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T/32/CS

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CIRCUITS + PROJECTS NO 1 DISTRICT

FEB. 1944 - JAN 1945

T.32.8.63

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COMMUNICATIONS SUB-COMMISSION HQ.A.C. APO 394 29th January, 1945

TO: Major S.H.Hills, c/o Provincial Commissioner Perugia

1. Report from C.B.O. No.1 District indicates that facts were not as represented to us.
2. Request return of papers with full report as to difference in report from No.1 District and our sources.
3. Your attention is drawn to para.3 of Brigadier Buchanan's letter of 25th January.
4. In replying please include reference to the following without confining yourself to these points.
 - a. For what period had Italian staff been working on the route concerned? Can you find (say) the man hours spent on the job?
 - b. Presumably the Foligno - Perugia telegraph was not on this route?
 - c. You reported that a stretch of 25 kms had been reconditioned. Does the C.B.O.'s statement in para. 2 of his report not conflict with this?

J.L.HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

Incls: 1 letter C.B.O., L.of C.
1 " C.B.O. No 1 District.

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CONFIDENTIALSUBJECT:- Civil Communications.
-----311.2/5

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From:- CSO L OF C ITALY (MAIN)

To:- Director Comms Sub-Commission,
HQ Allied Commission.

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Reference your T.32.6.CS of 13 Jan 45.

1. Attached is a copy of a report on the incident, from CSO 1 District. As you will see the facts as stated are considerably at variance with the information given to you.

2. On questioning 1 District further on the subject I was told that on or about 2 Jan the Lines Officer to CSO 1 District informed Major Hills that it would be necessary for them to build an eight circuit route on the railway route, and that on completion of this construction, the TIMO route FOLIGNO - PERUGIA would be handed over to the civil.

3. Whatever may have been the impression of 1 District or Major Hills, in my opinion the incident shows that a certain amount of ill feeling and lack of willingness to cooperate exists. I have made it clear to CSO 1 District that this attitude towards the civil is entirely contrary to policy. I shall be grateful if you would give Major Hills similar direction in regard to his actings in relation to District Signals.

25 Jan 45.
WCB/HWP.

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

Wm. C. Buchanan
Brigadier,
CSO L OF C ITALY.

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Date 27/1/45

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X/1/14

20 Jan 45.

SUBJECT:- Civil Communications.

CSO L OF C ITALY (MAIN)

A complaint has been received from the Director of Communications, Sub-Commission, AC, to the effect that circuits recently rehabilitated by the civilian authorities have been cut down by military personnel (copy attached). It would appear that this complaint has been based on inaccurate information because :-

1. With the exception of two copper pairs between BASTIA and FOLIGNO put up by Rly Tele Coy (which have been kept through), there were no working or through circuits on this route at all.
2. This route had been blasted in 7 places between BASTIA and FOLIGNO, and at these points the Rly Tele Coy had erected one single pole for their circuits (instead of an 'H' pole as on the rest of the route), and at these points there were neither swan necks nor any other fittings at all for carrying wires.
3. Between PERUGIA and BASTIA there were four places where the route had been blasted, and at these points the wires on either side of the gap hung on the ground and no attempt whatever had been made to put any circuits through, conclusively indicating that no civil circuits had been rehabilitated on this route.
4. The wire was cut down mostly span by span, but since all this wire was iron into which the binders had rusted, there was little point in spending a great deal of time in trying to strip corroded binders which would, anyway, only leave lengths of wire with a rusted kink in it at every 80 yards.
5. Permission had been granted to the civilian authorities to rehabilitate this route and, though the putting through of a telegraph circuit had been mentioned, no work on this project had in fact been started.
6. Assistance is given to the civil authorities whenever possible; as an example, the TIMO route is being handed over to their use as soon as the circuits on this rly route are completed. This will give them four working circuits between PERUGIA and FOLIGNO which, though not of the best, are serviceable pairs which they were not when we took the route over.

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for Colonel,
C.S.O. No.1.District.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Tel. 489081 Ext. 400

In reply
refer to: T.32.6.C9

13th January, 1945

Subject: Civil Communications.

To: Chief Signal Officer, No. 1 District.

1. It has been reported to this office that the wires on the route along the railway between PERUGIA and FOLIGNO that had recently been rehabilitated for civil use have been cut down by military Signals personnel without any notice, in restoring the military circuits along this route which were affected by snow.
2. These wires are reported to have been cut down span by span instead of by cutting the ties, and the resultant short lengths have now been largely removed by local civilians; in any case wire in such condition would be very difficult to collect and repair.
3. The restoration of these circuits had received your permission.
4. You will of course appreciate that such action is most disheartening to the authorities and personnel engaged on restoration of services, and is bound seriously to hamper the rehabilitation of economic life in this country which this Commission is engaged in assisting, by direction of the Supreme Allied Commander carrying out the policy of the Heads of the Allied Governments. You will also appreciate that the shortages of stores and transport under which this work of rehabilitation is proceeding are so acute as to make the results of such action disproportionately severe.
5. I should be grateful if you would be good enough to investigate the conditions in which this reported action is said to have occurred and to let me have a report of the circumstances.

See 78,

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

Communications
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CONFIDENTIAL
MAIN HQ AAI
TEL: FILPOT 356
X/21/26
7 Sep 44 *15*

Director,
Communications Sub Commission. H.Q. A.C.C.

Herewith attached is copy of CSO 1 District letter ref. X/1/14 dated 4 Sep 44 for information.

Director.
Deputy Director.
S. G. L.
S. G. P.
C. S. O. L. of C. ITALY.
FRT/RTJ.
Subject:- *Act 8.7.44* AGC Line Communications
C.S.O.
L. of C. ITALY.
CONFIDENTIAL
X/1/14
4 Sep 44

Reference CSO L of C ITALY letter X/21/26 of 13 Aug 44.

1. A circuit has been provided for the A.C.C. on the phantom between RIMET and AQUILA - CSO No.1 District Circuit Record Diagram B.5 refers.

2. The A.C.C. at ANCONA have been provided with connections to 61 Area Exchange as under :-

Appointment.	Name.	No.
AMC Prov Commissioner	Lt.Col. H.H. Nichols	95
" " Officer	Major O.J. Maunders	96
" Police	Major G.W. Manifold	97
" Officers' Mess		207
" Supplies	Capt. Kelly	226
" Supplies		60
" Supplies Officer		56

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(Sgd) A.R.J. BEARD, Major,
for Colonel,
C.S.O., No.1 District.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Telephone 4890-1 Ext. 555

15th September, 1945

In reply
refer to: CS/4/25/41

Subject: T.E.T.I. Circuits and Exchanges.

Dear Harker,

1. I am sending you a copy of a reply I have just sent off to T.E.T.I. I have had some correspondence with them which was not of much importance except as regards a statement that they would like to start some external work.

2. You will remember Major Buchanan said he was using all of their men. Accordingly I asked T.E.T.I. whether they had men they could use, and received a reply from which the following is extracted.

"Contents of your para. 1. have been noted. As far para. 2 is concerned, we point out that our gangs of workmen carry out all the necessary work to fulfill the requirements of the A.A.A.C. Signal Officer, and that every time they are not completely made use of for the recovering of stores and the reconstruction of lines all around Rome. Other gangs may however be organized, belonging to firms which could be entrusted with the reconstruction work of the inter-urban lines according the programmes agreed with you.

It would appear that T.E.T.I. may be able to call on other firms to supply men.

3. You will see from my letter to T.E.T.I. that I have referred them to you to discuss possibilities. The position as regards routes round about Viterbo is as follows:

4. C.S.O. L. of C. is using the Civitavecchia pole line on Route 1. He is also using the T.E.T.I. route via La Storta - Bracciano - Manziana - Tolfa - Civitavecchia. He is using the Bracciano - Viterbo railway direct route. On the T.E.T.I. route

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5th Sept. 44 Continued.

via La Storta - Monterotondo - Sutri - Ronciglione - Viterbo, he seems to have only one pair in use and will allow us to use the other wires, if Sig. O. R.A.A.C. agrees for the Section he is concerned with (I believe up to about Cassino F.6388). The TETI could thus restore the other wires on this route, and when if, they have men available.

As regards telegraphs, you can use the Circolo route Rome - Monterotondo (A 5001) - Fabrica (A 5916) - Vignanello (A 5521) - Casapina (A 5521) - Viterbo. I understand from Capt. Fox that there are no L.of C. wires on this route, though there again, Sig. O. R.A.A.C. would have to be consulted re Rome end. It would be advisable to restore all telegraphs on this route since it has valuable extensions from Vignanello to Orvieto, and to Terni and Foligno, all by routes not in military use.

We can talk to No. 1 District regarding the above extensions.

Yours Sincerely,

Incl: Copy of letter to T.E.T.I.

Copy to: Region IV, File
L.of.C. File
No. 1 District File

To: Major Hawker, Region IV, A.C.C.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ACTION SHEET

18
11/8/44
Date

Suspense

FROM	TO
Chief Commissioner	
Deputy Chief Commissioner	
Secretary General	
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION	
Economic Section	
Reg. Control & M.G. Section	
Political Section	
Interior Sub Commission	
Public Safety Sub-Commission	
Public Health Sub-Commission	
Property Control Sub-Comm.	
Legal Sub-Commission	
Education Sub-Commission	
Monuments, Fine Arts & Archives	
NAVY Sub-Commission	
Land Forces Sub-Commission	
AIR	
Telecommunications & Posts	
War Material Disposal Sub-Comm.	
PHO	
Liaison Section	
Finance Sub-Commission	
Adjutant General	
Files	
Personnel	
Publications	
Message Centre	
Miscellaneous	
Pool of Interpreters	
Archives & Reference Library	
Cables	
Hq. Commandant.	
Sub-Commission:-	

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Signature	
Remarks/Recommendation	
Information only	
Approval/Disapproval	
Appropriate Action	
Investigation and Report	
Dispatch	
Return to Admin. Section	

ADDITIONS: I have asked Tully
whether he is to be made to

✓ Deputy Chief Commissioner
 Secretary General
 ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION
 Economic Section
 Reg. Control & M.G. Section
 Political Section
 Interior Sub Commission
 Public Safety Sub-Commission
 Public Health Sub-Commission
 Property Control Sub-Comm.
 Legal Sub-Commission
 Education Sub-Commission
 Monuments, Fine Arts & Archives
 ✓ WY Sub-Commission
 Land Forces Sub-Commission
 AIR
 Telecommunications & Posts
 War Material Disposal Sub-Comm.
 PRO
 Licensor Section
 Finance Sub-Commission
 Adjutant General
 Files
 Personnel
 Publications
 Message Centre
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REMARKS: I have asked Tully
 whether he intends to
 submit a paper as cable
 to pub. traffic.

