Public telegraph traffic is defined in the agreement of even date herewith between representatives of the United States, United Kingdom and Italy, from the first zone of the United States to all points in Italy shall be 20 U.S. cents per full rate word and the basic rate for such traffic from all points in Italy to the first zone of the United States shall be gold frs. 1.04 per full rate word.

3. The rates per word for all other classifications of such Public traffic shall be in the proportion established by the International Telegraph Regulations, Cairo 1938 revision.

4. The rates for ordinary press traffic collected or delivered within Italy by the PTT or Italcable shall be 5 cents per word from the first zone of the U.S. to all points in Italy and gold francs 0.15 from all points in Italy to the first zone of the U.S.

5. The Italian government shall establish a currency equivalent for the collection of charges for such Public telegraph traffic in Italy of 33 lire equals one gold franc.

6. The PTT or its nominee Italcable shall receive a terminal tax of gold francs 0.20 (converted at the rate of 33 lire equals one gold franc) per full rate word and proportional terminal taxes for other classifications, for its services of collecting and delivering Public telegrams within Italy in connection with such traffic between Italy and U.S.; and shall receive a terminal tax of gold franc 0.03 per word for its handling within Italy of such ordinary press traffic as is not handled directly by RCA Communications, Inc.

7. The entire amount of the radio circuit proportion of the tolls shall accrue to RCA Communications, Inc. as long as it operates a radio station in Italy.

Dated: Rome, April , 1945.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
Communications Sub-Commission HUB/ec

T.S.145.CS

26 May 1946

SUBJECT: Radiotelephone Service to Canada, Cuba, Mexico.

TO : Italcable, Via Calabria 46-48
ROME

1. Reference is made to your letter of May 23rd 1946, and, provided the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications agrees, there is no objection to radio telephone service being extended to and from Canada, Cuba and Mexico.

2. It is desired however that Saturdays and Sundays be excepted until further notice.

H.H.SCUDDER,
Col.Sig.C.
Director.

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Copy to: Ministry of PT. & TT.
Att: Azienda di Stato
ROME

Lt.C.V. Johnson
Special Service Officer
RAAC

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Subject :- Payment of Italcable for Telegrams.

Financial Adviser's Office
G.H.Q. C.M.F.

A/189/FA.

21 May 1946.

Headquarters Allied Commission
Communications Sub - Commision
A.P.O. 394

With reference to your T.8 140 CS of May 46, we find it exceedingly difficult to comment without seeing a copy of the agreement referred to.

We agree, of course, that Troops as individuals should pay for private cables handed in at Italcable Offices, but we do not accept that the British Government should pay for messages filed through A.P.O's, since we regard this as a service falling under Admin Memo No 21 for which Italcable should look to the Italian Government for re-imbursement.

If this view is contrary to what has been agreed at an Inter-Governmental level we should be glad to have a copy of the agreement for study.

R.H.BURNETT, Lt. Col,
A/Financial Adviser.

Director
D/Director
Chief Telecoms
Chief Postal
Chief Cable O
Chief Wireless O
Chief Clerk

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Date 24 MAG 1946

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SERVIZI CABLOGRAFICI RADIOTELEGRAFICI E RADIOELETTRICI

SOCIETÀ PER AZIONI - CAPITALE L. 175.000.000

SEDE IN ROMA

DIREZIONE GENERALE

Servizio Commerciale TTT 3/I

RIF. 10984

ROMA May 23rd 1946

VIA CALABRIA 45-49 CASELLA POSTALE 0-13841

Subject : Collection of Radiotelephone Calls

To the Headquarters
Allied Commission
Communications Sub-Commission
R o m e

military attache

1. We beg to enclose you a copy of the tickets issued in connection with the following calls:

- September 4, 1945
  from Major Floyd E. Weidman
  to Brig.Gen. Charles M. Spofford, Washington

- February 5, 1946
  from Major Gen. George J. Richards
  to Colonel Carl H. Pforzheimer, Jr.

2. Bill for September call was sent to Caserta, but Major Weidman had left for the States. We are now informed that the call in question should be billed to you.

3. February call was billed to the War Department of the U.S. Embassy, but we were told that we had to apply to Col. Pforzheimer, War Department, Washington, D.C. A.T.T. reports that Col. Pforzheimer states that this call was official and should have been charged to the U.S.Army in Italy. He has confirmed this with General Richards, the called party. Col. Pforzheimer will also be glad to state, on inquiry, that his call was official.

4. We shall be glad if you will kindly look into the matter, advising us afterwards to whom these calls are to be charged.

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SERVIZI CABLOGRAFICI RADIOTELEGRAFICI E RADIOELETTRICI

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO ITALCABLE

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

Allied Commission
Communications Sub-Commission
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  to Colonel Carl H. Pforzheimer, Jr.

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3. February call was billed to the War Department of the U.S. Embassy, but we were told that we had to apply to Col. Pforzheimer, War Department, Washington, D.C. A.T.T. reports that Col. Pforzheimer states that this call was official and should have been charged to the U.S.Army in Italy. He has confirmed this with General Richards, the called party. Col. Pforzheimer will also be glad to state, on inquiry, that his call was official.

4. We shall be glad if you will kindly look into the matter, advising us afterwards to whom these calls are to be charged.

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CALL TICKET

Serial Number 4514 February 5, 1946

Date call desired February 5, 1946 Time (loc.) 4PM (Rome)

City Washington DC

Telephone exchange Republic 6700 Extension 2510

Street address Pentagon Bldg (War Dept)

Name of party required Major General George J. Richards

Name of calling party Colonel Carl H.Pforsheimer, Jr.

Nature of call : Official business Language : English

LEAVE FOLLOWING CLAER

Sgd. David McK.Key, Counseler of Embassy

47135I

American Embassy

This call is to be charged to U.S. War Department

Call started at 0020 Call ended at 0040; lasted 20'

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SEDE IN ROMA

DIREZIONE GENERALE

ROMA. May 23rd 1946

SERVIZIO COMMERCIALE TTT 3/1

VIA CALABRIA 46-48 CASELLA POSTALE 0-1084

RIF. 10987

Subject: Radiotelephone service to Canada; Cuba and Mexico.

To the Headquarters
Allied Commission
Communications Sub-Commission

R O M E.

1. We are receiving requests for call to Canada, Cuba and Mexico.

2. Under the circumstances, we beg to ask you whether you have any objection to our accepting calls for the stated three countries. The service would be carried out via New York, as it was the normal practice before the war.

3. If it is felt necessary, we may exclude -for the time being- Saturdays and Sundays from the service in question.

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SEDE IN ROMA

DIREZIONE GENERALE

REPARTO SERVIZIO COMMERCIALE CAT 2/51

RIF. 10698

ROMA May 20th 1946

VIA CALABRIA 46-48 CASELLA POSTALE D-13841

Subject: Payment of Traffic Accounts - British APO

To the
Headquarters Allied Commission
Communications Sub-Commission

R O M E.

It is in the file

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1. Reference is made to our letter No.8550 of the 19th ultimo, concerning the payment of Traffic Accounts on the part of the British Army PO.

2. While awaiting to know the result of your intervention in connection with this matter, it may interest you to know that our Correspondents have already been credited by us with the apportionments due to them for the handling of the traffic in question.

3. At the end of March last, the amount due to us raised to over 6.000.000 Lire.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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Communications Sub-Commission HTWM/oc

T.8.140.CS 11 May 1946

SUBJECT: Payment of Italcable for Telegrams

TO : Financial Adviser (Br), AFHQ.

1. The public telegraph services Italy-UK and Italy-US were opened on May 1945 as the result of the agreement of April 1945 between the three Governments.

2. In this agreement, provision was made in one clause for the payment of a share of the rate to the Italian Govt. or its nominee for services within Italy.

3. Initially, the service from Rome outwards was operated by Allied Agencies, but on Oct. 1 1945, Italcable took over operation of the Rome end of the international link.

4. Before Oct. 1, Italcable received all payment due from the Allies in accordance with the clause referred to above. Since that date, no payment has been made.

5. In the clause mentioned in para 2, it is true that, when specifying that a charge was due to the Italians, there was a reference to the charge being due during the period of operation of the international link by Allied Agencies.

6. In the opinion of this Commission, which was closely concerned with the negotiations for the triangular agreement, this reference was quite obviously inserted, not to limit the period during which charges would be payable to the Italians, but to make it clear that these charges were due to them even during the period of operation of the main link by Allied Agencies.

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7. It cannot be understood therefore why payment was stopped when Italcable took over the operation of the Service in Oct., especially since, so far as the troops were concerned, telegrams continued to be handed over by the operating company to Rome A.F.O.

8. It is felt that the insistence on non-liability for payment at this late stage, despite the fact that discussions before the agreement of April 1945 were very lengthy and thorough, will convey an unfortunate impression.

9. It is urged therefore that payment be made for the period concerned.

H.H.SCUDDER,
Col.Sig.C.
Director.

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DIREZIONE GENERALE

Servizio Esercizio TFC4/21

9045

ROMA, April 29th 1946

VIA CALABRIA 46-48 CASELLA POSTALE D-12841

RIF.

Headquarters Allied Commission
Apo 394
Communications Sub-Commission

SUBJECT : NewsRadio Telegraph Broadcast - → See

Referring to your letter T.8.128 CS of 3rd inst. herewith enclosed please find a statement reporting the data of a temporary control effected on our transmitter IAB (5907.8 kcs), according to your request.

1. Excepting interruptions due to technical exigencies, the attached document shows that efficiency of the transmitter was not subject to irregularities such as to affect the regular handling of service, so that a reception could always be made by hearing.

2. Any irregularities due to punching errors or to faulty auto working have been detected. Such irregularities are attributable to the operating office.

3. We wish to point out that our Torrenova station is often experiencing voltage variations, which afford perturbances on normal working of transmitters; of course inconveniences of this nature are to be regarded as due to causes beyond our control.

4. On our opinion the necessary regularity of service could be attained by instituting care of the operating office a control of transmission, either by hearing or preferably by undulator, as to detect in due time all variations of the transmitter as well as mispunch or auto failures.

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Date 7 MAC 1946

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DAILY LOG OF IAB (5907.8 kcs) TRANSMITTER FOR PERIOD APRIL 7TH TO APRIL 13TH

Date	Operating time	Work proceeding	Observations
7th	-	-	On sundays service not effected
8th	1120/1220	Emission regular	Any mispunching errors
	1330/1658	" "	" " "
9th	1120/1220	" "	" " "
	1330/1430	Emission regular but troubled by unidentified station -	
	1430/1645	Emission regular	Transmission faulty owing to mispunch or auto failures c/o operating bureau
10th	1120/1220	Emission regular	Any mispunching errors
	1330/1630	" "	Several mispunching errors; postponement of letters and omission of characters owing to auto failures
11th	1120/1200	Emission regular	Good punching
	1200/1210	Signals varying in intensity but note musical; suitable for hearing reception	Any mispunching
	1210/1220	Emission regular	Good punching
	1330/1415	Signals strongly varying in intensity; suitable for hearing reception	- -
	1415/1417	Emission stopped	Revision of sintony
	1418/1650	Emission regular	Transmission irregular by intervals owing to auto failures. Any mispunching errors.
12th	1130/1220	Signals slightly varying in intensity; suitable for hearing reception	Any mispunching errors
	1330/1345	Signals strongly varying in intensity; suitable for hearing reception	Any mispunching errors

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	1330/1345	Signals strongly varying in intensity; suitable for hearing reception	Any mispunching errors
	1345/1352	Emission stopped	Revision of sintony
	1352/1620	Signals slightly varying in intensity; suitable for hearing reception	Any mispunching errors
13th	0900/1232	Signal varying in intensity by intervals	Good punching

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SEDE IN ROMA

DIREZIONE GENERALE — ROMA — VIA CALABRIA 46-48 CASELLA POSTALE 0-1354

SERVIZIO COMMERCIALE CAT 2/51 8550

RIF.

ROMA April 19th 1946

Subject: Payment of Traffic Accounts - British APO.

To the Headquarters Allied Commission
Communications Sub-Commission

R O M E.

