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Part I

REGION VI

AUG. - NOV. 1944

(98-2)

TRANSLATION

FROM : Administration of Posts and Telegraphs Macerata.
TO : Lt.Col. Cumming, Communications Officer AMG.
SUBJECT : Situation of Telegraphic lines.
DATE : 30 November 1944.

I ^{wish} to inform you that the personnel employed by the Circolo of construction of Ancona, has reported that along the section Macerata - Morrovalle station circuits No.498 - 2109 - 305 and 2080 have been interrupted at several points, and for short distances, for the use of the Allied Army.

In consequence of this, the only line of communication which this central telegraphic Office had in activity with the Province of Ascoli Piceno and from there to the Capital and other Provinces authorised has been interrupted.

The Military vehicles which requisitioned the above circuits, are marked with the following numbers L. 5322431 Chevrolet and L 5322293 Dodge.

In view of possible further requisitioning we ask you to discuss, your requirements with this Circolo so as to utilise the lines to our mutual advantage and to avoid disorganisation in the telegraphic service, very little developed and in part laboriously restored by order of your Command.

In the mean time we inform you that with the disconnection of the s/m circuits the Macerata Office has no telegraphic communication with Ascoli.

Signed the Provincial Director.

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HEADQUARTERS
AMS/AC
ABRUZZI-MARCHE REGION
C.I.P.

(98-3)

To : C.S.O. I Dist.
Subject : Confiscation of telegraphs routes.
Ref : R5/517/1.
Date : 25 Nov. 44.

1. I am informed by the Director of Telegraphs (civil) of Macerata that the State overhead routes have been "partially demolished" in the sections shown below, and that poles and wire both iron and copper, have been removed.

Ref map I:200,000. Sheet 14.

Muccia (B2238) Volcimorra (not on map)

Matelica (S 1908) Castel Raimondo (S 2303)

Porto Civita nova (S 7713) Porto Potenza Picena (S 7519).

Also that modifications for local connections have been made between Macerata (S5512) and Casentino (B 2495), and between Macerata and Corridonia (a few miles to the South, not marked on the map).

The above are all State telegraph routes carrying iron wires and an odd telephone pair in bronze or copper.

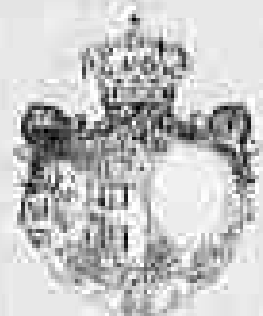
2. No notice was given to the Director or myself before the material was taken or the circuits taken over, and the "demolitions" have played havoc with the re-activation programme for the civil telegraph service which was authorised in Macerata Province a few weeks ago. It is suggested that if Signal units require circuits, they should get in touch with the local TELEPHONE Director, or with me, (Tel. No. Aquila 73) and state their requirements. Telephone ccts can then be allocated or suggestions can be made as to ^{the} best method of obtaining the required ccts. I stress the word TELEPHONE as it is a bad policy to take two telegraph wires to obtain one telephone cct.

3. I do not know what unit is concerned in the above depredations, but they smell of 2 Air Fm Sig. I think they are in the vicinity and they have a fondness for State routes in preference to TIMO routes. Also, they have a distressing habit of installing their test points and local exchanges in the telegraph offices, as they did at Macerata. In fact, at Macerata this unit, or it may have been some other unit, was using the town ^{part} of the incoming telegraph lines as town locals. These could have been provided by TIMO, or the local Capo Squadra of the Telegraph Dept could have provided lines which would have served the same purpose without cutting his telegraph lines.

For Regional Commissioner :

G. W. CUMMING 3509
Lt. Col. R. Signals.
Communications Officer.

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Roma, 7 Agosto

12 AUG 1944

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M la COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
DI CONTROLLO

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Divisione Legale
Del. N. 2684/1462 Allegato

Risposta al f. del

Qu. Leg. N.

Oggetto: Provincia di Campobasso - Circuiti telefonici.-

Il Prefetto della provincia di Campobasso riferisce che appare indispensabile, per esigenze d'ordine pubblico sanitario e commerciale, che codesta Commissione autorizzi i privati ad usare dei seguenti circuiti telefonici: Campobasso-Benevento, Campobasso-Isernia e Campobasso-Teroli.