Suggesting Piccard is
 advised of cables to submit
 number of the present
 be limited to 1000
 Traffic. DW

C O P Y

ITALCABLE

Servizi Cablografici Radiotelegrafici E Radioelettrici

Sede in Roma

No. 84/J

Naples 2nd March 1944
Via del ChiostroTo the Allied Military Government
Committee of Communications,Naples. Attention to Col. Mansley

Gentlemen:-

Telegraphic lines to Sicily

According to the great help received by your committee, both the Italian Telegraphs in Naples and the Italcable Co. will be ready to start service with Sicily if you will kindly allow us some lines.

As observed also by Capt. Bridgeman on the 1st February last, at Salerno, there were plenty of lines in good order, working for South Italy, for account of the Allied Military Forces, and of course, some Armonicals or Super-combined given to us would not have disturbed the communications of A.M.G. and I respectfully asked your cooperation in order to get some channels for our telegraphic service.

Yesterday, having been called by His Excellency Fano, at the Italian Minister of Communications, in Salerno, I explained how matter stands in Naples, and I was informed that presently they are not able to get connections with Sicily, but there were submarine cables at disposal of the A.M.G. working for Sicily.

I am not officially entitled to make a request for this for account of the Italian Government but, having been appointed yesterday General Superintendent of the Italcable for all the South Italian territory, in the interest also of the WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH CABLE SYSTEM AND COMMERCIAL CABLE COMPANY OF NEW YORK, as the quicker we start, the quicker we shall go on to restore communications with the United States of America, I am obliged to call your attention on this matter.

It is my duty to point out to your Goodselfes that also AMERICAN INTERESTS ARE SUFFERING, and I beg to respectfully ask your help and cooperation, in order to start service in Italy with the purpose to arrange, as soon as possible, also the connections with the States.

Probably lines have not yet been allowed owing to military purposes but, if Censorship will be arranged in the Italcable office as previously done, I suppose there will be no other objection.

Thanking you in advance,

I remain, Gentlemen,

Very truly yours

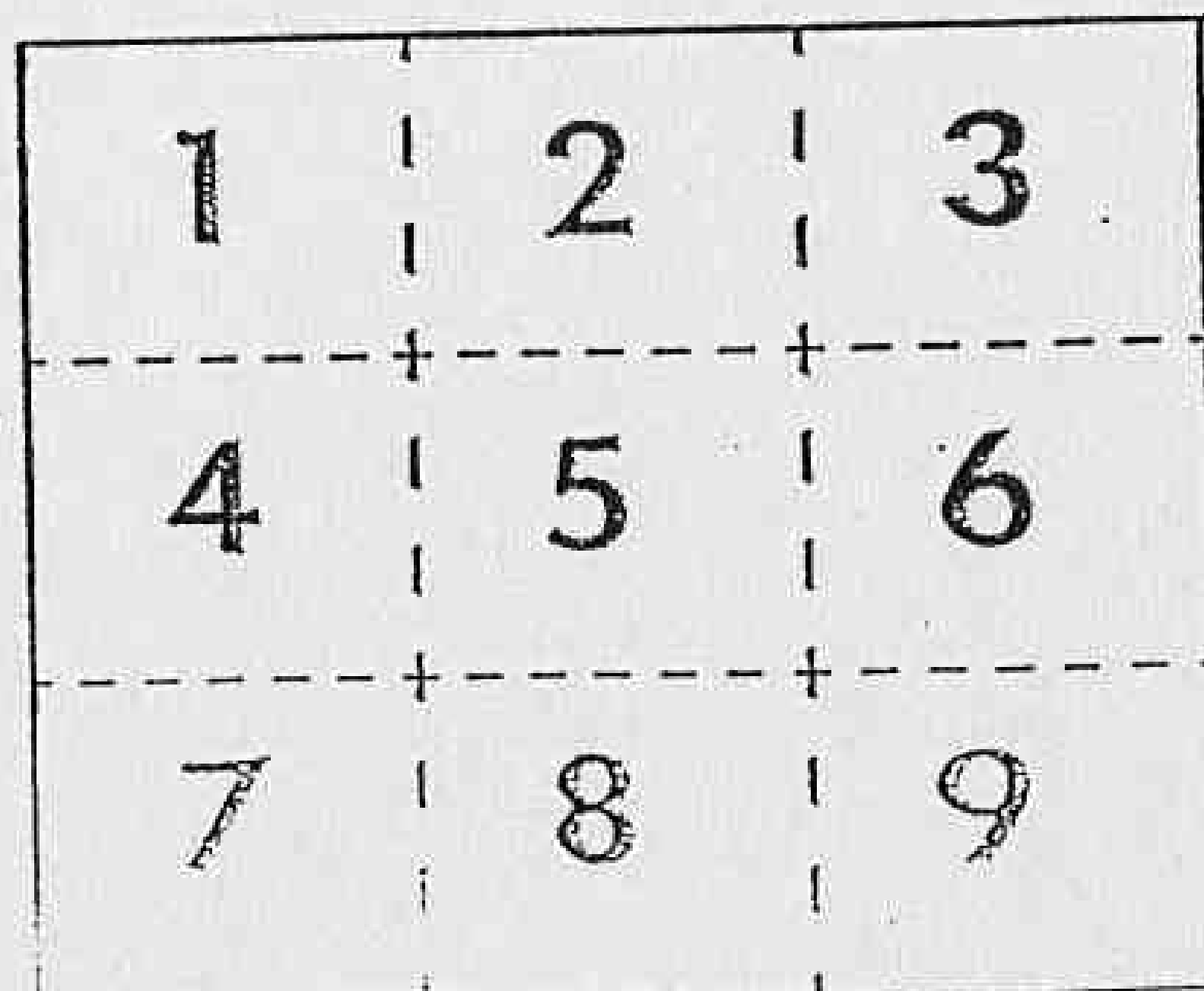
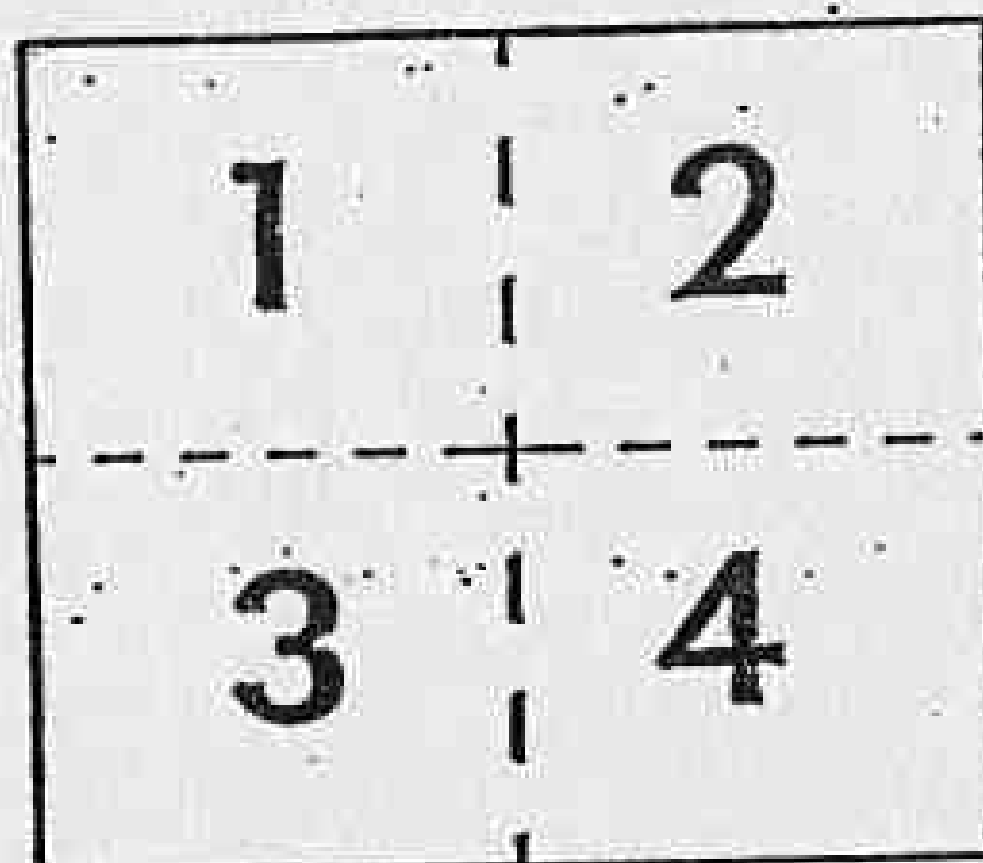
Signed
Augusto Piccoli.

