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TELEGRAPH + TELEPHONE CENSORSHIP + PROTECTION

NOV. 1943 - MAR. 1945

TRANSLATION BY SELAN

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

Rome 28th March 1945

Ref. S/16.1/31808.

In reply to T\*29.6.CS

Attachment. : 1.

SUBJECT. : Non authorized use of military lines.

1) - In order to suppress the illegitimate request for inter-urban communications on military circuits, attached communique has been issued to the Press.

2) - If similar inconveniences occur again, we agree on the permanent disconnection of the telephone of the guilty subscribers.

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE  
FOR POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS.

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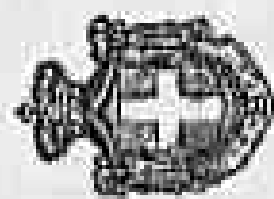
ATTACHMENT.PRESS COMMUNIQUE

The Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications, confirming that the inter-urban civil communications will take place, effective from 1st April next, from 14,30 hrs until 08,30 hrs, point out that the outgoing urban telephone communications from Rome must be requested from the State inter-urban Exchange, dialling the number 04, for Campania, Lucania, Puglia, ~~Apulia~~ Calabria and Sicily.

There is no time limit for communications with Sardinia, dialling 04, and with Lazio, Umbria, Abruzzo, and the Provinces of Macerata and Ascoli Piceno, dialling 01.

The Allied Command have pointed out that some Italian subscribers request, by mistake, inter-urban communications through the Allied switchboard; which request the operator does grant in good faith. It is pointed out that anyone is guilty of such abuse should be denounced to the military Tribunals; because of hindrance to military operations. As part from the respective sanctions, it is made known that the said subscribers' telephone will be permanently disconnected.

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# MINISTERO POSTE E TELECOMUNICAZIONI

SOTTOSEGRETARIATO DI STATO  
SEGRETERIA

Roma, 28 marzo 1945

Prot. No. 5/16.1/31508

Risposta al foglio N. T. 29.6.CS

del 21 marzo

Allegati 1

OCCORRENZA: Uso non autorizzato  
delle linee militari.

Alla COMMISSIONE ALLEATA  
Posts and Telecommunications  
Sub-Commission

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2. Se casi del genere di quelli ora denunciati dovranno ripetersi, si è d'accordo sulla interruzione permanente del telefono dell'utente colpevole.

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(M. Fano)

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Date 30 MAR 1945

SEGRETERIA PARTICOLARE  
DEL SOTTOSCRITTO  
PER LE POSTE E I TELEFONI

COMUNICATO STAMPA

Il Ministero delle Poste e Telecomunicazioni nel riconfermare che le comunicazioni interurbane civili possono aver luogo a decorrere dal 1° aprile p.v. dalle ore 14,30 alle 8,30, ricorda altresì che le comunicazioni telefoniche urbane in partenza da Roma debbono venir chieste alla centrale interurbana dello Stato, formando il numero 04, per la Campania, Lucania, Puglia, Calabria, Sicilia. Senza limitazioni di orario possono richiedersi comunicazioni con la Sardegna formando il numero 04 e comunicazioni con il Lazio, l'Umbria, l'Abruzzo e le provincie di Macerata e Ascoli Piceno formando il numero 01.

A questo riguardo il Comando Alleato nel rilevare che, qualche abbonato italiano richiede, per errore, al centralino alleato comunicazioni interurbane, sorprendendo la buona fede dell'operatore, fa presente che colui che si rende colpevole di tale abuso è passibile di denuncia ai Tribunali militari, in quanto compie cosa atta ad intralciare le operazioni militari. A prescindere dalle sanzioni che potranno derivare, si rende noto che agli utenti, che commetteranno tale abuso, verrà distaccato permanentemente l'apparecchio telefonico.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 39th  
Communications Sub-Commission

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T.29.8.CS

23rd March, 1945

SUBJECT: Misuse by Civilians of Military Circuits  
TO: Civil Censorship Group  
Att: Major Allman

1. A copy of a Memo. from Signal Officer, R.A.A.C. is attached, for your information.
2. It would be useful if you could place one or two of the numbers under observation, say in a month's time, for a short period, to note whether further attempts are made to use military facilities.