Soggiunge quel Prefetto che da parte di codesta Commissione potrebbe essere usato il circuito Campobasso-Vasto.

Questo Ministero, nel prospettare la richiesta, prega che venga esaminata con ogni possibile benevolenza.

Sarà gradito un cenno di riscontro.

IL MINISTRO

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Telephone 489081 Ext 555

11th August 1944.

In reply refer
to: CS/1/29/4.

Subject: Communications in Region V.

To: Regional Commissioner, Region V. (for the attention of Major
Cunning).

Your reference R5/517/1 of 8th August 1944.

1. Agreement is given to the arrangement proposed in your para 3(a) and (b), which, as well as being of assistance to the Chief Signal Officer, should help considerably in obtaining facilities for civil communications, as you have suggested.

2. It is noted that satisfactory arrangements have resulted from your meeting with CSO, 1 District and Major Poyss-Lybbe.
Telephone circuits provided for Regional use should be terminated on civil exchanges (whether the original exchange or a substitute switchboard) where these are in operation, in order that Prefects and other Government officials may have access to them. This does not apply to circuits terminated in Army Areas which must be used by Allied Control Commission or Allied Military Government officers only, nor does it apply to the particular case of the Aquila - Rieti circuit which has to be terminated at present on a military board at Rieti in order that connections may be made from Aquila via Rieti to Rome.

3. As regards the proposed military Rieti - Pescara circuits, will these be routed Rieti - Avezzano - Sulmona etc or Rieti - Aquila - Sulmona etc? Will it be necessary to use all of the Circolo gangs on this route or can some be employed on Government telegraphs elsewhere?

4. A copy of a memo to CSO, 1 of C has been sent to you separately from which you will see that facilities for the provision of telephone and telegraph circuits to Avezzano, Rieti, etc have been requested.

Rome Circolo will of course carry out some of the work on routes concerned, at the least up to its own boundaries.

5. Should no spare wires be available from Bari to Foggia, a telegraph harmonica can be temporarily released (3600 cycles) for use on an existing physical line and you should have no difficulty in obtaining ~~permission for its~~ use from the CSO, No 2 District, to use it on one of the military lines.

In addition, Lt Fiori, the Italian Liaison officer at District 2 Headquarters has been asked by the Italian Government to recover a 3 channel

see 8, 12, 6

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open wire or other equipment previously in use by the Italian Army, and working, according to Italian reports, on a range from 2.5 K/Cs upwards.

It might be possible to use at least two of the channels on the same physical if necessary as the harmonics.

If you receive this memo before going to Foggia, it would probably be advantageous to see Lt Ficri.

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

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394. U.S. ARMY
PUBLIC WORK AND UTILITIES SECTION

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Chief Clerk	
2 December 1944	

Date 12/12/44

SUBJECT: Lucera Exchange.

TO : Hq. Abruzzi-Marche Region AC.
(Attn, Communication Officer Lt. Col. Cumming.)

1. Your R 5/517/1 of 4th December received today.

2. Thanks very much for the suggestions and they are being sent to Major Trevelyan today.

3. The S.E.T. civil board is a 100 line magneto board now in service with a toll line to Foggia where there is also a 100 line magneto board in service for the public.

4. It was planned to change the 24 line magneto board in AC Hqts to a 50 line board and eliminate the two L of C boards. The L of C ORS were to be relieved as operator as soon as English speaking operators could be found, Capt. Creevy agreed to this arrangements. If Major young is not in accord with this set-up he no doubt can get in touch with Major Trevelyan at Lucera and the two can work out the proper solution.

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John A. Bridgman
JOHN A. BRIDGMAN
Capt. AUS.
Regional Telecommunications Officer

CC.Hq. Allied Commission
Attn, Director Communications, Sub-Commission AC APO 394.
Major Trevelyan. ✓

Director	<i>[Signature]</i>
Chief of Staff	<i>[Signature]</i>
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ANCONA - ANCONA REGION

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TO : Communications Sub-Commission AC

SUBJECT : Repair of Ancona - Pescara Circolo route

RSP : R5/517/I

DATE : 5 December 1944

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6 Dec 1944

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Ref my R5/517/I of 30 November 44. and para 5 (b) of my November report.