1. We submit to your consideration and attention the following questions.

2. Since October 1st, 1945, when our Company took over the operation of the Italian terminal of the London radio-telegraph circuit, we have not been able to collect any amount from the British Army Post Office in connection with SCMs and EFMs filed by the British troops.

3. Up to January 31, 1946 our credit for this traffic amounts to nearly 4.000.000 Lire.

4. Sometimes in October 1945, we were approached by Capt. Stygle, of the British Postal Directorate, care of 15 Base APO-CMF, who offered us to settle these accounts in Naples instead of Rome, stating that until September 30, 1945 the said accounts had been settled in London to the Cable and Wireless, Ltd.

5. We then asked to possibly have our accounts paid in London to the Barclays Bank, with which we hold a current account. By such a request, we gave to the Postal Directorate the possibility not to alter their former proceeding, and at the same time we endeavoured to secure the practical means of settling our accounts with the G.P.O.

6. To this effect, a letter was written to Capt. Stygle, which he would submit to his Headquarters for attention.

7. We understand that several attempts were made by the above Officer in order to have this matter settled in a way or another, but to our great surprise we have now learned that payments for the above traffic is being denied, on the ground that the service we are render

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8. We append hereto, a copy of a letter from the Financial Adviser to "Q" Branch, G.H.Q.-CMF, which is self-explanatory.

9. Apart from the fact that we ignore the provisions of A.M. 21, we think they should not concern us. As a matter of fact, the troops have always paid and are still paying for their private telegraph correspondence and if the charges were duly settled to the carrier Company when the operations were in the hands of the CW, we see no reason why these charges should not be settled to us now that the operations have been turned over to our Company, exactly in the same way followed by the

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U.S. Army Post Office.

10. We feel sure there is here a misunderstanding which we are confident you will kindly clear and oblige.

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C O P Y

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Financial Adviser
General Headquarters
C. M. F.

1st February 1946

'Q' Branch
GHQ C.M.F.

Subject: Cable Services.

With reference to your 2405/Q-2 dated 30th Jan 46 as it is considered that this is a service which falls within the provisions of A.M. 21, the question of payment to Italcable does not arise.

sgd. F.C.MACDONALD, Major
for Brigadier
Financial Adviser.

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO 724 US ARMY

Ref. No : X/14. 30 April 1946.

Subject : Use of Italcable Radio Link Rome-Milan.

To : Director of Communications Sub-Committee A.C.

1. Reference your letter T.8 135 CS dated 26 April 1946. re 135

2. It is agreed that accounting for any messages sent by the Allies over this link would be handled in the same way as services rendered by Concessionary Telephone Companies. This office letter X/14 re 137 dated 27 April 1946 refers.

3. Application has been made by this office to AFHQ for two additional frequencies to made available to Italcable in the event of emergency in which use would be made in transmitting Allied Military messages over the link in question.

FEL/jmm.

H.E. Russell
Maj. R. Sigs
Deputy Signal Officer, RAAC.

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO 794 US ARMY

Ref, No : X/14. 27 April 1946.

Subject : Use of Italbable Radio Link ROME-MILAN.

To : Ing.Mratinato,
Director Italcable.

1. Further to my letter of even reference dated 25 April 1946 clarification of subject matter of para 1 sub-para (c) is given below.

The Director of Italcable stated that he would arrange with the Italian Ministry of War for rates at which re-imbursement would be paid by Italian Ministry of War to Italcable for any services rendered to Allied Military in connection with use of the Italcable ROME-MILAN radio link.

Maj, R. Sigs
Deputy Signal Officer, RAAC.

Copy to:- CSO AFHQ

" " Director of Communications Sub-Committee.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission HES/ec

T.8.136.CS 27 April 1946

SUBJECT: U.S.I.S. News Radio Telegraph Broadcast

TO : Italcable,
Via Calabria 46-48
ROME

1. Reference is made to out letter of April 3, 1946 to which no reply has yet been received.

2. Copy is inclosed for ready reference.

H.H.SCUDDER,
Col.Sig.C.
Director.

Incl . Copy of letter.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission HHS/jc

T.S.128.CS 3 April 1946

SUBJECT: U.S.I.S. News Radio Telegraph Broadcast

TO : ITALCABLE
46-48 Via Calabria, ROME.

1. I have received complaints from U.S.I.S. that the service they receive on their Radio Telegraph News Broadcast leaves a lot to be desired.

2. It is requested that you let this Sub-Commission have the daily log of the transmitter involved for the period April 7 to April 13 incl. for the hours which are reported to be in use by U.S.I.S. namely.

11.20 - 12.20 MONDAY - FRIDAY Incl.

09.00 - 12.00 SATURDAYS

13.30 - 16.30 MONDAY - FRIDAY Incl.

H.H.SCUDDER,
Col.Sig.C.
Director.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission HHS/ec

T.8.135.CS 26 April 1946

SUBJECT: Use of Italcable Radio Link Rome - Milan

TO : Signal Officer
RAAC.

1. Reference is made to your letter of April 23, 1946 ref X/14 to Italcable.

2. There are two points in connection with the use of the Rome-Milan link to which attention is drawn. One is para 10 of your letter in which it is stated that Italcable would make necessary arrangements with the Italian Ministry of War for the rates at which Allied Military messages would be transmitted. It is to be understood that accounting for any messages sent by the Allies over this link would be handled in the same way as services rendered by Concessionary Telephone Companies i.e. the Allies would certify that services had been received and payment to Italcable would be arranged by the Genio Militare. The Allies do not enter into the question of rates paid.

3. The second point has to do with frequencies and was raised with Lt. Col. Grosselfinger who is understood to be making application for 2 additional frequencies. It is necessary that such allocation be made promptly as the transmitters are crystal controlled and cutting of crystals requires 2 to 3 weeks under present conditions.

H.H.SCUDDER,
Col.Sig.C.
Director.

Copy to: AFHQ Att: Chief Signal Officer
Italcable, Via Calabria 46-48, ROME

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO 794 US ARMY

Ref. No : X/14.

23 April 1946.

Subject : Use of Italcable Radio Link Rome-Milan.

To : Ing.Martinato,
Director Italcable.

1. This is to confirm verbal agreement made on 19 April 1946 at a meeting between Signal Officer RAAC Lt.Col S.B.Grosselfinger, Deputy Signal Officer RAAC Major F.E.Liddiard and Director of Italcable Rome Ing.Martinato, and at which:-

(a) It is agreed that in the event of an emergency in which normal communications between ROME and MILAN were interrupted use should be made, at the discretion of the Signal Officer RAAC, of the Italcable radio link ROME-MILAN for the purpose of passing priority Allied Military traffic. It was also agreed that in the event of the above emergency the operation of the link would remain the responsibility of Italcable and for the purpose of liaison receipt of messages etc., an NCO from Signal Section RAAC would during the emergency be stationed at the Italcable Building in Rome, the address of which is:-

Italcable Rome Central Office (Main Post Office Building) Via Del Moretto 13.

For the purpose of obtaining necessary office accomodation arrangements will be made with the Superintendent ING.GIOVANNI PEDRETTI at above address.

(b) The delivery and collection of messages to and from the Italcable Central Office will be the responsibility of the Signal Officer RAAC.

(c) It was agreed that the Director of Italcable

Ref. No : X/14. 28 April 1946.

Subject : Use of Italcable Radio Link Rome-Milan.

To : Ing.Martinato,
Director Italcable.

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(d)The Director of Italcable concurred that Italcable would accept a similar arrangement at MILAN.

Maj, R. Sigs
Deputy Signal Officer, RAAC

Copy to:- CSO AFHQ.
" " Director of Communications Sub-Committee.

FHL/jhm.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission CIC/ec

T.S.133.CS

16 April 1946

SUBJECT: Telephoto Supplies.

TO : Italcable, Via Calabria 46~~/48~~ Rome.

1. I am in receipt of your letter of 11 April 1946 plus the copy of the 25 February 1946 letter to USIS.

2. At the time Mr. Castelli and I went over the inventory of USIS equipment it was noted that the only tubes usable in telephoto were some 523 tubes, which were subsequently obtained along with other requested tubes and turned over to the Italian Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications. At that time it was made clear to Ing. Puccioni that the Communications Sub-Commission would not be able to offer any more assistance in obtaining spares which did not exist, and Italcable should plan to make other arrangements for their purchase.

3. Your need for the spare parts in duly appreciated and I sincerely hope that you will not meet too much difficulty in obtaining them through civilian sources.

CLIFFORD I. CUSHING
2D Lt. Sig.C.
Radio Officer.

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SEDE IN ROMA

DIREZIONE GENERALE

REPARTO Servizio Tecnico - IMP -

RIF.

ROMA 11 th Avril 1946

VIA CALABRIA 46-48 (CASELLA POSTALE D-1384)

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Allied Commission Headquarters
Communications Subcommission
Via Veneto, 32

R O M A

Spare parts for Times Telephoto Equipment

1) We enclose herewith copy of our letter of february 25th, sent to U.S.I.S. - Rome, in which we request some spare parts for Times Telephoto equipment.

2) We know that the application for our request is of your interest. Therefore we beg to point out the necessity of the above spare parts for New York telephoto service. In effect at present moment any kind of tubes fault in our equipment would interrupt the service.

GP/ab

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SERVIZI CABLOGRAFICI RADIOTELEGRAFICI E RADIOELETTRICI

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO ITALCABLE

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D/D Sector
Chief Telecoms
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Asst Chief Postal
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Spare parts for Times Telephoto Equipment

1) We enclose herewith copy of our letter of february 25th, sent to U.S.I.S. - Rome, in which we request some spare parts for Times Telephoto equipment.

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SERVIZIO ELETTRICO NAZIONALE RADIOELETTRICO

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Director
Chief Telecoms
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Chief Clerk

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Pls see me

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Man.Impianti - INT - 4377 25th February 1946

To U.S.I.S.
Via S.Basilio,45
R O M A

Spare parts for Times Telephoto equipment.

Gentlemen,

as you know, we have received from RCAC a Times Telepho= to equipment, which is loaned by OWI until we can have at our disposal another telephoto equipment.

The use of the above Times apparatus needs of spare parts, and we are then asking if you can find in your radio store these parts for supplying them to us.

Times spare parts needed by Italcable are the following:

tubes	7N7	n°	20	tubes	7Y4	n°	1
"	7C7	"	2	"	7L7	"	4
"	7C5	"	7	"	884	"	1
"	6L6	"	2	"	6AC5	"	3
"	6SJ7	"	1	"	6L7	"	1
"	5Z3	"	1	"	VR 150	"	1
neon lampe		"	2	exciter lamp		"	1
printer lamp		"	1	Silvania R.1130			

Thanking you in advance we remain.

Yours faithfully.

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ITALCABLE
Il Direttore Generale
F.to Martinato

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Ref:1012087 /9400 [illegible] 8-[illegible]-1946

From:Ministry PP;TT.