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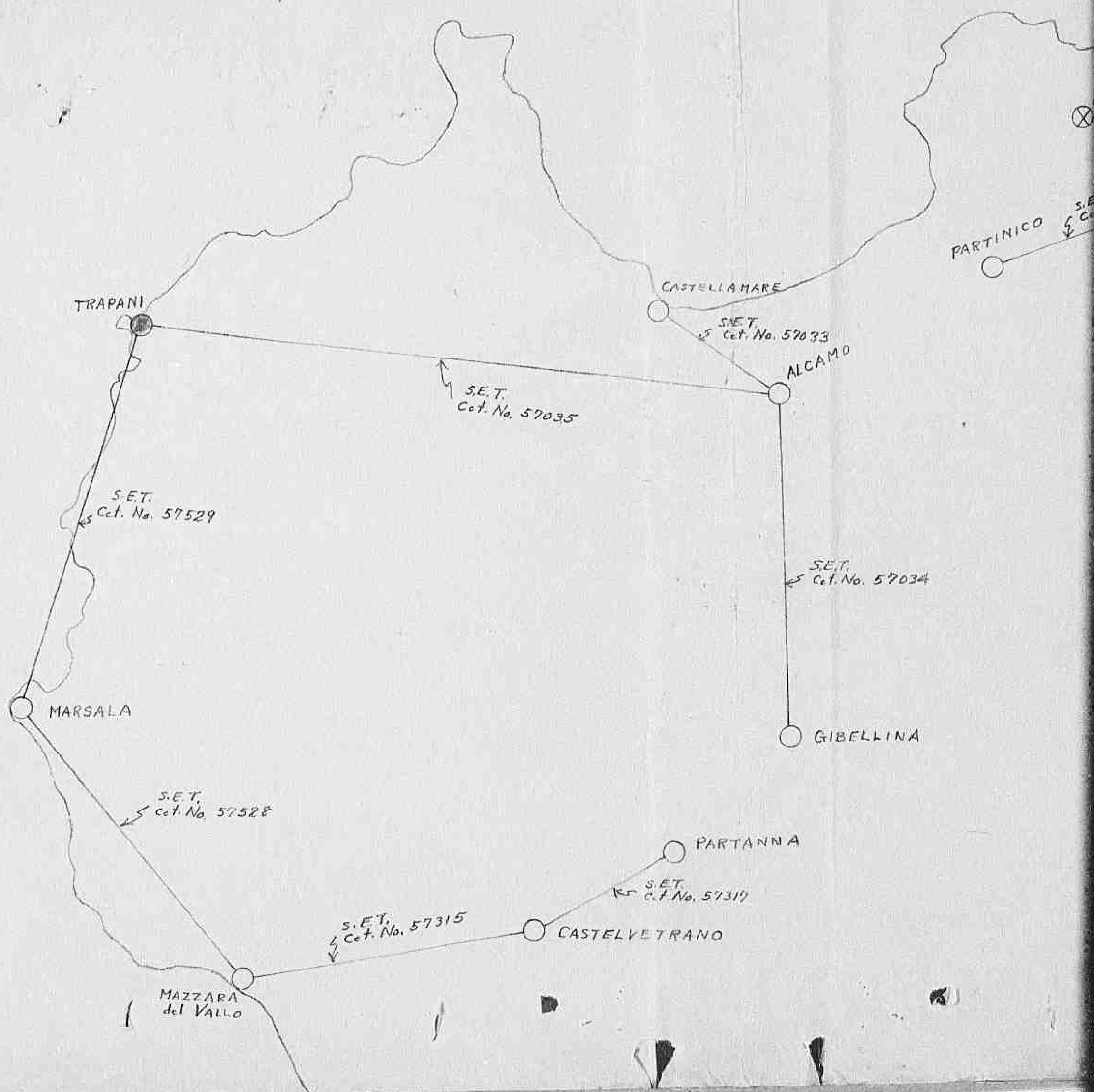
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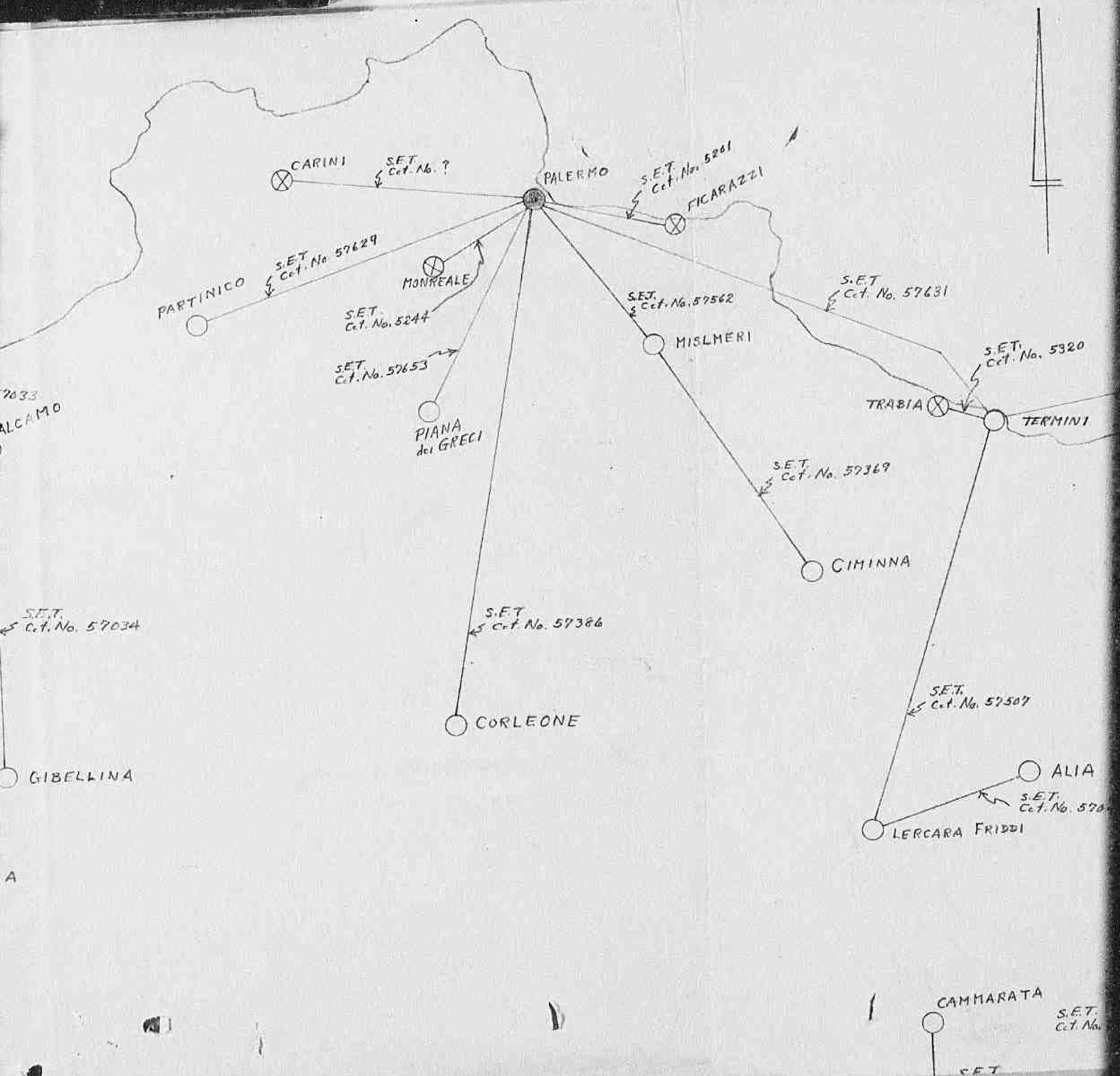
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