J.L.HENDERSON  
Colonel,  
Director.

Incl: One memo. from S.O. R.A.A.C.

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND  
APO 794, US ARMY

21 March 1945.

Ref. No : X/24/3.

Subject : Misuse of Military L.D. Telephone  
Circuits - Rome.

To : Director, Communications Sub-Com. AC.  
(Attention - Lt.Col. Millar).

Confirming telephone conversation Lt-Col. Millar-  
Major Buchanan of 21 March 1945.

1. Attached hereto are copies of reports from OC Rome L.D. showing analysis of calls made by civilians over the military long distance network between 3 and 16 March.
2. The cases in which an Allied officer or man has assisted a civilian to establish an authorised call are being dealt with by this Headquarters.
3. With regard to the calls booked by civilians, it is considered that the action should be taken by the Italian Government under your direction. It is suggested that the following procedure may be adopted in an effort to prevent further cases of this nature.
  - (a) The Italian Government to publish a general order to the public, making it quite clear that the use of military circuits by civilians is strictly forbidden, except where authority has been given by CSO AFHQ or CSO L of C Italy.
  - (b) Punishment for violation of this order to be permanent disconnection of the civilian telephone from which the call was originated.
4. In view of the fact that the use of local telephone facilities by civilians is a concession granted by the Allied authorities, it is considered that we are justified in demanding the disconnection of any telephone which may be used to interfere with the military telephone service.

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*Already have written*  
*Dr. J. J. G. Buchanan*  
*23/3*

*F. J. G. Buchanan*  
F.J.G. BUCHANAN.  
Major, R. Signals,  
for Lt-Col. Signal Corps,  
Signal Officer, RAAC.

ANALYSIS OF CIVILIAN CALL INVESTIGATION. 3.3.45 to 9.3.45.

| <u>Date and Time.</u> | <u>Language.</u> | <u>Rome Sub.</u>          | <u>Distant Sub.</u>                                 | <u>Result of Challenge.</u>                                | <u>Act</u>        |
|-----------------------|------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 04 0925               | Italian          | 850500                    | Florence                                            | Admitted private and cleared down.                         | Dis               |
| 05 1330               | "                | 392384                    | "                                                   | Stafed military call.                                      | Inv<br>was<br>dis |
| 06 1950               | "                | 766367                    | Leghorn<br>(Montecatini 77)                         | Admitted private and cleared down.                         | Dis               |
| 06 2005               | "                | 861884                    | Florence                                            | Subscriber cleared.                                        |                   |
| 06 2128               | "                | 872368 (Mr. Scombald?)    | Bari                                                | " "                                                        |                   |
| 07 1930               | "                | 490289 (Pte. Gridenstein) | Naples 15793                                        | Call originated by American who then put Italian women on. |                   |
| 07 1815               | "                | 75370                     | Naples 52431 (Lt. Zay)                              | Particulars given.                                         | Ca                |
| 07 2010               | "                | 71184                     | Montecatini 51 (Pte. Koziel)                        | -                                                          | D<br>apparel      |
| 07 2220               | "                | ? (Maj. Andrews)          | Palermo 14990                                       | Sub cleared.                                               | D                 |
| 07 2225               | "                | 370997                    | 1 District                                          | Sub cleared.                                               |                   |
| 07 0055               | "                | 365343                    | Florence (Mr. Frank<br>Manager, 5 Army Rest Hotel). | Number given.                                              |                   |

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|------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Italian          | 850500                    | Florence                                         | Admitted private and cleared down.                         | Disconnected.                                       |
|                  | 392384                    | "                                                | Stafed military call.                                      | Interpreter said it was private. Call disconnected. |
|                  | 766367                    | Leghorn<br>(Montecatini 77)                      | Admitted private and cleared down.                         | Disconnected.                                       |
|                  | 861884                    | Florence                                         | Subscriber cleared.                                        | "                                                   |
|                  | 872368 (Mr. Scombold?)    | Bari                                             | " "                                                        | "                                                   |
|                  | 490289 (Pte. Gridenstein) | Naples 15793                                     | Call originated by American who then put Italian women on. | "                                                   |
|                  | 75370                     | Naples 52431 (Lt. Zay)                           | Particulars given.                                         | Call allowed.                                       |
|                  | 71184                     | Montecatini 51 (Pte. Koziel)                     | -                                                          | Distant operator apparently cut it down.            |
|                  | ? (Maj. Andrews)          | Palermo 14990                                    | Sub cleared.                                               | Disconnected.                                       |
|                  | 370997                    | 1 District                                       | Sub cleared.                                               | "                                                   |
|                  | 365343                    | Florence (Mr. Frank Manager, 5 Army Rest Hotel). | Number given.                                              | "                                                   |