Subject:Telegrams from Foggia to United States

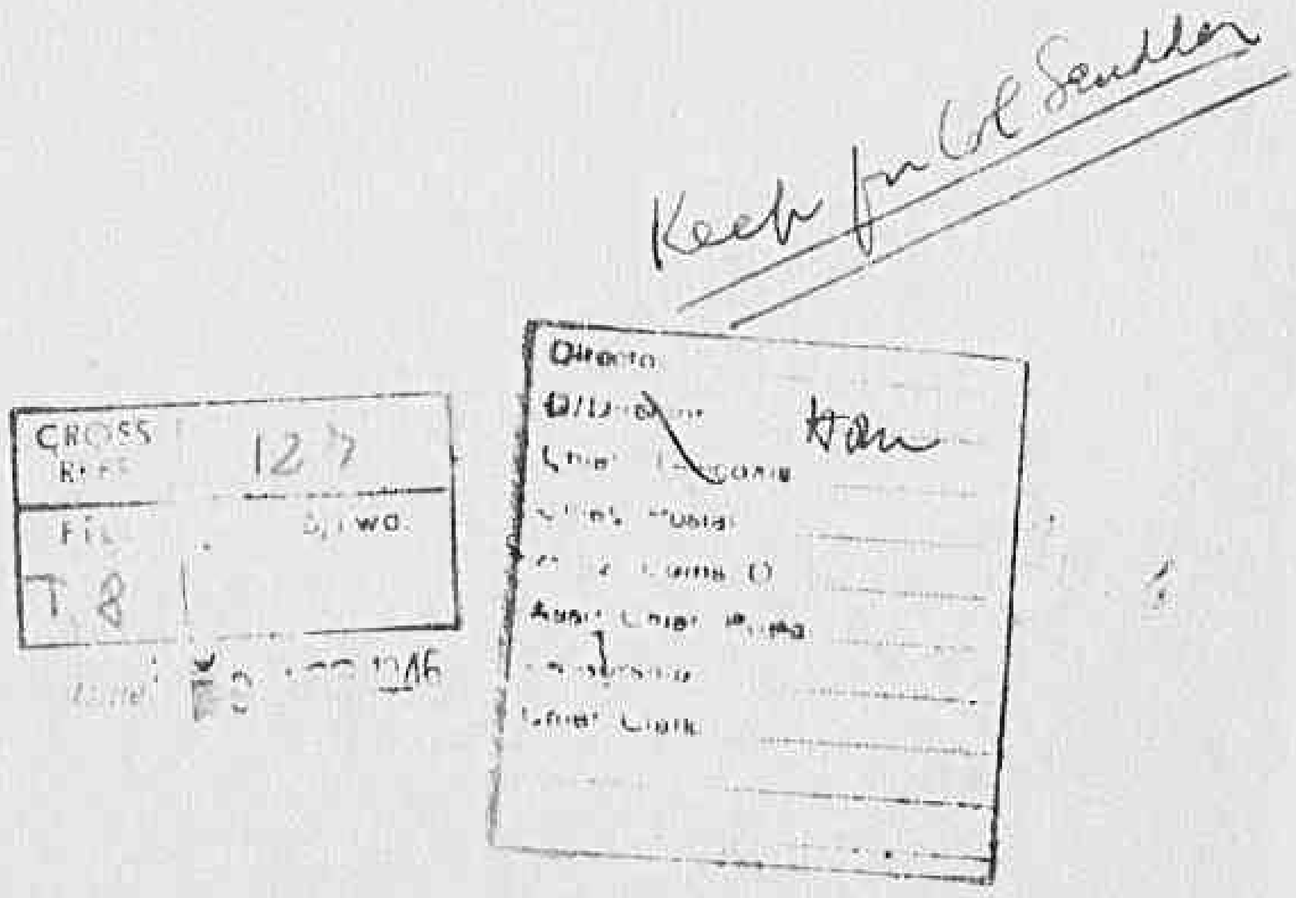
In reply to T.8.127 C.S.

In reply to letter above referred you are informed that this Minister perfectly agrees with the request of your sub-Commission about the telegram EFM and SCN issued from Foggia to the United States in order to these telegrams of the American troups be trasmitted by telegraph to Naples or to rome for the following passage to the society Italcable.

For this service this Administration Telegram would think to apply an overtaxe of Lire 20 for each ~~word~~ either for free text or for fixed text, ~~for~~ a maximum of 10 words for those free text. For each word more than ten and until a maximum of 20 words for the telegram free text Lire 2.

We will wait for your decisions about the question to give dispositions to the interested offices.

The Ministry



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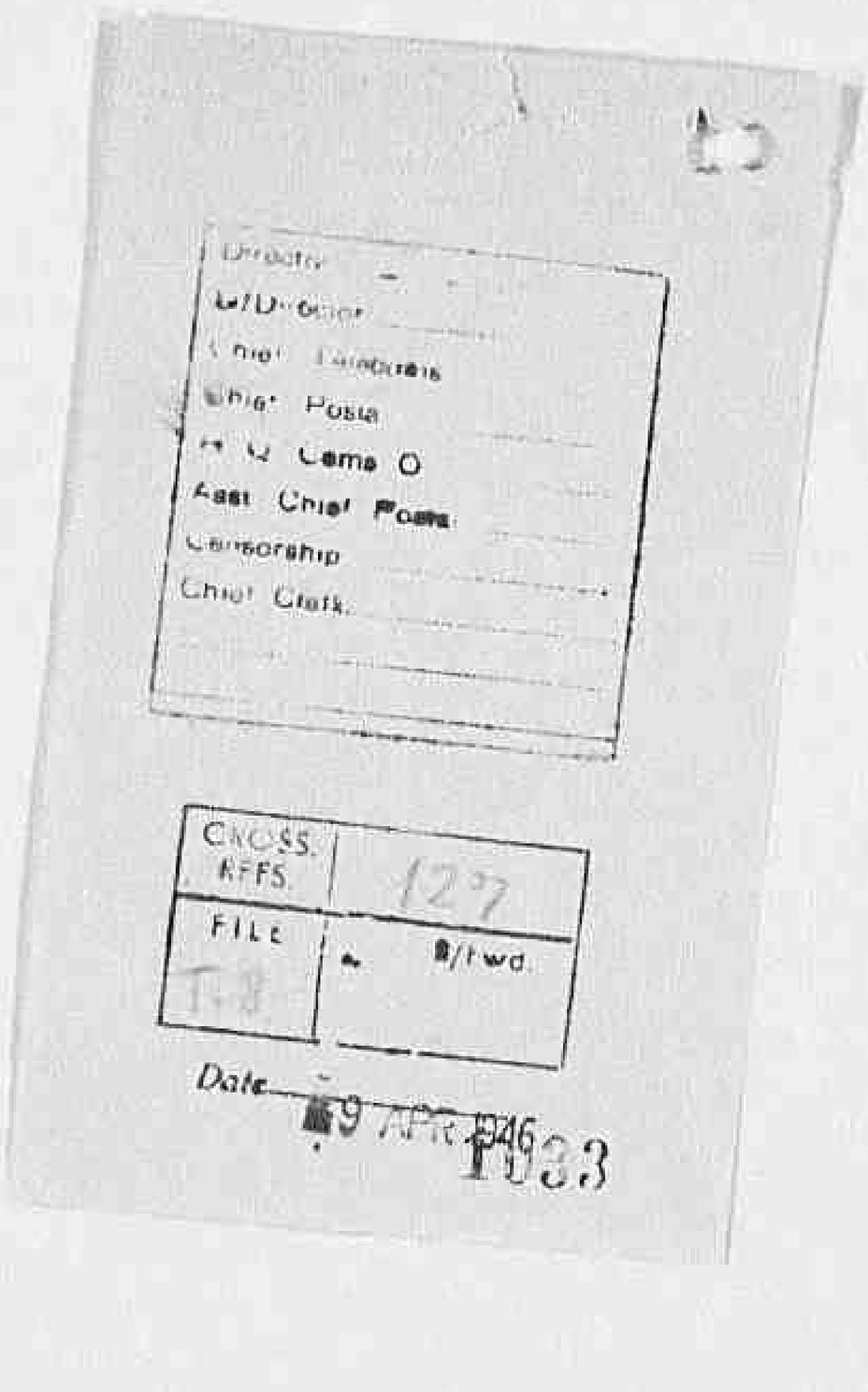

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Ministero delle Poste
e delle Telecomunicazioni
Ispettorato Generale Traffico

COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
Sub Commission Postes
and Telecommunications
APO 394.=

Servizio Div. 3 Sez.
Lett. N. 1012087/9400-1
Allegati

Risposta al foglio N. 8.127.C.S.
del

OGGETTO Telegrammi da Foggia per gli Stati Uniti

In risposta alla lettera di cui sopra si comunica che questo Ministero aderisce volentieri alla richiesta di codesta On. Commissione perchè i telegrammi EFM e SCN emessi da Foggia per gli Stati Uniti d'America dalle Truppe americane vengano trasmessi per telegrafo a Napoli od a Roma per il successivo passaggio alla Società Italcable.

Per tale servizio questa Amministrazione proporrebbe di applicare una sopratassa di L. 20 per ogni telegramma sia a testo libero che a tasto fisso, fino a 10 parole per quelli a testo libero. per ogni parola in più, e fino ad un massimo di venti parole per i telegrammi a testo libero, L. 2,00.=

Director
G/Dep. Dir.
Chief Int.
Chief, Postal
H. Q. Comm.
Asst. Chief, Tel.
Censorship
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Si rimane in attesa di conoscere quanto codesta On. Commissione vor à decidere al riguar do, per impartire le disposizioni del caso agli uffici interessati.

IL MINISTRO

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AFO 394
Communications Sub-Commission HTW/ec

T.8.130.CS 9 April 1946

SUBJECT: Delivery of Allied Forces Telegrams

TO : Italcable, Via Calabria 46, ROME

1. With reference to your letter nº. 7427 of April 5, the verbal enquiry, from you was merely in the nature of a preliminary enquiry from Allied Forces Headquarters as to the possibilities of carrying on the service concerned.

2. Before anything further is done, the matter will be discussed at AFHQ, and if a decision is made to proceed with the services, the matter will be further discussed with the Italian Govt. and yourselves.

H.H.SCUDDER,
Col.Sig.C.
Director.

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SERVIZI CABLOGRAFICI RADIOTELEGRAFICI E RADIOELETTRICI

SOCIETÀ PER AZIONI - CAPITALE L. 175.000.000

SEDE IN ROMA

7427

DIREZIONE GENERALE

ROMA, April 5th 1946

VIA CALABRIA 46-48 CASELLA POSTALE 0-1394

RIF. SERVIZIO COMMERCIALE CAT 2/51

Subject: Delivery of Allied Forces Telegrams.

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Date 30 APR 1946

Director
D/Director
Chief Telegraph
Chief Posts
H. Q. Comm. Z.
Asst. Chief Posts
Censorship
Chief Clerk

To the Headquarters Allied Commission
Communications Sub-Commission

R O M E.

1. Reference is made to your letter T.8.125.CS of the 28th ultimo, enclosing a list of British Army Post Offices in Italy.

2. On the subject, we beg to inform you that at present all British Military Traffic is transmitted from Rome to Caserta (AFHQ), which provides for its re-transmission to final destinations.

3. Should Italcable be ordered to arrange for prosecution of this traffic direct from Rome, it would be necessary to supply all offices concerned (which, with the exception of Naples, Trieste, Milan, Rome, Florence and Caserta), are all Government offices, with the particulars of the Military Corps existing in the respective towns. Very likely, this might create some confusion and give rise to heavier delays in the delivery of the military telegraph correspondence.

4. Besides, attention is called on the fact that by prosecuting the traffic in question over the Government land-lines, we have to face the problem of the telegraph rates. In fact, the ruling telegraph military rates appear to be very low indeed for granting to the Italian Administration even a small share of the tolls, for the service they would be called to render.

5. In any case, please be informed that we are ready, on receipt of your advise, to start the prosecution of the Allied Forces telegrams to Naples, Trieste, Milan, Florence, in lieu of to Caserta, transmitting to Caserta only the traffic addressed

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO ITALCABLE

T.8

Date 5 OCT 1946

Communications Sub-Commission

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Chief Clerk.

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5. In any case, please be informed that we are ready, on receipt of your advise, to start the prosecution of the Allied Forces telegrams to Naples, Trieste, Milan, Florence, in lieu of to Caserta, transmitting to Caserta only the traffic addressed there, while for the other Italian places, we think the matter should be referred beforehand to the Italian Administration for attention.

6. In this connection, please let us know if you will take the matter up yourselves with the Ministry for PP.& TT., or if you wish us to do so.

ITALCABLE
L'AMMINISTRATORE DELEGATO

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission HHS/jc

T.S.128.CS 3 April 1946

SUBJECT: U.S.I.S. News Radio Telegraph Broadcast

TO : ITALCABLE
46-48 Via Calabria, ROME.

1. I have received complaints from U.S.I.S. that the service they receive on their Radio Telegraph News Broadcast leaves a lot to be desired.

2. It is requested that you let this Sub-Commission have the daily log of the transmitter involved for the period April 7 to April 13 incl. for the hours which are reported to be in use by U.S.I.S. namely.

11.20 - 12.20 MONDAY - FRIDAY Incl.

09.00 - 12.00 SATURDAYS

13.30 - 16.30 MONDAY - FRIDAY Incl.

H.H.SCUDDER,
Col.Sig.C.
Director.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 194
Communications Sub-Commission HMS/ec

T.S.117.CS 28 March 1946

SUBJECT: Messages for U.S. from Foggia.