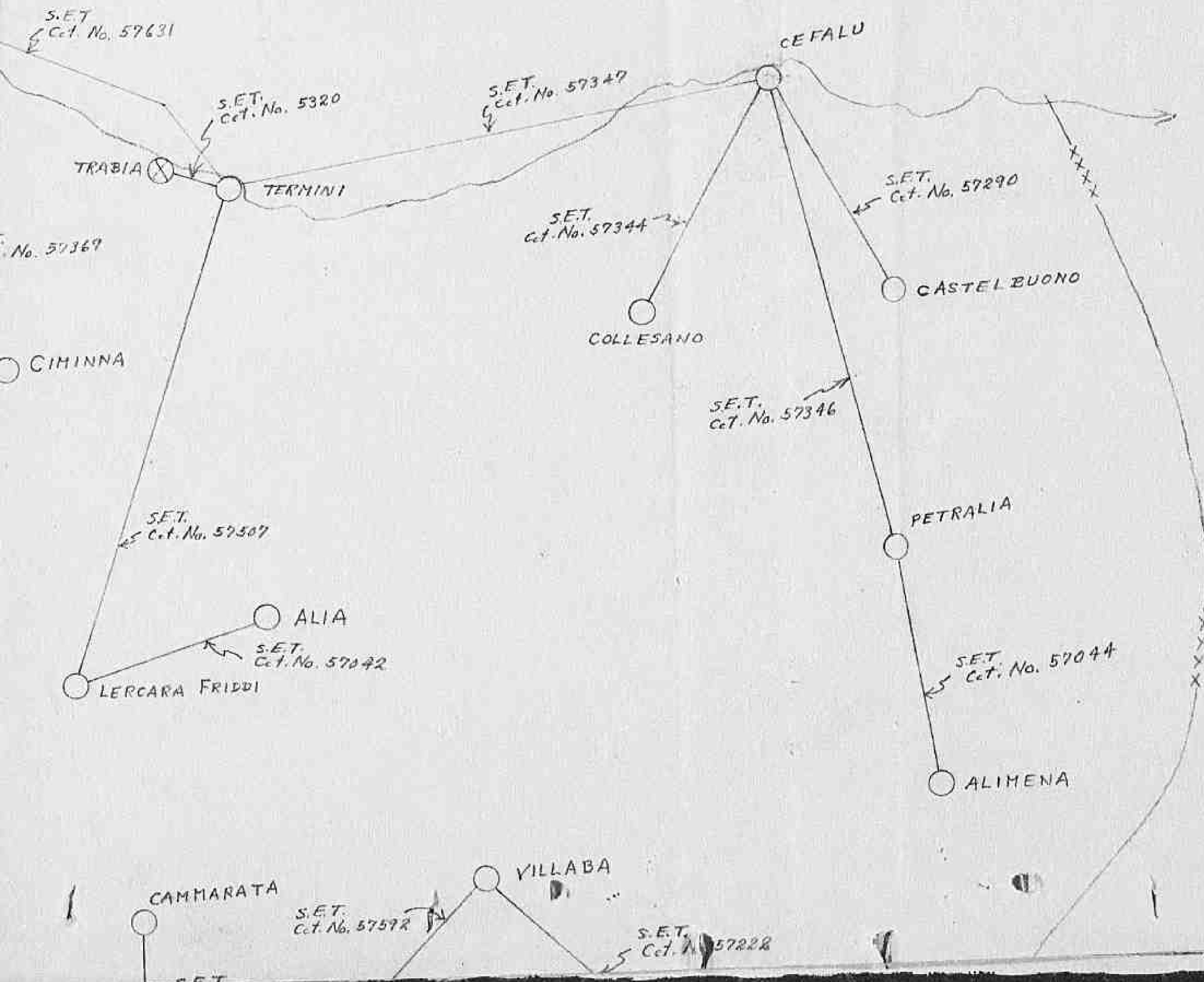
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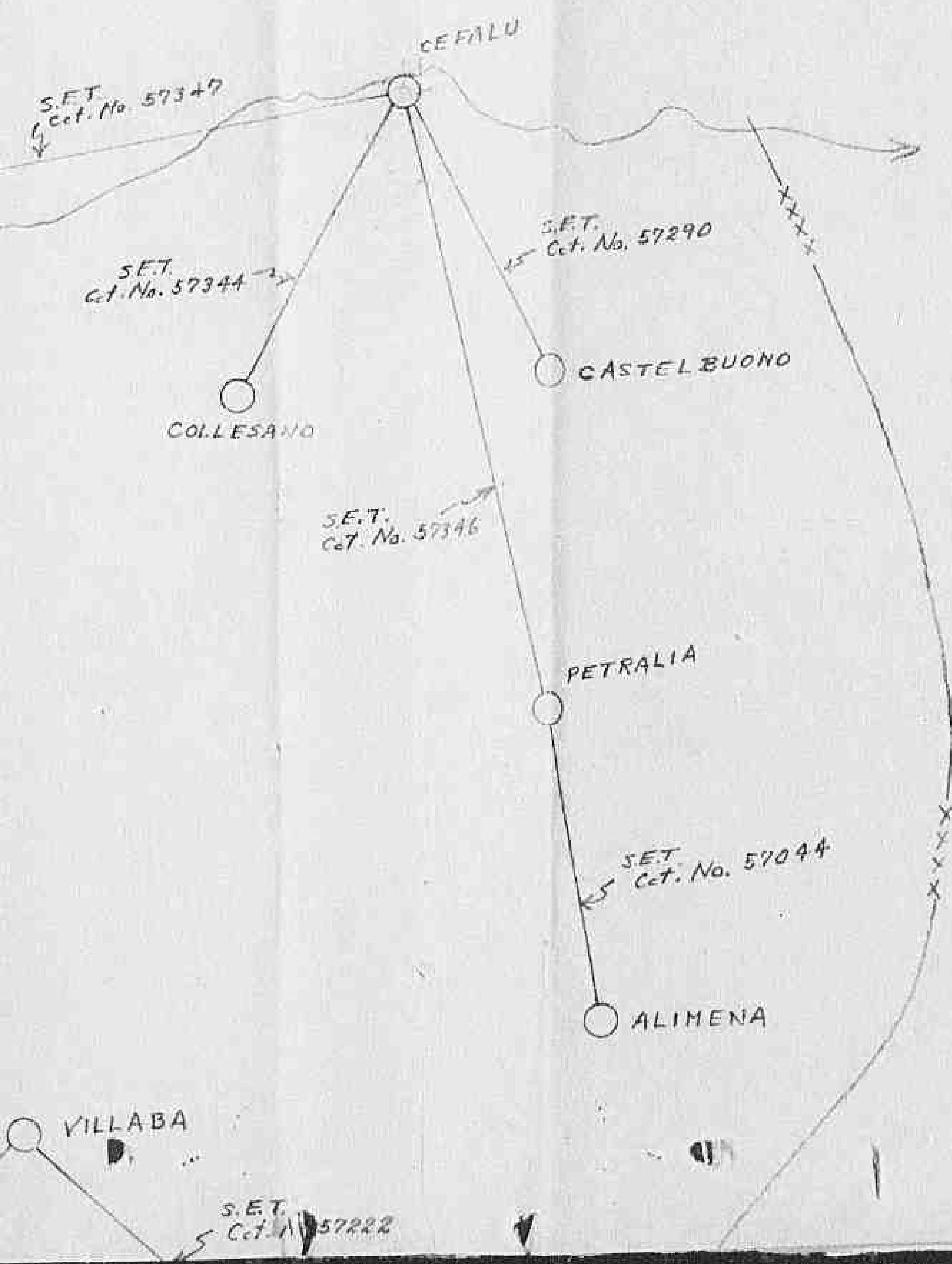
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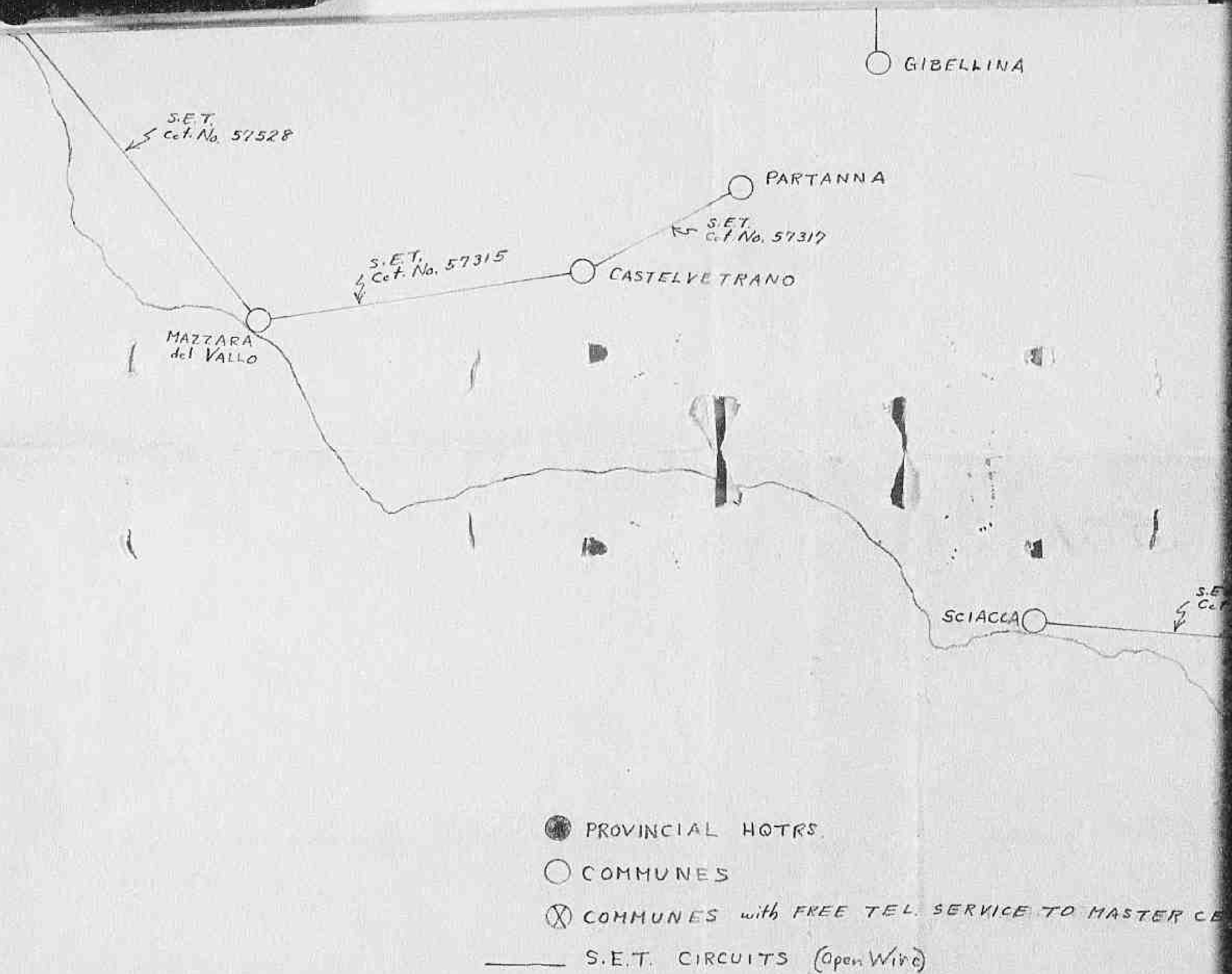