COPY. ANALYSIS OF CIVILIAN CALL INVESTIGATION. 10.3.45 to 16.3.45.

| <u>Date and Time.</u> | <u>Language.</u> | <u>Rome Sub.</u> | <u>Distant Sub.</u>    | <u>Result of Challenge.</u>                                           | <u>Action.</u>                |
|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 10 0730               | German (?)       | 683829           | Bari 12690<br>or 13195 | Sub stated he could speak English or Italian and continued in former. | Call ori<br>They are          |
| 11 2015               | Italian          | 66693            | Naples 11721           | Admitted private.                                                     | Call di                       |
| 12 1420               | "                | ?                | Leghorn                | Not understood.                                                       | "                             |
| 13 1430               | "                | 33954            | Florence               | Stated it was military.                                               | Interpr<br>private<br>disconn |
| 14 2000               | "                | 62074            | Leghorn                | Admitted private.                                                     | Call di                       |
| 16 1840               | "                | 582085           | Florence 1592.         | Distant Sub gave No. and cleared.                                     | "                             |

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| 683829           | Bari 12690<br>or 13195 | Sub stated he could speak English or Italian and continued in former. | Call originated Bari. They are dealing.           |
| 66693            | Naples 11721           | Admitted private.                                                     | Call disconnected.                                |
| ?                | Leghorn                | Not understood.                                                       | " "                                               |
| 33954            | Florence               | Stated it was military.                                               | Interpreter confirmed private. Call disconnected. |
| 62074            | Leghorn                | Admitted private.                                                     | Call disconnected.                                |
| 582085           | Florence 1592.         | Distant Sub gave No. and cleared.                                     | " "                                               |

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
Communications Sub-Commission

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T.29.6.CS.

21st March 1945.

SUBJECT: Unauthorised use by civilians of Military lines.

TO: Under Secretary of State for PP.TT.

1. It has been found that on several occasions unauthorised Italian civilians have dialled the military long distance exchange and asked in English for numbers in other towns, connection then being made over a military circuit.

2. The military officers making the necessary observations could not attend a court of law, and only a written statement could be supplied to you regarding the cases.

3. The military request that on receipt of the report you arrange for the immediate and permanent disconnection of the telephone from which the call has been made.

4. Kindly give your views on the method of implementation of the above proposals. It would of course be necessary on any advice to the general public to avoid any reference as to how calls can be made.

5. It would be appreciated if you would treat the matter as urgent.

J.L.HENDERSON,  
Colonel,  
Director.

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MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI  
Direzione Generale delle Poste e dei Telegrafi

BANCHE ISTITUTI AZIENDE AMMESSI AL SERVIZIO TELEFONICO INTERURBANO  
SPECIALE (1)

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In tutto il territorio a sud dei confini settentrionali delle  
Province di : TERAMO = RIETI = ROMA. -

BANCA D'ITALIA 489161 = BANCA COMMERCIALE ITALIANA 683001 = BANCA  
NAZIONALE DELL'AGRICOLTURA 60251 = BANCA NAZIONALE DEL LAVORO 489031  
BANCO DI ROMA 683021 = BANCO DI NAPOLI 681572 = CREDITO ITALIANO  
680042.