TO : Under-Secretary of War, A.F.H.Q.

1. It is desired to file troop messages from the Foggia area at the Foggia telegraph office rather than send them by land to Naples and Rome for onwards transmission.

2. Messages involved are personal messages between military personnel of the United States Army and their families known as MPM and MGM Messages.

3. All messages would be prepaid at the standard rate as in Naples or Rome plus any additional charge from Foggia.

4. Will you please state if Foggia is prepared to handle such traffic and what the additional charge from Foggia to Rome or Naples would be.

H.H.SCUDDER,
Col.Sig.C.
Director.

Copy to Italcable
46-48 Via Calabria ROME

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HEADQUARTERS
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
Office of the Chief Signal Officer
APO 512

25 March 1946

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SUBJECT: CFM and SCM Messages

TO : Allied Commission, Communications Sub-Commission,
APO 394, U. S. Army.

1. Reference is made to your letter file T.8.123.CS, subject as above, dated 14 March 1946.

2. There is no objection to messages being filed directly with PP. and TT. offices by US troops, nor is there any objection to messages being received by troops through local PP. and TT. offices.

3. It must be pointed out, however, that such matters as the additional charges that may be incurred by using facilities other than those controlled by Italcable, and the possibility of errors which may occur because of duplicate handling and of language difficulties, are commercial problems for which the military cannot be responsible.

4. It is recommended that the question be discussed with the Italian communication organizations and that if reasonable plans can be worked out the PP. and TT. be permitted to accept troop traffic.

For
KIRK BUCHAN,
Colonel, Signal Corps,
Chief Signal Officer.

Director
Deputy Director
Asst Director Records
Chief Plans
Asst Chief Plans
Asst Chief Plans
Secretariat
Chief Clerk

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AFO 394
Communications Sub-Commission HTSK/ec

T.8.125.CS 28 March 1946

SUBJECT: Delivery of Allied Forces Telegrams

TO : Italcable (for Mr. MARTINATO)

1. Reference conversation Martinato-Miller of 27 March, a list of British Army Post Offices is enclosed for the information of Mr. Martinato.

2. These are the towns to which telegrams from U.K. would be sent.

H.E.SCUDDER,
Col.Sig.C.
Director.

Enclosure: Above list.

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LIST OF BRITISH ARMY POST OFFICES OPERATING IN ITALY.

NAPLES

MESTRE

TRIESTE

BOLOGNA

MILAN

MADDALONI

ROME

FLORENCE

TARANTO

BARI

FOGGIA

ANCONA

FOLIGNO

RIMINI

SALERNO

CAPUA

CASERTA

UDINE

PADUA

VERONA

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CAPTURED ENEMY MATERIALS BRANCH

CEM/78A/49

15 March 1946

SUBJECT: Recovery of Equipment.

TO : Communications Sub-Commission
HQ Allied Commission

— See 98 PART IV

Reference your T.8. 98 CS dated 8 January 46.

1. Copy of letter CHQ/5072/Q(Cems) dated 12 March 1946 from CHQ, CMF together with the relative enclosure is attached for your information.

for J.A.CAMPBELL
Lieut.-Colonel,
Director
CEM Branch

Encls. As above.

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Date 15 MAR 1946

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Chief Telecoms
Chief Postal
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Asst. Chief Postal
Censorship
Chief Clerk

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Subject: Recovery of Equipment - Italian Origin.

GENERAL HEADQUARTER CMF
Tele No.Freedom 971
GHQ/5072/Q(CE/S)
12 March 46

H.Q. Allied Commission
C & I Branch
APO 394

Reference your MED/78A/29 dated 11 Jan and CEM/78A/46 dated 7 Mar.

Further to this HQ letter GHQ/5072/Q(CE/S) dated 13 Jan 46 addressed GHQ MEF, a copy of which was forwarded to your office, attached hereto copy of letter requesting expedition of reply.

H.R. LUCKETT, Capt.
for Major General
Major General, Administration

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Subject: Equipment of Italian Origin

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS CMF

Tele No. Freedom 971

GHQ/5072/Q(CMS)

5 March 46

To: GHQ MEF

Reference GHQ/5072/Q(CMS) dated 18 Jan 46.

1. May it now please be stated if there is any possibility of recovering and shipping the equipment of Italian origin believed to be located in Tripoli.

(SGD) A. MCLACHLAN, Major
for Lieutenant General
Commander-in-Chief

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HEAD QUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission HHS/ec

T.S.123.CS 14 March 1946

SUBJECT: RFN and SCM Messages

TO : AFHQ
Att: Chief Signal Officer.

1. At the time of turnover to ItalCable of operation of radio terminals previously operated by RCA and Cable & W. it was arranged that Italcable should accept RFN and SCM messages at their offices in Milan, Turin, Genova, Naples and Rome.

2. The Italcable has now received a communication from Major William L. Howard, Bari Communications Officer HQs Foggia Army Air Base requesting that the local telegraph office in Foggia accept such messages as this would be more convenient than having to take the messages to Naples or Rome for filing.

3. Italcable does not have an office in Foggia and this would mean filing messages at the P. & T. office. It is not believed that such a procedure would be satisfactory as the P. & T. office in Foggia is not experienced in transmitting English and it is feared that the number of errors in transmission would cause more inconvenience than the taking of messages to Naples or Rome.

4. Before replying to Major Howard your opinion would be appreciated.

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H. H. SUDDEN,
Col. Sig. C.
Director.

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SOCIETA PER AZIONI - CAPITALE L. 175.000.000

SEDE IN ROMA

DIREZIONE GENERALE

REPARTO Servizio Tecnico

RIF. .....

ROMA March 6th 1946

VIA CALABRIA 46-48 CASELLA POSTALE 0-1384

T. 8

Date.....

To whom it may concern

We certifie that we have received today from Lieutenant Clifford I.Cummings :

1. Seventeen cases addressed RCA Communications C/O Rome Area Allied Command
2. Coordinate Route Slip dated 29th December 1945 with authorization to deliver cases to RCA together with Warehouse receiving repot of the goods.-
3. Bill of Lading American Export Lines S/S Santa Cecilia dated November 21,1945
4. N.1 List of the contains in the cases of said shipment.
5. Warehouse N.682 Loading record and receipt dated March 5, 1946.

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(Dott.Ing.M.Suppan)

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INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO ITALCABLE

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CAPTURED ENEMY MATERIALS BRANCH

CEM/78A/46

7 March 1946

SUBJECT: Recovery of Equipment.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters
G-5 Section
APO 512
(Attn. Q(AE) Section)

Reference this Branch letter WMD/78A/29 dated 11 January 1946.

Will you please expedite reply.

Gordon Bates. Maj

J.A.CAMPBELL
Lieut.-Colonel,
Director
CEM Branch

Copy to : Communications Sub-Comm. (Your T.S.98.CS- refers).

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission MHS/vl

T.S.120.CS 11 March 1946.

SUBJECT : Cable Charges.

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

1. Reference is made to your letter of 23 Feb. 1946, ref. X 510/5.

2. Italcable has confirmed that para 5 of the proposed Signal Instruction is agreable to them.

H.H.SCUDDER
Colonel Sig.C.
Director

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SOCIETÀ PER AZIONI - CAPITALE L. 175.000.000

SEDE IN ROMA

DIREZIONE GENERALE

RISPOSTA Servizio Commerciale Cat 2/51 5034

ROMA, March 6th 1946

VIA CALABRIA 46-48 CASELLA POSTALE 3-1384

RIF .....

Subject : Cable Charges.-

To the Headquarters Allied Commission
Communications Sub-Commission
R o m e.

1. We acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 1st inst., T. 8.115.CS, contents of which have received our best attention.

2. As soon as the instructions announced will reach us we will revent to the matter.

3. In the meantime, we would inform you that we do not see any difficulty in putting into effect the provisions of para 5 of your letter.

ITALCABLE
SERVIZI CABLOGRAFICI RADIOTELEGRAFICI E RADIOELETTRICI
Dott. Procuratori

Copy to Under-Secretary of State
for PP. & TT.

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO ITALCABLE

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HEAD UARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission MMS/ec

T.S.118.CS 7 March 1946

SUBJECT: Material at Bengasi

TO : Ministry of PT. & TT.
Ispettorato Gen. Traffico
R O M A

1. Reference is made to your letter of 2 March 1946, ref. 1011301/8350/62.

2. It is regretted that no news has been received as to whether or not material in question has been found. The question is being followed and as soon as any news is received you will be informed.

H.H.SCUDDER,
Col.Sig.C.
Director.

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Ministero delle Poste
e delle Telecomunicazioni
ISPETTORATO GEN. TRAFFICO
TELEGRAFICO RADIOTELEGR.
Div. 3ª

Prot. N° 1011301/8350/62

Allegato

A Commissione Alleata
Sub Commission Postes
and Telecommunications
APO 394 ROMA

Risposta all'ff. n. T.8 - 88 C.S.
del 24-10-45

OGGETTO Materiali inviati a Bengasi. -

In relazione alla lettera sopra distinta si prega la cortesia di codesta On. Commissione di far conoscere quale esito abbiano avuto le indagini fatte per rintracciare i materiali che la Società Italcable inviò nel 1942 a Bengasi per il potenziamento di quella stazione radiotelegrafica.

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE

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SEDE IN ROMA

DIREZIONE GENERALE

SERVIZIO COMMERCIALE CAT 2/51

ROMA, March 4th 1946

VIA CALABRIA 46-48 CASELLA POSTALE D-13341

SUBJECT: Cablegrams to United States of America

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To the Headquarters Allied Commission
Communications Sub-Commission

R O M E.

1. Major William L. Havard, Base Communications Officer, Foggia Army Air Base, who applied to our Naples Office in connection with the acceptance of the military personnel's messages direct with the Telegraph Office at Foggia, has addressed to us a letter, as per copy attached.

2. As you are aware, Foggia is not served by an Italcable Office, and the acceptance and delivery of messages in that City is carried out by the local Government Telegraph Office. Therefore, the matter falls under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications.

3. We are informing Major Havard that his request has been referred to you for attention.

ITALCABLE
SERVIZI CABLOGRAFICI RADIOTELEGRAFICI E RADIOELETTRICI
L'AMMINISTRATORE DELEGATO

ENCLOSURE.

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INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO ITALCABLE

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L'AMMINISTRATORE DELEGATO

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HEADQUARTERS
FOGGIA ARMY AIR BASE
OFFICE OF THE COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER
APO 534 US ARMY

J-W-1

25 February 1946

SUBJECT: Cablegrams to United States of America

TO : Italcable

In reply to your letter #3537, dated 15 February 46, the following information is submitted:

a. It is desired to have the local Foggia Telegraph Office accept Cablegrams to the States, as it is more convenient than taking them to Naples or Rome.

b. Service desired is only to the United States proper.

c. Cablegrams are personal messages between military personnel of the United States Army and their families, "PFM" and "SCM".

d. All Cablegrams will be paid for at the standard rate, as in Naples or Rome, at the time of submission, plus any rate from Foggia.

WILLIAM L. MAYARD
Major, Air Corps
Base Communications Officer

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HEAD UARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AFO 394
Communications Sub-Commission HHS/ec

T.S.115.08 1st March 1946

SUBJECT: Cable Charges

TO : Itelcable. Via Calabria, 46-48 ROME

1. An instruction is in preparation to cover charges for handling traffic for certain civilian Agencies where adequate civilian facilities do not exist and military facilities must be used.

2. The following portions are of interest to the commercial carriers and your agreement or comments on para 5 is requested.

3. Messages originated by these organisations will include as the first two words of the text "UNRRA charge", "ECSA charge" etc. as applicable together with any instructions regarding the handling of the message by the commercial carrier e.g., NLT, ELT, etc. The identifications to be used by each organisation are shown in Appendix "A".

4. Signal offices accepting messages will:-

(b) Route the message to the nearest commercial carrier.

5. The Commercial carrier have agreed to:-

(a) Delete the first two words of the text identifying the originator, and make no charge for them.

(b) Bill the originating organisation direct.

H.H.SCUDDER,
Col.Sig.C.
Director.