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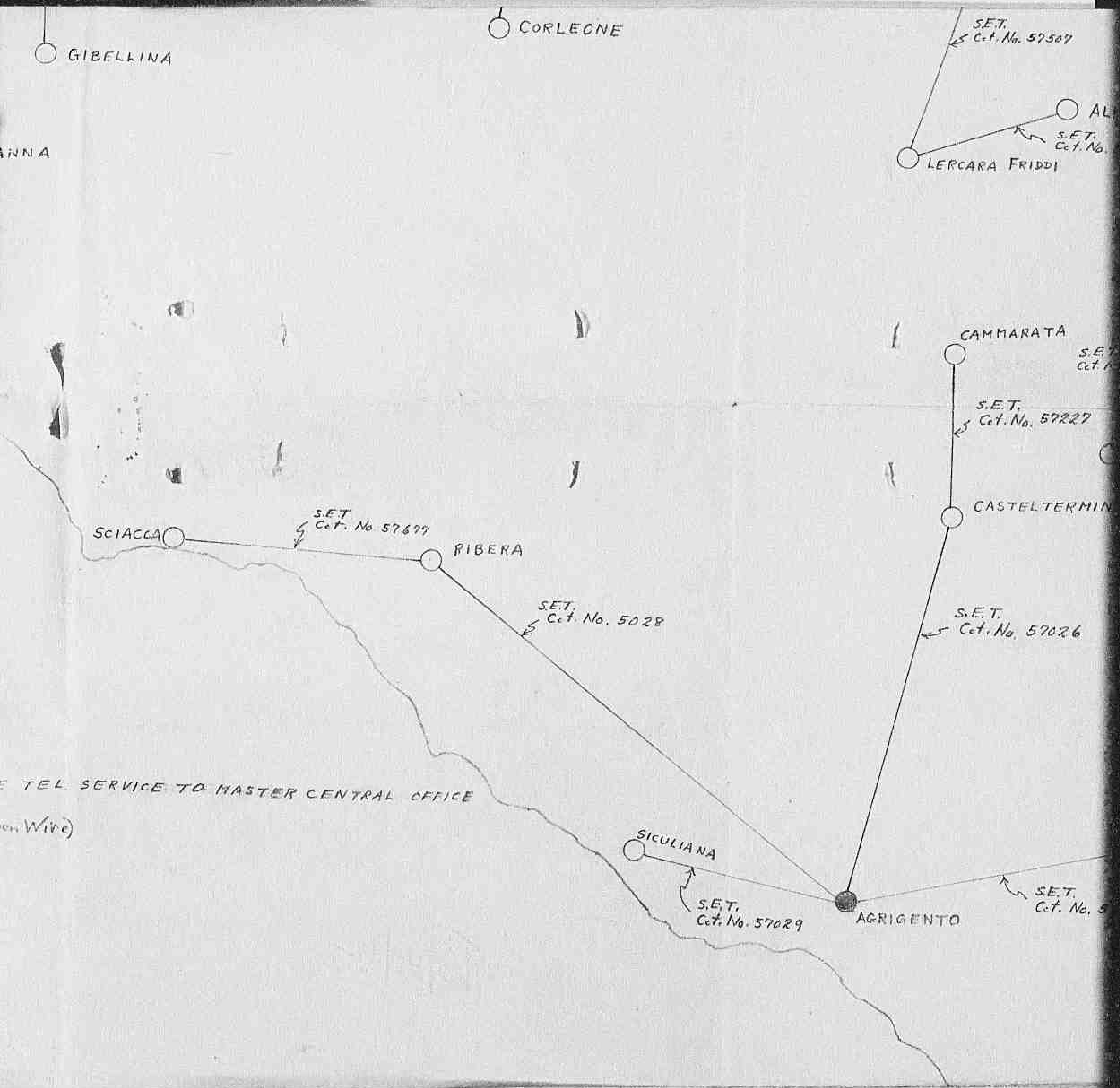
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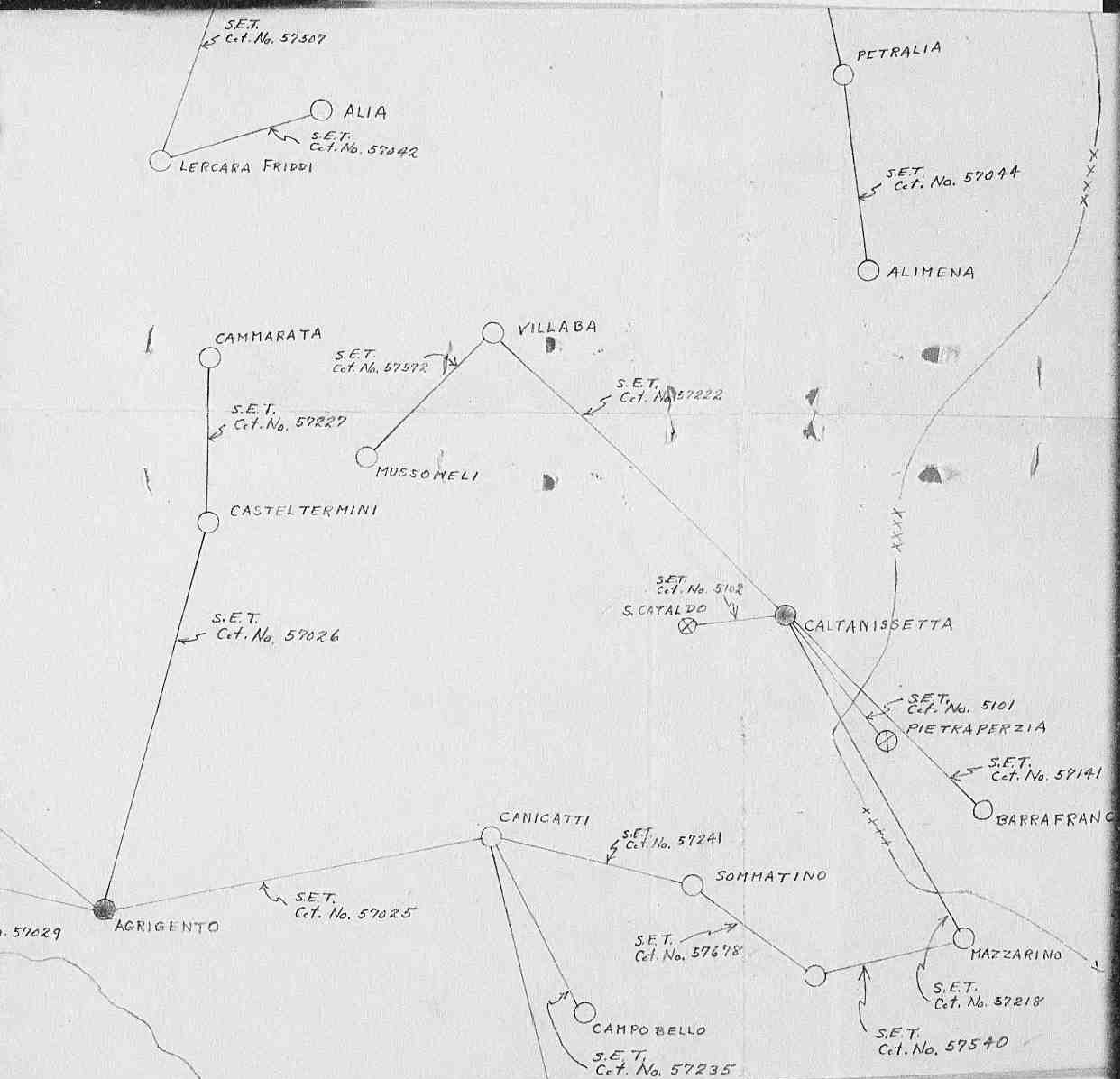
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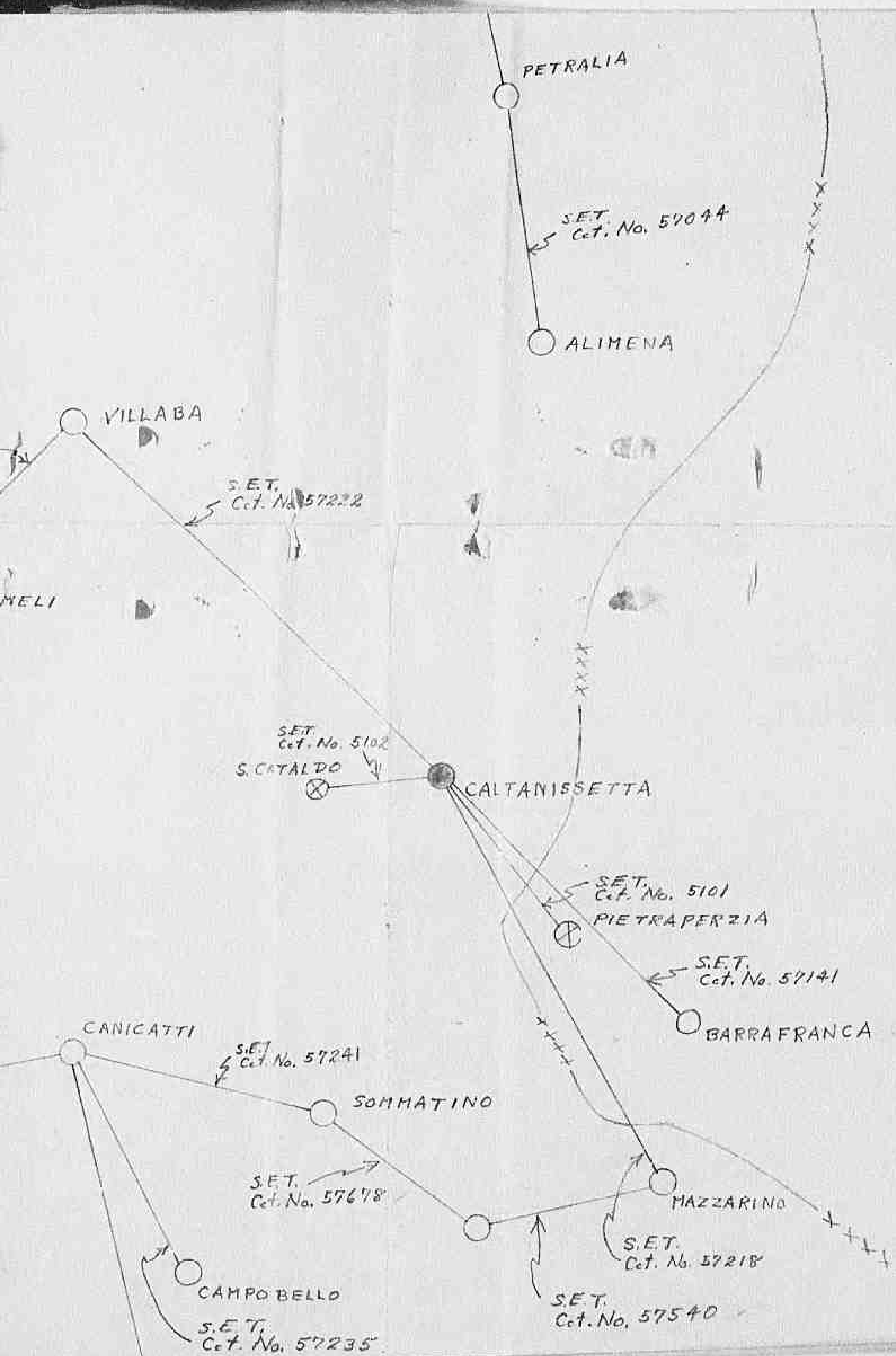