ISTITUTO DI CREDITO FONDIARIO 42187 = ISTITUTO NAZIONALE PREVIDENZA  
SOCIALE 681651 = ISTITUTO NAZIONALE PER ASSICURAZIONI CONTRO INFOR-  
TUNI SUL LAVORO 60851 = CASSA MUTUA MALATTIE LAVORATORI INDUSTRIA  
34220 = CASSA MUTUA MALATTIA LAVORATORI AGRICOLI 864151 = ISTITUTO  
DI CREDITO PER LE CASSE DI RISPARMIO ITALIANE 45609 = CASSA DI RI-  
SPARMIO 683451 = ISTITUTO CREDITO PER IMPRESE DI PUBBLICA UTILITA'  
44284 = ISTITUTO MOBILIARE ITALIANO 67006 = ISTITUTO PER LA RICOSTRU-  
ZIONE INDUSTRIALE(IRI)42565 = FEDERAZIONE ITALIANA CONSORZI AGRARI  
481551 = CONSORZIO AGRARIO COOPERATIVO 681592 = ISTITUTO NAZIONALE  
DELLE ASSICURAZIONI 489021 = ASSICURAZIONI GENERALI VENEZIA 64677 =  
RIUNIONE ADRIATICA DI SICURTA' 61652 = SOCIETA' REALE MUTUA ASSICURA-  
ZIONI 40474.  
UNIONE PUBBLICITA' ITALIANA 61372  
TRASPORTI AMERICAN EXPRESS 61401 = SOCIETA' NAZIONALE FILLI GONDRAN  
470941 = SOCIETA' ANONIMA GIUSEPPE LORINI 60513

(1) - Si indica il solo numero del corrispondente romano.-

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In quasi tutte le Province :

BOMBRINI PARODI DELFINO 61446 = CUGINI PRAGA 490636 = CEMENTERIA  
ITALIANA FIBRONIT 41600 = ITAL CEMENTI 481827 = PIRELLI 487251 =  
MARELLI 82341 = FIAT 481751 = MONTECATINI 45552 = TERNI 61660 =  
UNES 480980 = EIAR 683051 = TUDINI TALENTI 681351 =  
BANCA D'AMERICA E D'ITALIA 64441 = BANCA POPOLARE COOPERATIVA DI  
NOVARA 62519 = BANCO S. SPIRITO 683441 = BANCO DI SICILIA 65209 =  
MONTE DEI PASCHI 64351 = TETI 056 = STET(TIMO) 44136 =

Nelle Province dell'Italia Centrale :

SOCIETA' ROMANA GAS 481251 = CEMENTERIE ITALIANE DI GUIDONIA 43745 =  
CERERE(MOLINI E PASTIFICI) 491663 = SOCIETA' TRAMWIE E FERROVIE RO-  
MA-LIDO 570996 = ATAG 485251 = SOCIETA' ROMANA FERROVIE DEL NORD  
34213 = FERROVIE E TRAMWIE ELETTRICHE DI ROMA 70084 = SOCIETA' ANO-  
NIMA CALCE E CEMENTI SEGNI 62155 = FERROTAIE 41441 = MONTE AMIATA  
SOCIETA' ANONIMA MINERARIA 40236 = BANCA DEL FUCINO 63237 = ACQUA  
MARCIA 67954 = AZIENDA MUNICIPALE ELETTRICITA' ED ACQUA  
ISTITUTO DI CREDITO AGRARIO PER L'ITALIA CENTRALE

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Roma e Napoli :

SOCIETA' ERNESTO BRED A 67423 = FERROBETON 862551 = MATER 75851 =  
ILVA 42272 = RICHARD GINORI 63836 = PERSICHETTI 681209 = CAPRONI  
ELETTROMECCANICA SARONNO 60925 = FELTRINELLI 74113 = SAFFA LEGNA-  
MI 862591 = ANONIMA FIAMMIFERI 64895 = MIRALANZA 52151 = PASQUALIN  
360574 = CARTIERE MERIDIONALI 61388 = FERROVIE GALABRO LUCANE  
862252 = SOCIETA' ITALIANA STRADE FERRATE MEDITERRANEO 862252 =  
SOCIETA' ITALIANA STRADE FERRATE MERIDIONALI 43444 = SOCIETA' MERI-  
DIONALE DI ELETTRICITA' NAVAL MECCANICA 60835 = ITALCABLE 484441 =  
BROWN BOVERI ECNOMASIO ITALIANO 45270 = ALFA ROMEO 45731 = SCAINI  
85669 = TUDOR 481714 = OTTIS 484401 = STIGLER 60978 = ANSALDO  
487451 = ISTITUTO DI S.PAULO DI TORINO 64546 = BANCO AMBROSIANO  
69908 =