Copy to: Under-Secretary of State
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Subject :- Cable charges

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCES

TELE : FREEDOM 48

The Director,
Communications Sub-Commission,
AC Italy

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23 Feb 46

1. A Signal Instruction is in preparation dealing with the procedure for handling traffic from civilian carriers.

2. The following extracts are of concern to the commercial carriers:

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3. Would you please ask for the agreement of Italcable to para 5 and inform this office when it is obtained.

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Rome, February 11th 1946

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OGGETTO

To the
Headquarters Allied Commission
Communications Sub-Commission
R o m e

With reference to our previous communications, this is to inform you that the strike of the telegraph workers in the States is now over and that normal conditions exist permitting telegraphic handling to and from all points in the United States.

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO ITALCABLE

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DIREZIONE GENERALE

REPARTO Segreteria

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ROMA 8 Febbraio 1946

VIA CALABRIA 46-48 CASELLA POSTALE 0-1041

Alla Commissione Alleata
Sottocommissione per le Comunicazioni
Via Veneto
R o m a

Rimettiamo a codesta Commissione Alleata una copia del rapporto sulla gestione commissariale di questa Società letto da chi sotto = scrive agli azionisti della Italcable nella Assemblea del 14 Dicem= bre 1945.

Con osservanza.

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Il Direttore Generale

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ROMA January 31st 1946

VIA CALABRIA 46-48 - CASELLA POSTALE 1444

SUBJECT: New Exchange Rate.

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To the Headquarters Allied Commission
Communications Sub-Commission

R O M E.

1. In connection with the new rate of exchange (1 Dollar equal to 225 Lire), fixed for the business transactions between Italy and the United States, we are contacting the proper Italian Departments with a view to get authority to increase the gold franc quotation for the acceptance of the international messages from 33 to 74 Lire per 1 Gold Franc.

2. Under the circumstances, we shall be glad if you will kindly advise all concerned that effective from the date in which the above rate of exchange will come into effect, the following equivalents between the Lira and the Dollar and the Lira and the Sterling, shall be applied to the traffic subject to the special military tariffs :-

- Lire 225 equals one Dollar
- Lire 900 equals One Sterling.

3. Besides, we think it would be advisable that in giving notice to the Allied Forces of the new exchange rate agreement entered into between the American and Italian governments, the Signal Center should be asked to notify to the APOs that they are to collect the telegraph charges by converting the Dollars and the Sterlings at the exchange of 225 Lire equals One Dollar, and 900 Lire equals One Sterling.

4. Our telephone rates with USA will be altered accordingly

5. The above is to avoid unnecessary delay at the moment the new rate of exchange will become effective.

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ROMA 30 Gennaio 1946

VIA CRISPI 40-42 CASELLA POSTALE 0-1941

DIREZIONE GENERALE

REPARTO Amministrativo - COS/1

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Commissione Alleata
Sottocommissione per le Telecomunicazioni
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Si ha il pregio di rimettere copia della lettera n. 1879 inviata da questa Società al Ministero degli Esteri.

Si ringrazia codesta on.le Sottocommissione per il seguito che vorrà dare alla richiesta di cui alla predetta lettera.

Con osservanza.

ITALCABLE

CENSORSHIP TELEGRAPHIC ITALCABLE
Director
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Amministrativo CCS 1/

Ministero degli Esteri

Direzione Generale Affari Economici

R o m a

Rendiamo noto che all'epoca in cui furono pubblicate le liste nere anglo-americane e la nostra Società fu inclusa nelle medesime, la ragione sociale della Italcable era: ITALCABLE Compagnia Italiana dei Cavi Telegrafici Sottomarini.

In seguito alla incorporazione da parte della Italcable dellaITALO RADIO Società Italiana per i Servizi Radioelettrici, avvenuta il 27 dicembre 1941 la nostra Società modificò la propria ragione sociale in: ITALCABLE Servizi Cablografici Radiotelegrafici e Radioelettrici Società per Azioni, come da atto del 27/12/41 Notar Castellini di Roma Rep.51239 Rogito 14326 registrato al n.15145 Vol.622 e Roma Uff. Atti pubblici li 16/1/1942.

Pertanto, gradiremo ricevere conferma dalle Delegazioni Commerciali presso le Ambasciate britannica e statunitense in Roma, che la radiazione della Italcable dalle liste nere di cui trattasi, recentemente resa nota, si riferisce per l'appunto alla ITALCABLE Servizi Cablografici Radiotelegrafici e Radioelettrici Società per Azioni, la quale colla nuova denominazione è la stessa ITALCABLE Compagnia Italiana dei Cavi Telegrafici Sottomarini.

Ringraziamo codesto On. Ministero per il seguito che vorrà dare alla nostra richiesta, ed ossequiamo distintamente.

F.to Martinoto

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ROMA. January 25th, 1946

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DIREZIONE GENERALE

REPARTO Segreteria

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Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
R O M E

Dear Sir,

I am pleased to inform you that the Board of Directors of Italcable has appointed Ing. Giovanni Carosio as President and Rag. Mario Rossello as Vice President of the Company.

The Board has also appointed me as Managing Director and General Manager, which appointement I take the liberty of bringing to your knowledge on account of your kind and much appreciated interest towards our Company and myself.

May I thank you for this and renew the assurance of my most heartful cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

ITALCABLE

SERVIZI CABLOGRAFICI RADIOTELEGRAFICI E RADIOELETTRICI

Il Direttore Generale

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Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission

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RAPPORTO
DELLA GESTIONE COMMISSARIALE

Signori Azionisti,

In seguito alla liberazione di Roma, avvenuta il 4 Giugno 1944, la Vostra Società è rimasta priva di una amministrazione centrale legalmente valida nel territorio italiano liberato. A partire dal 24 Luglio successivo, anche il Direttore Generale è venuto a mancare in seguito al suo repentino allontanamento operato dalle Autorità alleate.

In tali condizioni, aggravate dalle inevitabili difficoltà del momento e dovute all'occupazione militare della zona di Roma, alla mancanza di comunicazioni e di trasporti, alle ripercussioni economiche, sociali e politiche degli avvenimenti allora in corso, la Vostra Società si è trovata in piena crisi, con pericolo grave per la salvezza del suo patrimonio e per il benessere del suo personale.

La Commissione Alleata di Controllo, investita in quell'epoca di pieni poteri di governo nella zona, giudicò necessario e urgente di affidare l'amministrazione della Società ad un Commissario, che fu prescelto fra i funzionari della Società stessa, d'accordo col Governo Italiano.

Il 12 Agosto 1944 sono stato così investito dei necessari poteri e ho iniziato la mia gestione, senza ricevere le consegne da alcun organo preesistente. Uno dei miei primi atti è stato quello di convocare il Collegio dei Sindaci al quale, anche in assenza di precise disposizioni legislative, ho confermato il pieno riconoscimento delle facoltà e prerogative legalmente spettanti a tale Organo che, essendo stato proclamato disciolto dallo pseudo governo fascista repubblicano fin dall'Aprile precedente, non aveva in quel momento uno stato giuridico esattamente noto e definito. Da allora il Collegio Sindacale ha dato il suo valido e apprezzato contributo alla mia gestione, affiancandola in ogni tempo con opera assidua e scrupolosa.

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A partire dal 16 Aprile 1945, alla nomina della Commissione Alleata, che come sapete era nel frattempo impegnativa per il Governo Italiano il quale era subentrato nell'amministrazione del territorio, si è aggiunta la nomina a Commissario governativo, ai sensi del D. L. L. 19 Ottobre 1944, n. 420 per la durata di sei mesi. La gestione commissariale è stata prorogata sino al 31 Dicembre 1945 con decreto del Presidente del Consiglio dei Ministri in data 1° Ottobre 1945.

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Sarebbe troppo lungo descrivere dettagliatamente il miserevole stato in cui ho trovato, reduce dalla guerra di liberazione, le attività sociali. Basti dire che, mentre le stazioni radioelettriche e l'Ufficio Centrale delle Telecomunicazioni di Roma erano stati occupati dalle Forze Armate alleate, i magazzini e la maggior parte degli uffici della Direzione Generale erano posti sotto sequestro militare. La cassa depauperata per l'assenza di introiti, per le spese dei trasferimenti nell'Italia settentrionale di personale e di impianti, nonchè per le rimesse effettuate colà; il portafoglio dei titoli di proprietà sociale utilizzabili per eventuali operazioni di credito, ridotto a meno di un terzo della sua consistenza alla fine del 1943, sempre a causa di avvenuti trasferimenti al Nord; un sensibile scoperto bancario già in atto; buon numero di ex-dipendenti, già licenziati durante il periodo fascista repubblicano, che reclamavano il diritto a rientrare nella Società dalla quale erano stati separati per non aver accettato il trasferimento, o per drastiche misure di riduzione dei quadri; e infine la massa del personale in forza che guardava ansiosa profilarsi la prospettiva di perdere definitivamente il proprio impiego.

Sorretto dalla fiducia dei dipendenti, affiancato dall'opera entusiasta e validissima di alcuni funzionari, ho intrapreso la ricostruzione dell'Azienda, animato soprattutto da ferma fede nel suo avvenire.

E' stato un lavoro duro e paziente, non sempre purtroppo aiutato da tutti coloro che potevano farlo. Oggi, a sedici mesi dall'inizio, molto cammino è stato fatto ed è con la coscienza del dovere compiuto che mi accingo a deporre nelle Vostre mani il risultato della mia gestione.

Questa avrà termine, a norma del decreto Presidenziale, il prossimo 31 dicembre. In considerazione di ciò, io Vi inviterò fra poco a voler eleggere il Consiglio di Amministrazione al quale effettuerò le consegne della mia gestione.

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Ritengo doveroso informarVi più dettagliatamente sugli aspetti principali della situazione, con particolare riguardo ai risultati raggiunti in questi sedici mesi di ricostruzione delle attività sociali.

Impianti

Gli impianti si possono dividere in tre grandi categorie:

1 — *I cavi sottomarini*, com'è noto, sono stati quasi tutti interrotti per atto di guerra fin dal Giugno 1940 e di conseguenza l'attività cablografica della Società, almeno per quanto riguarda l'emisfero settentrionale, è venuta a mancare fin da allora. Più a lungo è continuata l'attività dei cavi del Sud America, ma nel 1943 anche questa è cessata, sempre per interruzione dei cavi.

Oggi non ci è ancora consentito di procedere alle riparazioni dei nostri cavi principali, impresa del resto assai vasta e dispendiosa, anche perchè manca un trattato di pace che definisca la loro situazione. Inoltre alcuni di essi sono ancora utilizzati dagli Alleati. Dopo l'Agosto del 1944 è stato tuttavia riparato il cavo Anzio-Palermo, e in queste ultime settimane, anche il cavo Anzio-Barcellona che permetterà la ripresa del servizio cablografico con la Spagna.

Fra gli impianti a terra, la stazione cablografica relè di Anzio è andata totalmente distrutta e qualche danno si è avuto in Belgio, a La Panne e ad Anversa. Le scorte di cavo sottomarino depositate a La Spezia sono andate purtroppo perdute, mentre mancano ancora notizie di quelle depositate in Inghilterra.

2 — *Le stazioni radioelettriche* in Italia, delle quali quella di Torrenova ha subito ingenti danni per demolizioni tedesche, sono state occupate dalle Forze Armate Alleate poco dopo la liberazione di Roma. Nel Settembre del 1944 ho provveduto a far regolarizzare tale occupazione, anche per tutelare i numerosi materiali in esse contenuti.

In seguito a reiterate richieste, è stato finalmente possibile di ottenere la restituzione delle Stazioni di Torrenova e di Malnome il 1° Aprile 1945, assumendoci contemporaneamente il compito di effettuare per conto di un Ente militare alleato alcuni importanti servizi remunerati.

I piccoli impianti radiotelegrafici esistenti a Milano sono stati razionalmente riorganizzati dopo la liberazione di quella città e vengono da allora utilizzati per un vantaggioso collegamento sussidiario con Roma.

Gli impianti radiotelegrafici che fin dal 1940 erano stati

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installati in Ispagna per costituire una riserva ai cavi sottomarini, hanno continuato a funzionare prevalentemente per il traffico fra la Spagna e le Isole Canarie, finchè il Governo Spagnolo — valendosi di una clausola della temporanea autorizzazione allora accordata — ne ha deciso il riscatto. Il passaggio di proprietà di tali impianti ha avuto luogo il 1° Luglio 1945.