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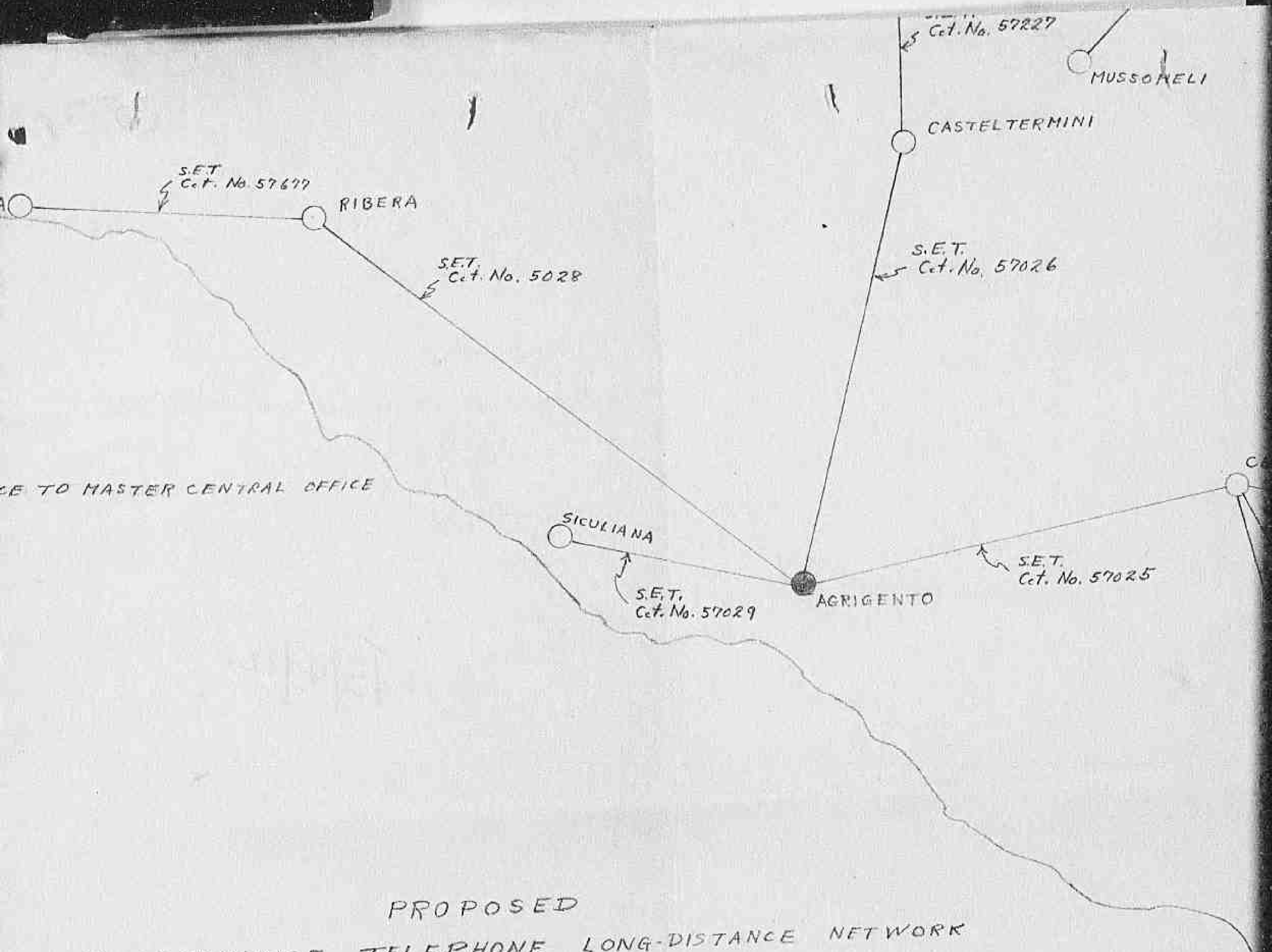
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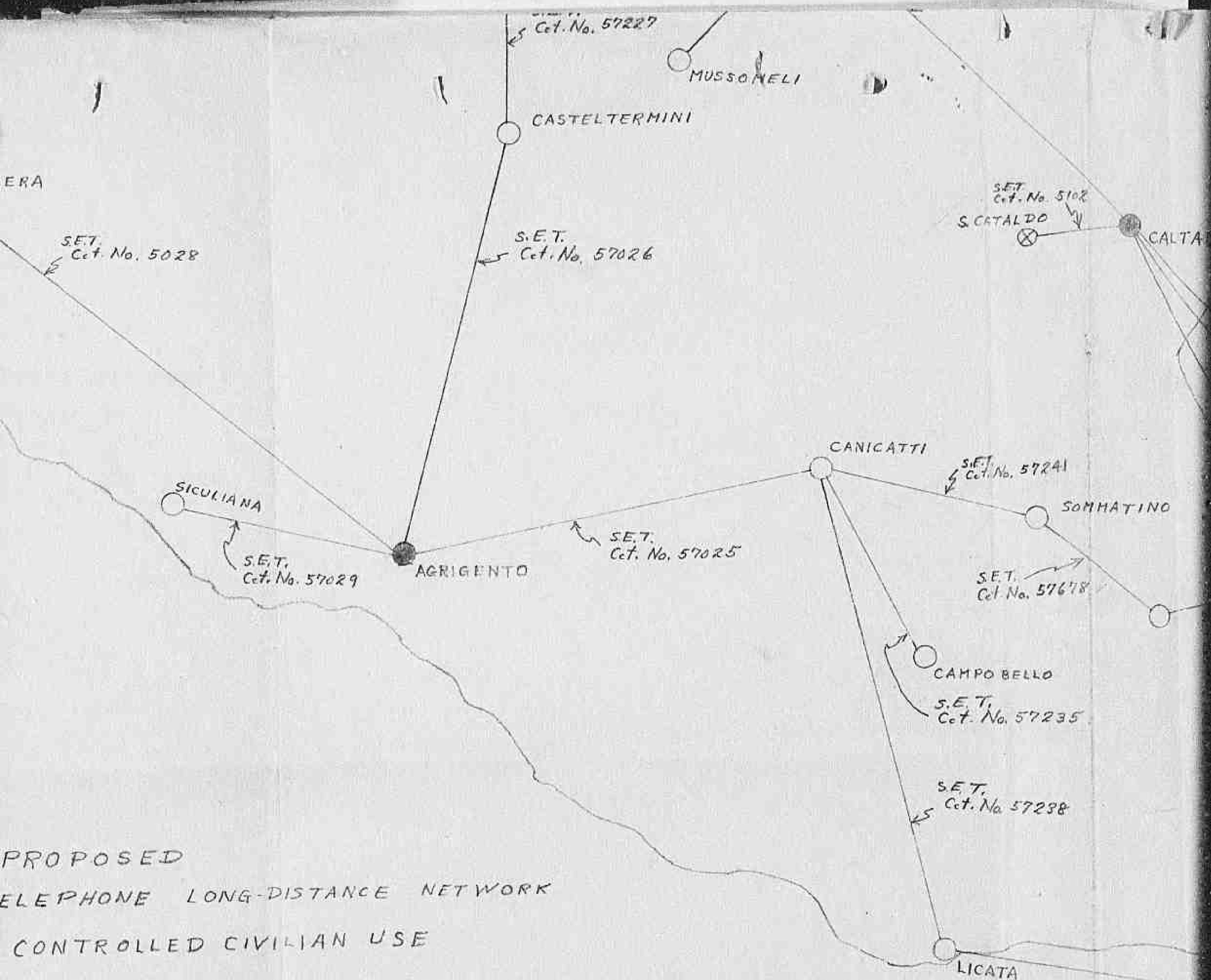
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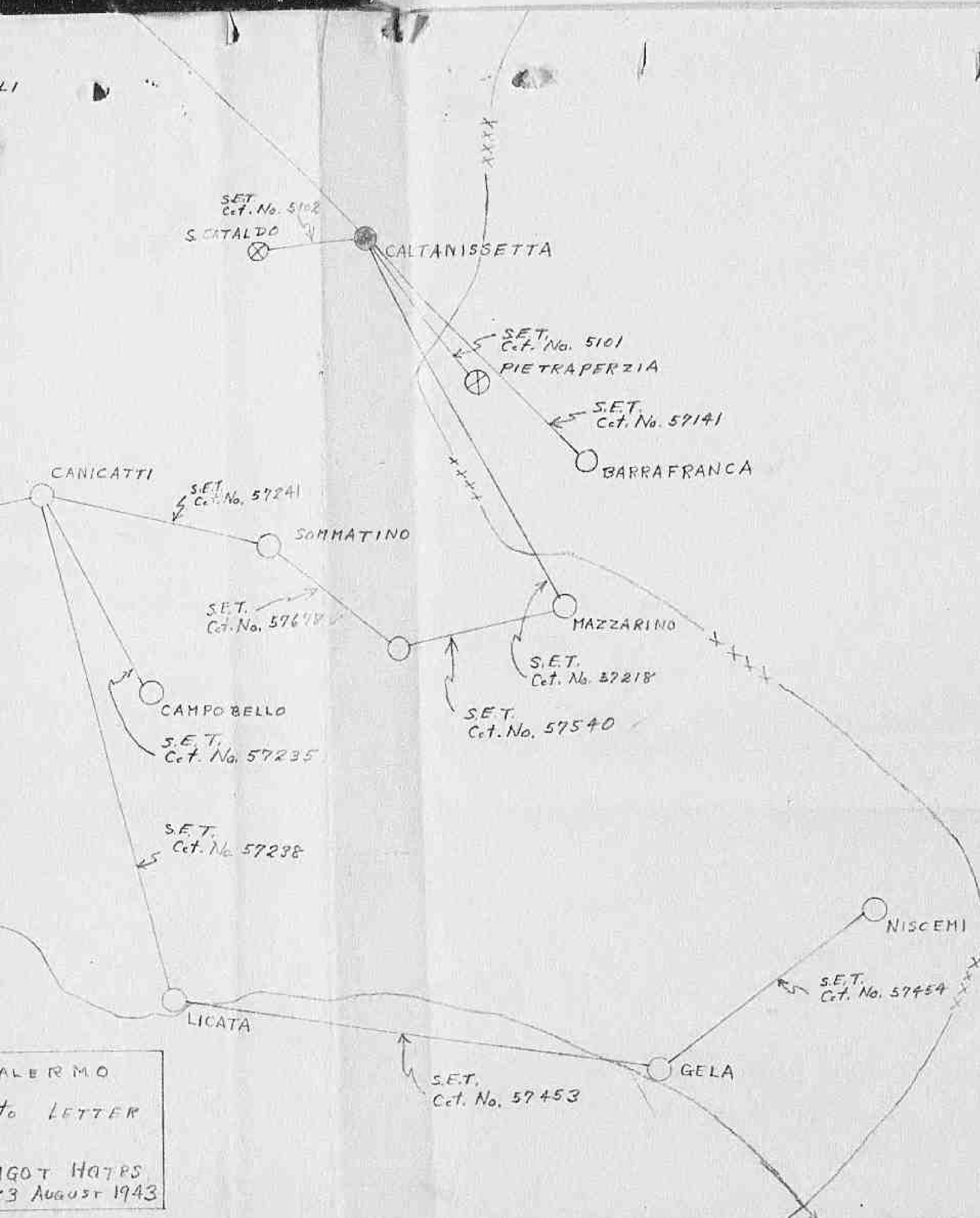