Aziende di cui non si conosce il corrispondente romano :

CHIETI : Acquedotto - Societa' del Gas - Societa' Anonima Ferrovie  
ed Autolinee -

RIETI : Societa' Sabina di Elettricit . -

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In reply  
refer to: AG 311.7

7 January 1944

SUBJECT: Censorship Regulations

TO : Civil Censorship Officer, APO 550, U S Army

In agreement with Lt. Colonel Hoover, paragraph 3 of the telephone regulations has been amended to read as follows:

"Long-distance telephone calls are prohibited unless specifically authorized by the prefect. In places other than a provincial capital, the officer commanding the local Carabinieri is authorized to grant permission to individuals to make long-distance telephone calls of an essential nature."

*J. W. Colville*  
J. W. COLVILLE  
Major, GS

cc: Lt Col Bensmore, AGC  
Censorship Branch, IIC, AFHQ  
Capt Dickson (Censorship)  
"G" Special Forces, 15th Army Group

Seen:- Capt. Stone  
Col. D.  
Maj. H.

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Received 8 Jan 44

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U.S. CONFIDENTIAL E. UALS BRITISH CONFIDENTIAL

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
APO 512

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2 January 1944

AG 380.01-1 SIG-AGM

SUBJECT: Security of Landlines in Recently Occupied Territories.

TO : All Concerned.

1. Operations in recently occupied territories will be seriously hampered unless steps are taken to insure that landlines in such territories are made secure for the passing of U. S. CONFIDENTIAL equals British CONFIDENTIAL messages in the clear whenever the security of such lines is feasible. The necessity for enciphering all classified traffic except RESTRICTED would tend to overload available cipher personnel and equipment, in addition to introducing additional delay in the handling of all traffic, thereby decreasing the overall efficiency of all Allied Forces.

2. Landlines may be considered secure for the passing of U. S. CONFIDENTIAL equals British CONFIDENTIAL traffic in the clear when the following conditions obtain on such lines.

a. Terminal points are operated by Allied military personnel or by Allied civilian personnel who have been properly investigated and cleared as secure.

b. Main frames, repeater stations and such other points subject to being readily tapped are kept under immediate supervision by Allied personnel to insure that unauthorized intercept apparatus is not attached to lines at these points and that taps are not made to permit unauthorized intercept at a distant point. In addition, checks will be made at frequent, irregular intervals to insure that such taps are not made.

c. Landlines and cables will be inspected for unauthorized connections and will be patrolled and inspected at irregular intervals.

d. Unattended repeater stations will be checked frequently and examined for unauthorized connections.

3. The terms Allied military personnel and Allied personnel do not include Italian personnel.

4. The foregoing policy applies to Italy, Sicily, Sardinia, Corsica, and to any other territories which may be occupied by Allied troops.

By command of General EISENHOWER:

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T. J. DAVIS  
Brigadier General, USA  
Adjutant General

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U.S. CONFIDENTIAL E. UALS BRITISH CONFIDENTIAL

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T. J. DAVIS  
Brigadier General, USA  
Adjutant GeneralDISTRIBUTION:  
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U.S. CONFIDENTIAL, EQUALS BRITISH CONFIDENTIAL

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
APO 512  
Telecommunications Sub-Commission

LA

17 November 1943

SUBJECT: Prohibition of Long-Distance Telephone Communications  
for Civilians in Sicily.

TO : Chief, T.C.U.P.W.  
Region No.1

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1. The attached copy of a letter from Civil Communications  
Censorship, 6 Nov. 1943, subject as above, is forwarded for your  
information and guidance.

2. The following agencies should be informed by you:

- a 7th. Army
- b District No.1
- c I.B.S.

By command of Major General Joyce

*W.J. Bentlett*  
W.J. Bentlett (B) *Major A.C.S.*  
Lt. Colonel  
Acting Director Telecommunications  
Sub-Commission

Incl:  
1. Letter 6 Nov. 43

Copy To:  
Capt. Stone

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