Molto materiale radiotelegrafico era stato trasferito nei primi mesi del 1944 dalla zona di Roma a Bologna e successivamente in altre località dell'Italia settentrionale; esso è stato in buona parte recuperato, purtroppo spesso in condizioni assai cattive. Si è provveduto al trasporto del materiale recuperato a Roma, dove in parte è già rimesso in servizio e per il resto si sta provvedendo alla riparazione.

La stazione radiotelegrafica sussidiaria di Anzio, annessa a quella cablografica, è andata distrutta nell'ottobre 1943 ad opera delle forze armate germaniche.

In seguito ad accordi che è stato possibile prendere con Enti militari alleati, il patrimonio sociale si è recentemente arricchito di alcuni impianti radioelettrici moderni ed efficienti, nonchè di vario materiale di scorta. Grazie a tali impianti, una sostanziale ripresa del servizio è stata possibile fin dallo scorso mese di Ottobre.

3 — *Gli uffici telegrafici* in Italia hanno sofferto complessivamente poco. L'ufficio di Napoli ha avuto la sede demolita da bombe e da mine, ma gli impianti relativi erano stati precauzionalmente trasferiti in un vicino sotterraneo e non hanno subito danni importanti, tanto che oggi l'ufficio lavora a ritmo assai superiore a quello del passato. Altri minori danni sono stati sofferti in Sicilia e altrove.

L'Ufficio Centrale delle Telecomunicazioni di Roma è stato anche esso occupato da Enti militari alleati poco dopo la liberazione della città. Come già accennato per le Stazioni radioelettriche, anche questo ufficio ci è stato restituito il 1° Aprile 1945. Tutti gli uffici in territorio italiano sono attualmente in piena attività.

Il 1° Ottobre scorso abbiamo attivato in via provvisoria un ufficio telegrafico sociale presso il Comando Supremo delle Forze Armate Alleate a Caserta.

Le linee telegrafiche di proprietà sociale in Italia hanno subito danni gravissimi originati dalle operazioni belliche effettuate sul territorio nazionale. La mancanza delle ingenti quantità di materiali occorrenti per il loro ripristino, la situazione dei mezzi di trasporto e le enormi spese di mano d'opera che il ripristino stesso avrebbe richiesto, hanno indotto — al-

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meno per il momento — a rinunciare a qualsiasi ricostruzione. Per tutti i collegamenti fra gli uffici italiani abbiamo perciò preso in affitto, dall'Amministrazione dei telegrafi dello Stato, adatti circuiti telegrafici che si valgono del cavo telefonico nazionale.

Personale

Alla decisione di trasferire gli impianti radioelettrici della Società nell'Italia settentrionale, alla fine del 1943, ha fatto riscontro quella di inviare colà importanti aliquote di personale specializzato. Il grosso del personale, però, è rimasto a Roma, dove la contrazione di ogni attività ha indotto a successivi ed estesi licenziamenti. Una parte del personale licenziato o dimessosi ha, durante il periodo dell'occupazione germanica, svolto opera patriottica clandestina.

Dopo la liberazione di Roma sono subito incominciate le riassunzioni di coloro che erano stati allontanati per aver rifiutato di trasferirsi, nonchè di coloro che, per la loro specializzazione, interessava maggiormente di conservare al servizio della Società. Una parte del personale ha trovato impiego presso Enti alleati.

Il 12 Agosto 1944 vi erano 290 dipendenti a carico della Società nella zona di Roma e altri 127 in servizio presso gli Alleati. Circa questi ultimi ho subito proposto — e dopo lunghe trattative ottenuto — che fossero considerati nuovamente in forza nella Società, retribuiti da essa e distaccati presso gli Alleati dietro rimborso delle relative spese. Ciò aveva lo scopo di assicurare al personale stesso la continuazione delle provvidenze assicurative, previdenziali, ecc. previste dal Contratto Collettivo di Lavoro, e di evitare la dispersione del personale specializzato con le minori conseguenze economiche per l'Azienda. Era poi importantissimo ottenere che fosse la Italcable a fornire il proprio personale, costituendo questo fatto un riconoscimento della capacità dell'Azienda.

Del resto quest'ultima ha dovuto sopportare l'onere di mantenere durante parecchi mesi, senza entrate di traffico, non solo il personale della Direzione Generale, ma anche quello delle Stazioni e degli uffici telegrafici. L'alto fine sociale di non mettere sul lastrico numerose famiglie ha qui trovato armonica realizzazione con lo scopo pratico di non perdere il personale che sarebbe stato indispensabile per la ripresa dell'esercizio.

Questo criterio ha ispirato quella parte ingrata della mia

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gestione, malgrado le difficoltà finanziarie e la preoccupante prospettiva di veder durare assai a lungo una situazione così oscura.

Successive riammissioni, limitate in verità ai casi più meritevoli di attenzione, e sopratutto l'incessante aumento delle retribuzioni hanno imposto oneri sempre maggiori.

Con la ripresa dei servizi, a partire dal 1° Aprile di quest'anno, il personale direttamente utilizzato dalla Società è andato aumentando e nel seguito in più occasioni si è dovuto perfino lamentare scarsezza di alcune categorie di specializzati, malgrado le ricerche effettuate in vario modo. Alla data del 1° corrente, il personale in servizio in Italia ascendeva a 1223 unità.

Questo numero, che è tuttora in aumento, Vi dice l'importanza anche sociale della Vostra Azienda in questo momento.

Sono stati concessi i miglioramenti di retribuzione che la legge o i patti sindacali sono venuti via via determinando per compensare, sia pure parzialmente, il continuo rincaro della vita. Oltre a ciò, varie provvidenze sono state studiate e realizzate per andare incontro, nei limiti del possibile, agli immediati bisogni dei lavoratori.

Il personale, nella sua grande maggioranza, ha superato questa delicata fase della travagliata rinascita nazionale e aziendale con comprensione e spirito di sacrificio, pur risentendo inevitabilmente delle non favorevoli condizioni generali esistenti. Esso ora guarda fiducioso all'avvenire dell'Azienda e al beneficio che gliene potrà derivare.

Traffico

Nell'agosto del 1944 non solo ogni attività sociale era sospesa in tutto il territorio dell'Italia liberata, ma non vi era nemmeno alcuna possibilità di fomentarla a causa di due importanti fattori negativi: il mancato possesso delle installazioni radioelettriche e la scomparsa delle linee telegrafiche. Nell'Italia settentrionale, come poi si è saputo, sopravviveva in quell'epoca una modesta attività che poi ha finito coll'estinguersi completamente.

Le linee telegrafiche di cui disponeva l'Amministrazione statale sono rimaste per lungo tempo insufficienti ai più elementari bisogni dell'Amministrazione stessa, per cui vano è stato ogni sforzo per assicurare alla Vostra Società l'uso di qualche collegamento fra gli Uffici italiani che permettesse almeno la ripresa del servizio dei telegrammi « Lampo ».

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Nel gennaio 1945, una richiesta dell'Amministrazione Russa, unitamente alla favorevole circostanza che uno dei nostri trasmettitori radiotelegrafici fin allora usati dagli Alleati si era reso disponibile, ha consentito di realizzare la prima riattivazione di un servizio sociale: il radiocollegamento Roma-Mosca inaugurato il 1° Febbraio.

Poco dopo, le insistenze vivissime esercitate in ogni sede per la ripresa del traffico interno, sul quale si fondavano le migliori speranze per scongiurare la grave crisi economica e finanziaria ormai alle porte, hanno finalmente ottenuto lo scopo di farci assegnare in uso alcuni circuiti telegrafici, dapprima impiegati soltanto per un non remunerativo servizio per la Stampa.

Il 1° Aprile 1945 la Vostra Società ha avuto il riconoscimento cui tutti gli sforzi erano stati diretti, riconoscimento che si è allora concretato: 1) nella riattivazione del servizio «Lampo» nel territorio liberato; 2) nel conferimento di un mandato, da parte del Psychological Warfare Branch (Ente militare alleato per la guerra psicologica), di effettuare per suo conto tutti i servizi di trasmissione e di ricevimento.

Con quella data i servizi del traffico sono così balzati di colpo a piena attività ed è da ascriversi alla cura posta nell'evitare la disgregazione dell'organizzazione preesistente, anzi alla attenzione dedicata a mantenerla, a perfezionarla in ogni possibile modo, se il sopraggiungere repentino di tali compiti e di tali responsabilità ha potuto essere fronteggiato con onore e con generale soddisfazione.

Il superamento della prova ha avuto, com'è naturale, i più benefici effetti perchè ha imposto la Vostra Azienda agli occhi delle Autorità nazionali e straniere, dando una forse inattesa misura delle sue possibilità anche in circostanze tanto difficili.

Successivamente, il Governo italiano ha concordato coi Governi alleati la ripresa del traffico telegrafico internazionale fra l'Italia, gli Stati Uniti e la Gran Bretagna. La presenza in territorio italiano di due Compagnie di telecomunicazione alleate, al seguito delle truppe ed esercenti radiocollegamenti diretti con New York e con Londra, ha reso necessario che il compito della trasmissione e del ricevimento fosse temporaneamente loro affidato. Tuttavia l'Italcable ha avuto l'incarico della raccolta e della distribuzione del traffico in Italia, con adeguato compenso.

Anche questo regime provvisorio ha avuto termine col mese di Settembre e, dal 1° Ottobre, i servizi di trasmissione e di ricevimento sui predetti circuiti radiotelegrafici internazionali sono stati pienamente ripresi dalla Italcable, che ha assunto l'incarico di lavorare anche il traffico militare alleato.

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Nel frattempo, a partire dal Luglio 1945, è stato aperto il servizio radiotelefonico con New York, per le truppe alleate. Lo sviluppo di tale traffico ha richiesto ben presto che il circuito fosse raddoppiato.

Altri circuiti radiotelegrafici diretti sono stati aperti dopo il 1° Ottobre con Buenos Aires, con Rio de Janeiro, con Lima e recentemente con Varsavia. Si sta ora provvedendo alla riattivazione di altri circuiti europei.

Poco dopo la liberazione dell'Italia settentrionale, il servizio dei telegrammi «Lampo» è stato esteso a quegli uffici sociali, anche con l'ausilio del circuito radiotelegrafico Roma-Milano. Questo traffico ha assunto proporzioni rilevantissime, sì da costringere ad un notevole potenziamento di tutti i nostri uffici telegrafici e da rappresentare un fattore economico preponderante in questo momento fra le attività sociali.

Non va però trascurato che, per la Italcable, l'attività fondamentale è quella delle comunicazioni telegrafiche e telefoniche internazionali.

E' ancora troppo recente l'attivazione di questi traffici perchè sia possibile riportare statistiche significative, ma si osserva che il volume del traffico internazionale è ancora assai ridotto, rispetto a quello d'anteguerra, soprattutto a causa della scarsa ripresa del commercio estero. E' lecito ritenere che il volume suddetto andrà progressivamente aumentando nel prossimo futuro e, con tale previsione, la Società sta potenziando i suoi mezzi tecnici per far fronte a qualunque esigenza.

Occorrerà però che le tariffe, le quali come sapete sono fissate internazionalmente in franchi-oro, siano convertite in lire italiane ad un cambio assai meglio aderente all'effettivo valore della moneta, altrimenti permarrebbe un grave ed ingiustificato squilibrio fra le entrate di questo traffico e le spese di esercizio.

Situazione finanziaria

Prima del 12 Agosto 1944, in tutta Italia liberata, tanto la Direzione Generale quanto gli Uffici periferici erano già ricorsi al credito per sopperire alle spese di gestione. Esisteva così uno scoperto in maggioranza bancario, di circa 15 milioni e mezzo di lire.

Nei mesi successivi e fino all'attivazione del servizio «Lampo» (Aprile 1944) tale scoperto è andato crescendo con ritmo accelerato per il continuo aumento delle retribuzioni e dei costi in genere, malgrado la più rigida parsimonia esercitata in tutti i settori. Il complesso dei debiti contratti per finanziamenti, per

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fortuna a condizioni assai favorevoli, ha raggiunto nella scorsa primavera un massimo di circa 43 milioni.