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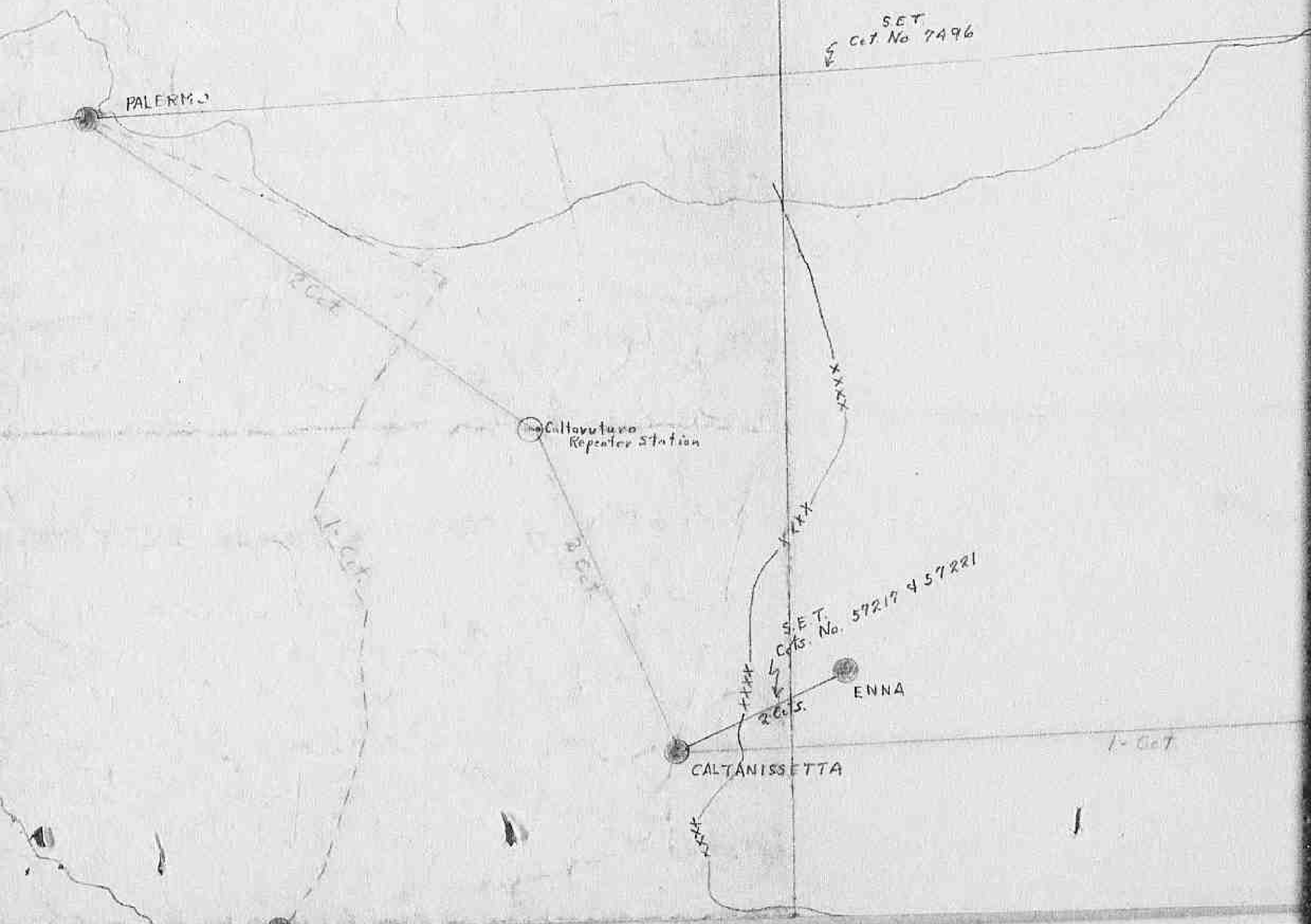
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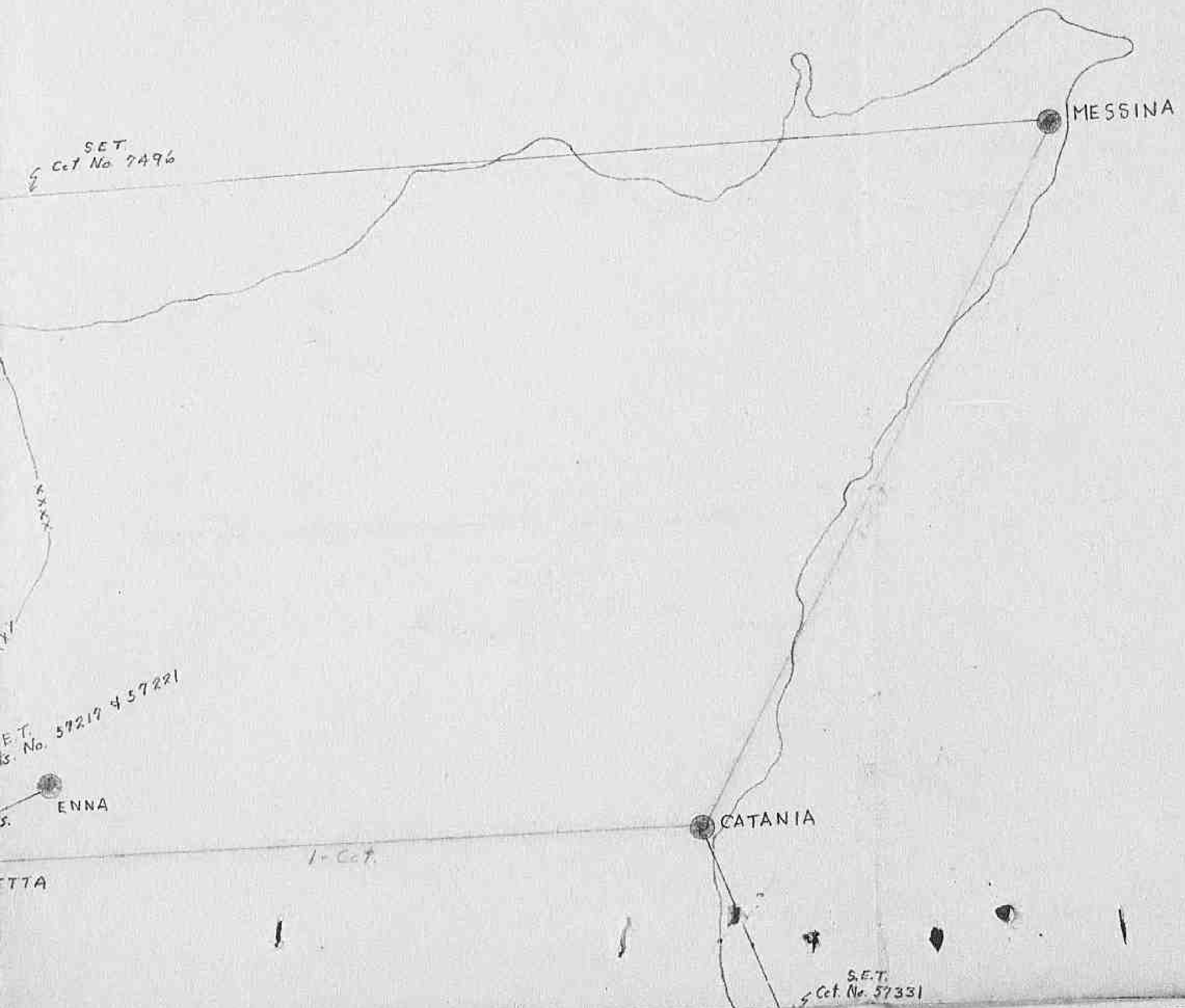
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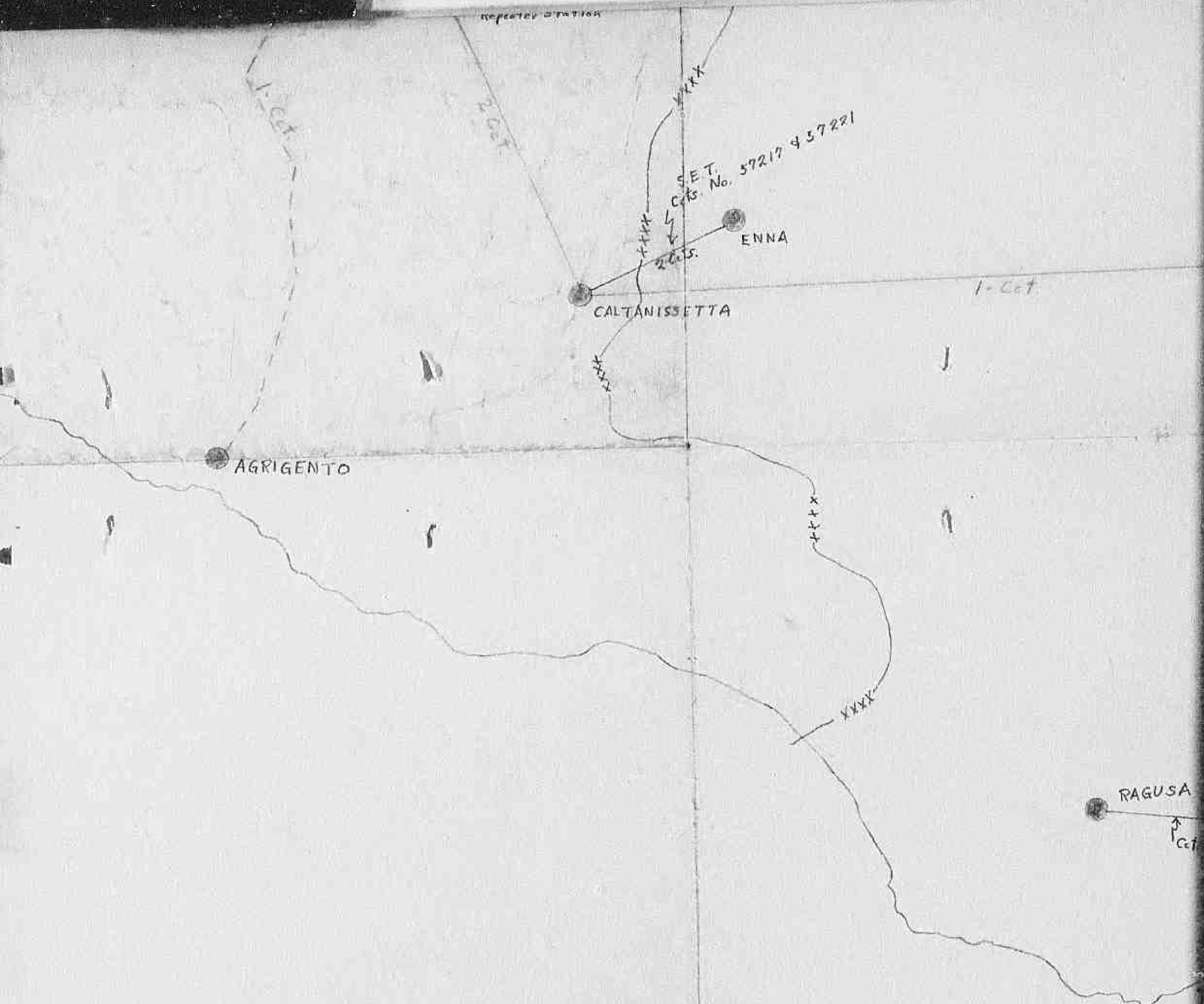
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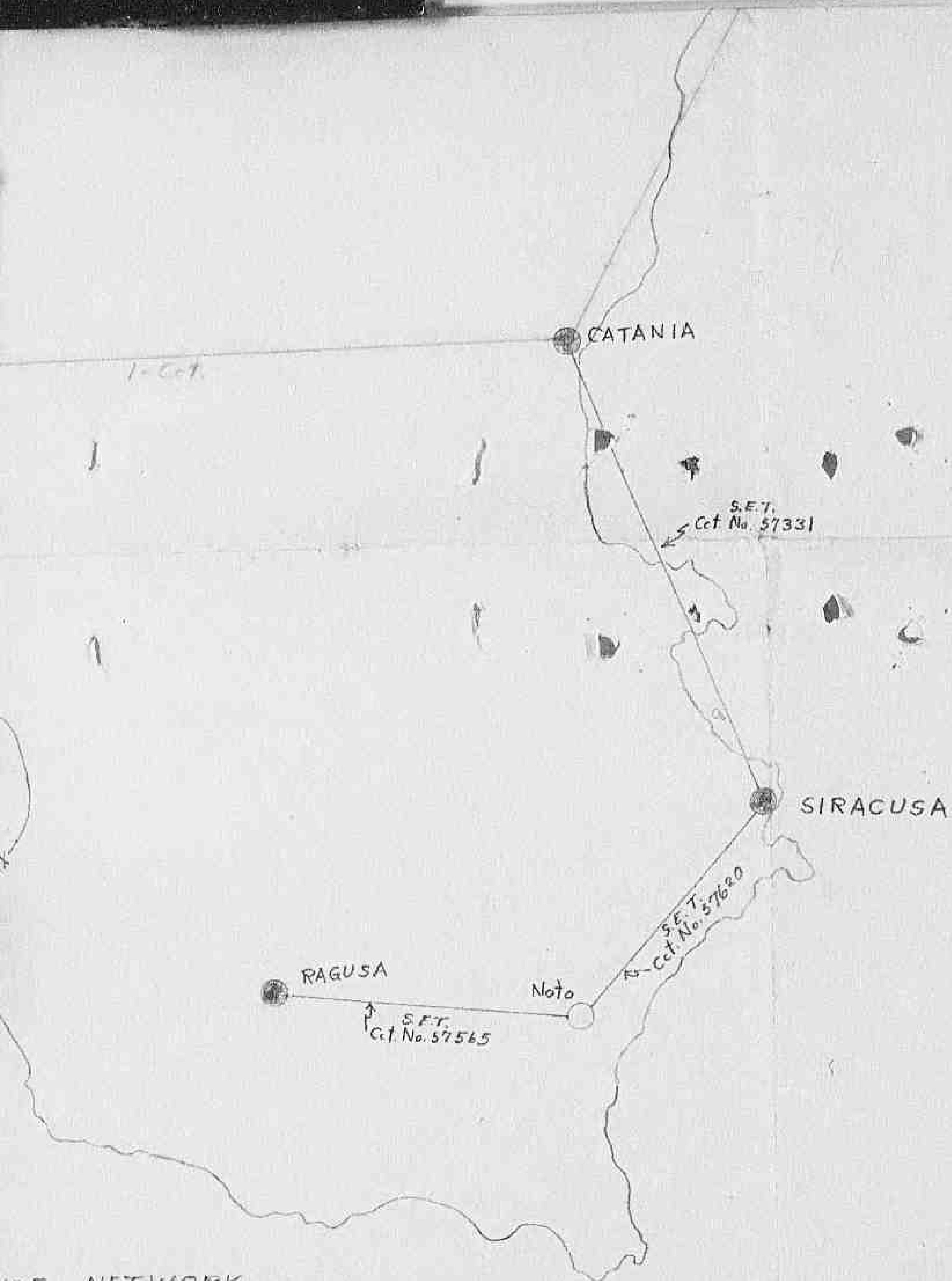
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PROPOSED
INTER-PROVINCE TELEPHONE LONG-DISTANCE NETWORK
FOR AMGOT AND CONTROLLED CIVILIAN USE



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—— STATE CIRCUITS (U.G. Cable)

—— STATE CIRCUITS (Open Wire)

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PROPOSED
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FOR AMGOT AND CONTROLLED CIVILIAN USE



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AMGOT HQTRS.
23 AUGUST 1943

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TS/4/12¹⁹

Subject: Construzione & Maintenance of Military Telegraph
and Telephone Permanent Line Routes by Circola
Construzione Telegraphiche & Telephiche Di Messina

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SECRET

From: CTS, O. No. 1 District,

To : Mr. Martorana,
Manager,
Circola Construzione Telegraphiche & Telephiche Di Messina.

1. In pursuance of the agreement reached at the conference held in the C/S/O/ Branch, H.Q. No. 1 District, 3rd November 1943 and the instructions issued you by A.M.G.O.T. H.Q. Sicily.

2. Will you please -

- (a) Commence as quickly as possible the maintenance of the Military Overhead Telegraph, Telephone Routes described at Appendix "A".
- (b) Carry out construction works as requested by me. The instructions for these tasks will be issued separately in order of priority.
- (c) Submit each week, in triplicate, to reach me by Monday morning -

(i) The names of inspectors and supervisors, and the numbers of skilled workmen, unskilled workmen and drivers etc., employed during the previous week on maintenance work, indicating section of route concerned and particulars of any major maintenance work carried out.

(ii) The names of inspectors and supervisors and the number of skilled workmen, unskilled labourers and drivers etc., employed during the previous week on each construction work.

(iii) A percentage progress report in respect of each construction work.

(iv) Particulars of major stores used in -

- (I) Maintenance works, stating where.
- (II) Each construction work.

3. Will you please give particulars (in sextuplicate) of the lorries, trucks and cars held by the CIRCOLA COSTRUZIONE TELEGRAPHICHE & TELEPHICHE DI MESSINA at MESSINA, CATANIA, SYRACUSE and ENNA respectively.

4. It is proposed to make available for the CIRCOLA COSTRUZIONE TELEGRAPHICHE & TELEPHICHE DI MESSINA for works in the CATANIA and SYRACUSE and ENNA areas -

8 trucks, 15 Oct.
3 Lorries, 3 Ton.

You will be advised, in due course, when and from where these trucks and lorries may be drawn.

5. Petrol and oil for all vehicles used by the CIRCOLA COSTRUZIONE

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FEB 1944

(a) Commence as quickly as possible the maintenance of the Military Overhead Telegraph, Telephone Routes described at Appendix "A".

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(iv) Particulars of major stores used in -

- (I) Maintenance works, stating where.
(II) Each construction work.

3. Will you please give particulars (in sextuplicate) of the lorries, trucks and cars held by the CIRCOLA COSTRUZIONE TELEGRAPHICHE & TELEFONICHE DI MESSINA, CATANIA, SYRACUSE and ENNA respectively.

4. It is proposed to make available for the CIRCOLA COSTRUZIONE TELEGRAPHICHE & TELEFONICHE DI MESSINA for works in the CATANIA and SYRACUSE and ENNA areas -

8 trucks, 15 Cwt.
3 Lorries, 3 Ton.

You will be advised, in due course, when and from where these trucks and lorries may be drawn.

5. Petrol and oil for all vehicles used by the CIRCOLA COSTRUZIONE TELEGRAPHICHE & TELEFONICHE DI MESSINA will be drawn through the AMGOT Field Section Supply Office at MESSINA, CATANIA, ENNA and SYRACUSE, respectively.

6. It will be necessary for you to supply drivers for all these vehicles and to be responsible for day to day maintenance.

7. To obtain permission for personnel of

CIRCOLA COSTRUZIONE TELEGRAPHICHE & TELEFONICHE DI MESSINA

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Circola
Messina
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 water and work in Military Zones.

(D) Obtain food other than at the town or village where they normally reside, when employed elsewhere.

Will you please supply ten copies of a schedule of all employees of Circola Construzione Telegrafiche e Telephoniche Di Messina. Indicating the name, address, identify particulars, rank (i.e. Director, inspectors, supervisor, skilled workman etc. and whether to be employed on maintenance or construction work.

In the case of maintenance staff the area in which they will be normally employed will be indicated

ATB/ET

Colonel
 C.S.O. No. 1. District.

Copy to: Mr Martorana (In Italian)
 A.M.G.O.T. H.Q. Sicily (In English and Italian)

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