Con la ripresa delle entrate di traffico tali debiti sono stati progressivamente ridotti e quindi estinti del tutto. Per contro sono aumentati i debiti verso corrispondenti, compresa l'Amministrazione telegrafica dello Stato.

La gestione nell'Italia settentrionale, che è stata chiusa ed assorbita a partire dal mese di Giugno 1945, ha concluso con una disponibilità di cassa di circa 13 milioni, frutto prevalentemente di realizzi avvenuti per cessioni di materiali. Tale gestione, ancorché sotto il controllo di un Commissario dello pseudo governo fascista repubblicano, ha avuto il beneficio delle vigili cure di un funzionario competente e devoto alla Società.

Oggi la posizione finanziaria della Società in Italia è soddisfacente sotto ogni rapporto. Il portafoglio titoli emerge dalla grave crisi non solo intatto ma perfino rafforzato in seguito alle recenti sottoscrizioni di Buoni del Tesoro emessi dal Governo Nazionale e alla liberazione di alcune azioni delle quali erano stati versati soltanto i primi 5/10.

Una parte dei nuovi impianti e dei materiali acquistati da Enti e Compagnie Alleati è già stata pagata, in Italia.

Soltanto nei confronti dell'estero, stante il persistere di condizioni avverse e per ora incontrollabili, si ha un incremento dell'ammontare dei debiti per conti di traffico e per le spese causate della conservazione degli impianti, nonchè delle nostre rappresentanze prescritte dalle Convenzioni con i vari Governi.

A questo fabbisogno corrente si aggiunge quello prevedibile per il ripristino dei cavi sottomarini danneggiati e per il primo periodo di riavviamento dell'esercizio sulla rete cablografica, nonchè per il potenziamento degli impianti radioelettrici.

E' augurabile che il Governo italiano vorrà assegnare una parte della disponibilità di divise estere, contro versamento dell'equivalente in lire italiane, per questo fine altissimo di italianità e di prestigio. Qualora, malgrado ogni favorevole proposito, impellenti esigenze in altri settori non consentissero ciò, sarà necessario ricorrere ad un'operazione finanziaria.

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In adempimento degli obblighi stabiliti dalla legislazione vigente sulle gestioni commissariali, ho compilato e comunicato al Ministro delle Poste e Telecomunicazioni il bilancio al 31 Dicembre 1944, che è stato depositato presso il Tribunale di Roma.

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Reputo per me doveroso di sottoporVelo e con tale intento l'ho inserito nell'ordine del giorno. Il bilancio al termine della mia gestione sarà naturalmente compilato più tardi.

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In previsione della ormai prossima scadenza del mio mandato, in virtù dell'art. 12 del D.L.L. 18 Gennaio 1945, n. 7 che stabilisce come la prima assemblea ordinaria convocata dopo l'entrata in vigore del decreto stesso abbia la facoltà di rinnovare il Consiglio di Amministrazione quando anche non fosse scaduto il termine per la cessazione dalla carica dei suoi membri, ho messo all'ordine del giorno la nomina degli amministratori.

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Vi ringrazio dell'attenzione con la quale mi avete seguito in questo rapporto che — forse in deroga alla prassi, ma con il fine di ragguagliarVi il più possibile sulla recente storia e sulla situazione della Vostra Società — ho voluto comunicarVi. Nella imminenza ormai di lasciare la carica e la responsabilità che per sedici mesi ho portato, lasciate ch'io rivolga un ringraziamento alle Autorità, al Collegio Sindacale e ai collaboratori di ogni grado che, in tante gravi occasioni, come nella diuturna fatica, mi sono stati larghi di aiuto e generosi di consenso.

Roma, 12 Dicembre 1945.

Ing. CARLO ENRICO MARTINATO

Novegraf - Roma - Tel. 65.339

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HISTORY OF ITALCABLE

22 CEN 1945

AND ITALIAN SUBMARINE CABLE AND RADIO SERVICE

1. General.

Italcable resumed business in Feb. 1945 with the opening of the Moscow telegraph service. Some of its stations were under Allied Supervision until the end of Sept. 1945.

2. Radio.

(a) Rome - Moscow telegraph service opened Feb. 1945.

(b) Agreement in April 1945 on tariffs for service to U.S.A. and Britain made between U.S.A. Govt., British Govt., C & W, RCA, Italcable, and Italian Govt. Services started May 1945 but operated by RCA and C & W. Service handed over to Italcable operation on 30 Sept. 1945.

(c) Rome - Milan service authorised - May 1945.

(d) Rome - Barcelona service requested 8 July 1945, authorised 2 August 1945.

(e) Service to Buenos Aires, Rio de Janeiro and Lima requested 29 Aug. 1945 authorised 24 Sept 1945.

(f) Sofia service authorised 12 Oct. 1945.

Since above dates services to Egypt, & Warsaw have been authorised

3. Submarine Cables.

(a) Italian Cables which had one or both ends terminated in Italy were in military use on June 1944 as follows: (i.e. excludes cables entirely external to Italy)

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Anzio - Gibraltar: This had been the Anzio-Bologa Cable. It was cut and led into Gibraltar at the beginning of 1944, under the instructions of the Allied Force HQ.

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Ansio - Sardinia: Eastern section of Ansio - Barcelona cable.

Siracusa - Catania

Malta - Naples

Naples - Palermo

Palermo - Cagliari

Fiumicino - Sardinia (telegraph)
do (telephone)

Ansio - Sardinia

(b) Cables were returned to Italian use as follows:
August 1944 - Palermo Cagliari, Naples Palermo, Ansio Sardinia.
Sept. 1944 - Rome Naples (was Rome Messina but was diverted by Allies)
Oct. 1944 - Fiumicino Sardinia (telephones)
do (telegraphs)

(c) The Rome - Livorno - Genova cable which was in military use for a short time was returned to the Italians in October 1945.

(d) Rome - Barcelona: Permission was given to repair and use this cable in Sept 1945. Permission was temporarily withdrawn by AFHQ on instructions from London in Oct. 1945 and has not been given since in spite of several requests by Allied Commission.

(e) The Roma - Malaga cable is still cut into Gibraltar and has not been released to the Italians.

(f) Italcable has several cables entirely outside Italy (e.g. Malaga-Azores, Malaga-Lisbon, Lisbon-Belgium, Malaga-Las Palmas- about which they have no information.

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H.T.W.MILLAR
Lt.Col.R.Sigs.
Deputy Director.

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TRANSLATION BY SELAN

19th Jan 46

To : PPTT General Direction
and for information to : II Office
Allied Commission, Telecomms S/C.

URGENT

Ref. : 1084

SUBJECT. : Interruption in the furniture of electric power.

We are forced tominform your Hon.General Direction that, starting from yesterday morning, the following stoppages in the feeding of electric power for our Stations thru' the network of the Societa' Romana Elettricita' took place : at the Central Telecoms Office from 5 to 10,35 hrs, at the Receiving Station of Malnome from 12,03 to 16,03 hrs.

Since that the above stoppages forbid us to carry out continuously our important international services, steps are being taken by us in order to reduce to the minimum our consumption of electric power, and obtain, if possible, a double feeding, thru' the network of the Aziende Comunale of Elettricita'. We are also trying to install at the Central Telecomms Office an adequate electrogenerator group.

We would be grateful to you if you would kindly have an interest in the situation shewn above, drawing the competent Authorities' attention to serious consequences that this situation can create in such a delicate moment of our relationships with the foreign countries.

Yours truly.

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Cable Post
Ltr Cable
Air Cable Post
Transmitted
Date 21-1-46

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COMPAGNIA ITALIANA DEI CAVI TELEGRAFICI SOTTOMARINI
RADIOTELEGRAFICI E RADIOTELEFONICI
Società per azioni Capitale
Sede in Roma
ROMA

TELEGRAMMA-ESPRESSO DI SERVIZIO

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DESTINATARIO	DESTINAZIONE	DATA			
		GIORNO	MESE	ANNO	ORE E MINUTI
MINISTERO COMUNICAZIONI ISPETTORATO TRAFFICO	ROMA	17	1	1946	

TESTO: Copia per conoscenza alla Commissione Alleata:

Preghiamo celesto On.le Ministero prendere nota che abbiamo diramato alla Stampa quanto segue:

"A proposito delle corrispondenze giunte ieri da New York circa la ITALCABLE, questa Società ritiene opportuno precisare che la gestione dell'Azienda è sempre completamente italiana e che nessuna confisca è avvenuta.

Si tratta invece dell'utilizzazione anche commerciale di alcuni cavi telegrafici sottomarini della Italcable stessa da parte britannica, utilizzazione che continua tuttora e che è viceversa preclusa alla Società proprietaria.- "

Con perfetta osservanza.-

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Date 17 GEN 1946

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Società per azioni
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COMPAGNIA ITALIANA DEI CAVI TELEGRAFICI SOTTOMARINI

TELEGRAMMA - ESPRESSO DI SERVIZIO

ALLIED COMMISSION

COMMUNICATIONS SUB-COMMISSION

- Veneto

ROMA

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TRANSLATION BY FIORI

Ref:910

17-1-1946

From:~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ITALCABLE
Subject:Information to the Press

To:Allied Commission Comms; S/C for information

You are begged to note about the following telegram we sent to the Press:

"Regarding the correspondence we had yesterday from New York about Italcable,this Society thinks advisable to state definitely that the Direction of the Azienda is always italian and there was never any confiscation.

The British are,instead,using (for commercial utilisation too) some telegraph submarine cables and this utilisation is,for now, precluded to us.

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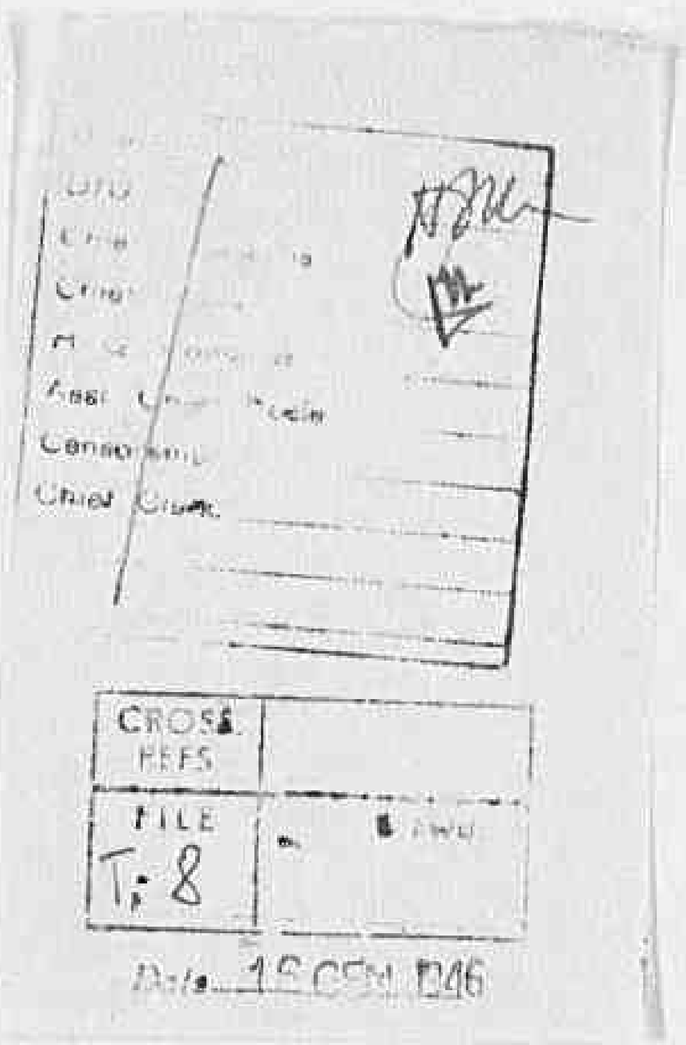

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SERVIZI CABLOGRAFICI RADIOTELEGRAFICI E RADIOELETTRICI

SOCIETÀ PER AZIONI - CAPITALE L. 175.000.000

SEDE IN ROMA

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ROMA January 15th 1946

VIA CALABRIA 46 - AE CASELLA POSTALE D-1061

DIREZIONE GENERALE

REPARTO COMMERCIALE CAT 2/51

Subject: Strike in the United States.

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To the Headquarters
Allied Commission
Communications Sub-Commission

R O M E.

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1. Reference is made to our letter No.520 of the 10th instant.

2. We are in receipt of the following further communication from the RCAC, New York :-

" IN VIEW OF OUR PRESENT INABILITY TO DISPOSE OF TRAFFIC FOR POINTS
" IN THE UNITED STATES OTHER THAN NEWYORKCITY WASHINGTON AND SANFRANCI
" SCO WE RECOMMEND THAT YOU DISCONTINUE ACCEPTANCE UNTIL FURTHER NOTI-
" CE STOP GOVT PRESS AND SOLDIER MESSAGES FOR OTHER POINTS WILL BE FOR
" WARDED BY BEST AVAILABLE METHOD. "

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INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO ITALCABLE

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APO 394
CAPTURED ENEMY MATERIALS BRANCH

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WMD/78A/28 11 Jan 46

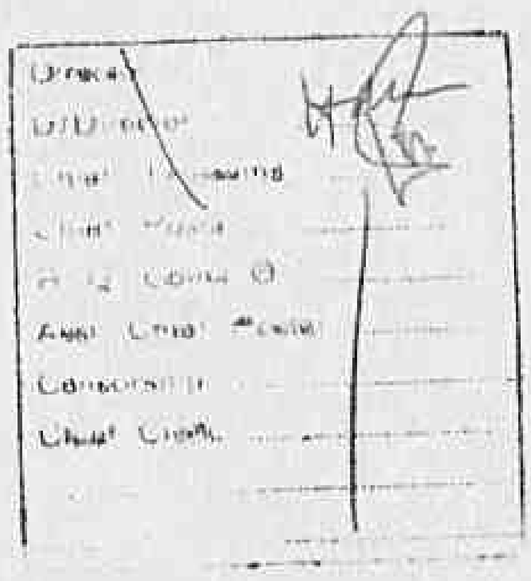
SUBJECT: Recovery of Equipt.

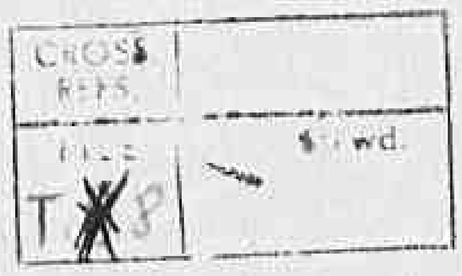
TO : Headquarters Allied Commission
Communications S/C

1. Reference your T8/98.CS dated 8 Jan 46.

2. No information is as yet to hand regarding this equipt but we have today written AFHQ on the matter and will advise you immediately we receive a reply.

J.A. CAMPBELL
Lieut.-Colonel,
Director
CEM Branch





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ROMA, January 10th 1945

VIA CALABRIA 46 - 48 CASELLA POSTALE 0-1384

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DIREZIONE GENERALE

REPARTO Commerciale Cat 2/51

To the Headquarters
Allied Commission
Communications Sub-Commission

R O M E.

Subject: STRIKE IN THE USA.

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1. Please be informed that according to a communication we have received from the R.C.A. C., Inc., due to strike conditions in the United States, all traffic originating in or destined to the United States is subject to delay.

2. A further communication announces that all traffic destined to points in the United States other than New York, Washington and San Francisco, is accepted at sender's risk.

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SERVIZI CABLOGRAFICI RADIOTELEGRAFICI E RADIOELETTRICI

Il Direttore Generale

Director
Division
Chief
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Censorship
Chief Clerk

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission LCH/ec

T.8.98.CS 8 January, 1946

SUBJECT: Recovery of Equipment

TO : W.M.D. S/C

see 82 part III

1. With reference to our T.8.82.CS which was in answer to your W.M.D. 78A. 2 of 29th Sept. 45 is any information yet to hand regarding the missing equipment please.

See 80 part III

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H.H.SCUDDER,
Col.Sig.C.
Director.

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Date 9-1-46

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission LGH/ec

6 January, 1946

T.S.97.CS

SUBJECT: Materials sent to Benghasi

TO : Under-Secretary of State for PP. & TT.

1. Reference your 681.316/8350/62 of 29th Dec. it is regretted that no further information is yet to hand.

H.H.SCUDDER,
Col.sig.C.
Director.

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January 1st 1946

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To: The Allied Commission
Communications Sub-Commission
Via Veneto
R o m e

See R. 129

To the kind attention of Major Hanker

Following to the recent conversations between you and our General Manager Signor Martinato we are enclosing a copy of a message we have just received from Mr.Thompson in answer to our own previous message of which a copy is also enclosed.

We remain

Yours very truly

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F.TO MARTINATO

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C E MARTINATO
ITALCABLE
ROMA

PLEASE REFER TO MY MESSAGE OF AUGURST 3 REGARDING ARRANGEMENTS FOR OPENING SECOND CIRCUIT TO ROME IN WHICH I ADVISED WE COULD TEMPORARILY GIVE FULL TIME SERVICE BUT WOULD LATER HAVE TO SHARE WITH ANOTHER POINT STOP IN VIEW OF THIS PREVIOUS COMMITMENT FIND IT NECESSARY EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1 TO REDUCE HOURS STOP WE CAN MEET ROME ON SECOND CIRCUIT FROM 1130 TO 1400 GMT 1600 TO 1830 GMT AND 2100 TO PRESENT CLOSING TIME STOP REGRET URGENT NECESSITY FOR THIS CHANGE AND HOPE TO RESTORE FULL TIME SERVICE THIS CIRCUIT WITHIN SIX TO EIGHT WEEKS STOP REGARDS =

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MR WHITE ATT NEW YORK

FOLLOWING MY MESSAGE YESTERDAY ALLIED COMMISSION INFORMS THAT NO ALTERATION IN EXISTING TELEPHONE SERVICE TO USA CAN TAKE PLACE AT SO SHORT NOTICE DUE TO ORGANIZATION DIFFICULTIES HERE IN CONNECTION WITH AMERICAN ARMY REQUIREMENTS STOP ALLIED COMMISSION ASK TO BE NOTIFIED BY YOU THROUGH ITALCABLE A PROPER AND COMPREHENSIVE REQUEST THAT THEY WILL SUBMIT TO SUPREME COMMAND WITH THEIR REMARKS STOP CAN YOU LET ME HAVE SUCH MESSAGE PLEASE TKS MARTINATO ========

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TRANSLATION BY SELAN

29th Dec 45

Ref. : 681.316/8350/2

SUBJECT. : Materials sent to Bengasi.

— See 88 —

With reference to letter T.8/88 CS of 24th October inst from your Allied Command, we would be pleased to know if it has up to know been possible to trace the materials that the Italcable Coy. sent in 1942 to Bengasi for empowering that radiotelegraph station.

Thanks.

The Direttore Generale.

Chief Telecoms	
Chief Postal	
H.Q. Comm. G	
Asst. Chief Postal	
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Ministero delle Poste e delle Telecomunicazioni
ISPETTORATO GEN. TRAFFICO TELEGRAFICO RADIOTELEGR.
Servizio Div. 3^ Sez.
Prot. N° 681.316/8350/62
Allegati

Al Commissione Alleata Postes and Telecommunications Sub Commission
APO 394

Risposta al f. N°
del

OGGETTO Materiali inviati a Bengasi. -

Translate & attach file

In relazione alla lettera T 8/88 CS del 24 ottobre u.s. di codesto On.Comando, si gradirebbe conoscere se sia stato possibile rintracciare i materiali che la Società Italcable inviò nel 1942 a Bengasi per il potenziamento di quella stazione radiotelegrafica.

Si ringrazia.

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE

Director	
D/Director	
Chief Telecoms	
Chief Postal	
H Q Comm G	
Asst Chief Postal	
Censorship	
Chief Clerk	

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ITALCABLE

SERVIZI CAPOLIGRAFICI RADIOTELEGRAFICI E RADIOELETTRICI

CIETA PER AZIONI - CAPITALE L. 175.000.000

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DIREZIONE GENERALE

REPARTO Commerciale Cat 2/54

RIF.

ROMA December 31st 1945

VIA CALABRIA 46-48 CASELLA POSTALE 0-1341

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Subject: Dollar rate traffic.

To the Headquarters Allied Commission
Communications Sub-Commission
R O M E.

see 193 / 92

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission HHS/ec

T.C.93.CS 20 December, 45

SUBJECT: Dollar Rate Traffic.

TO : Ital Cable, 46-48 Via Calabria, Rome.

1. Reference is made to your letters of December 5, 1945 and 19th November.

2. Confirming telephone conversation Martinato - Scudder the question of rates charged to individual civilians who are not U.S. Government employees, is a commercial one into which this Commission cannot enter. Members of the Armed Forces should continue to receive dollar rate privileges as should U.S. civilians who are U.S. Government Employees.

H.H.SCUDDER,
Col.Sig.C.
Director.

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Ispettorato Generale Traffico
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ROMA December 5th 1945

VIA CALABRIA 46-48 CASELLA POSTALE D-1384

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SUBJECT: Dollar rate traffic.

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To the Headquarters Allied Commission
Communications Sub-Commission

R O M E.

1. Reference is made to our letter No.14163 of the 19th ultimo, concerning traffic accepted at the Dollar rate.

2. We have now received a confirmation of the with drawal of the Dollar rate privilege from U.S. Civilians by the follow ing fact :

3. The traffic handled via RCAC is exchanged under two distinct numerations: One for the Civilian traffic (Gold Franc rate), and one for the Military traffic (Dollar rate).

4. A few days ago, New York requested our Rome station to include all Press telegrams, previously sent under the Dollar rate numeration, in the Gold Franc serials.

5. To our remarks, New York replied that on the 23rd of November they received instructions to revert all our Press messages to the Gold Franc rate.

6. We then applied to the Head Office of the RCAC in New York for further particulars and we have now their reply as follows :-

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7. Therefore, we expect your early news on the matter, for which we thank you in advance.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission HHS/ec

T.8.91.CS 5 November, 1945

SUBJECT: Italcable

TO : Regional Commissioner Lombardia Region
Att: Telecoms Officer

1. The Italcable Company is holding its Board of Director's meeting in Rome on the 9th of December and it is of great importance that members of the Board from Milan attend. It will be appreciated if you can assist in the way of reservations on train since in my opinion air travel, due to weather, is much too uncertain.

The people involved are as follows and they will be getting in touch with you:

Avv. AMILCARE LANZA

Rag. MARIO ROSSELLO

Prof. ANGELO BARBAGELATA

H.H.SCUDDER,
Col.Sig.C.
Director

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ROMA 19th november 1945

VIA CALABRIA 46-48 CASELLA POSTALE D-1351

Allied Commission
Communications Sub-Commission
Via Veneto
Rome

We understand that effective November 1st, 1945, war correspondents were reverted to civilian status. At the same time, various privileges granted to other U.S. civilians, were withdrawn.

Under the circumstances, we beg to submit to your consideration the possibility of eliminating the special Dollar rates insofar as U.S. civilians are concerned.

As you are aware, the prewar Gold Franc rate to the first zone of the States, was 1.40 per full rate word which, converted at the rate ruling at the time of 6.55, equalised Lire 9.17. When the telegraph service was reopen for civilian use, the above rate of L.40 was fixed to Gold Francs 1.04 per full rate word which, converted at the rate of 33 equals Lire 34.32.

As you can easily observe from the above, inspite of the rise in the exchange rate from Lire 6.55 to Lire 33, the present increase in the revenues only represents 3.74 times the amount of the prewar period.

Now, if these figures are compared with the actual cost of equipment, materials and labour which have gone up some 15 times, it will be seen that the tolls which are accruing to our Company are absolutely inadequate to meet the present very serious situation.

This furthermore means that if the net income on the Gold Franc traffic hardly covers our operation expenses, the handling of the Dollar rate traffic represents a real loss for our Company.

Obviously the application of the Dollar rate on the part of the Allied carriers, do not very much affect their financial interests, inasmuch as they have other wide fields of operations, but you will appreciate that the situation stands quite differently with our Company whose operations, on account of Italy's present political and economical situation, are restricted to very limited fields.

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