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3. I am taking Inc. SANTUCCI of Circolo, Sulmona, to Pescara tomorrow where he will remain with 46 Constr. Sec. to keep an eye on his own men. He will also have the opportunity of looking after other tasks in the vicinity, as up to date, owing to transport difficulties, Circolo Sulmona have neglected the Pescara area.

For Regional Commissioner

W. W. CUMMINGS

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LAZIO UMBRIA REGION
APO 394.

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To: ~~Ministry of Communications~~
~~Under Secretary of State for TT.PP.~~
~~Via del Seminario 14, Rome.~~

Inf: ~~Communications Sub-Commission, AC~~
~~Società Tel. Tirrena,~~
~~Corso Vitt Emanuele 808, Rome~~
~~Circolo di Costruzioni,~~
~~Via Taranto 9, Rome.~~

Sub: Telephone service to SORA.

Ref: P.5.

December 13th 1944.

1. As Sora is one of the more important communities in the Frosinone province it is desired to provide telephone service from there to Frosinone.

2. Due to the use by the military of the Teti and Circolo routes between Frosinone and Torrice it is proposed to utilize Circolo facilities from Frosinone to Boville ~~Ernica~~ Ernica, and those of Teti from there to Sora.

3. Will you please make the necessary arrangements for the Circolo to survey their route No. 122 to determine the work required to provide one circuit Frosinone-Boville.

4. Upon completion of the entire circuit Frosinone-Sora it may be simplexed for telegraph, if desired.

L. G. Hawker

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Major G.I.
Communications Officer AMG.

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Chief, Chief Postal	<i>[Signature]</i>
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HQ. *ABRUZZI-MARCHE REGION.*
C.M.F.

Communications Officer, Southern Region, A.C.

Subject : Lucera Exchange.

Ref : R5/517/I

Date : 4 Dec 44

1. When I visited 15 L. of C. Signals at Vasto a few days ago, they brought up the subject of Lucera. That town is not in my parish now, but as I started the show there, perhaps you will forgive me if I butt in.

2. Originally there was a Signals swbd manned by 7 Air Fm Sigs where the present Test Point is situated. This could only provide two connections to AMG at the other end of the town so I asked S.E.T. to instal a 20-line PBX in the AMG building, and for convenience some of the Italian officials of the Prefettura next door were also taken on the same PBX. In anticipation of a civilian telephone service, I also got SET to instal a switchboard in their old premises, then empty. I thought this was a 80-line board, but Signals tell me that there is only a 30-line board there now. This board, as you are aware, gives a local service for a few selected civilians, and has two connections to the AMG board and two to the Army board.

3. My intention was that this civilian board should replace both the Army and AMG boards, but two snags arose :-
(a) Signals had closed down their exchange and the trunks had been transferred to an A.A. Regt in another part of the town. The A.A. Regt would not agree to their calls going through a board to which civilians had access.

(b) The offices of AMG and the Prefettura are at the opposite end of the town from the civilian exchange. SET had no locals in that direction and had no stores to construct any. About twenty pairs were wanted and my impression was that ~~xxxxx~~ SET were thinking of the future when only two or three pairs would be required in that direction.

It was a most unsatisfactory situation, but there seemed to be no satisfactory solution, so the matter was shelved for the meantime. (See Diagram A)

4. 15 L. of C. Sigs now wish to close down the Army exchange and put everything to the civil board, but in view of the size of that board, and snag (b) above, Major Trovelyan, I understand, proposes to instal an additional 10-line board at AMG Prov HQ, to which the trunks will be transferred. (See Diagram B).

5. Major Young of 15 L. of C. Sigs is not enthusiastic about this solution, and I am inclined to agree with him, so after discussion the following was proposed :-

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- (a) that SET should replace their civil exchange with one big enough to take 50 subscribers, including the trunks.
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- (c) that SET should establish a DP in the AMG building and connect through this all the subscribers now on the AMG board.

6. I should be glad if you would consider the above, and if you agree, phone Major Young at Vasto re provision of the cable.

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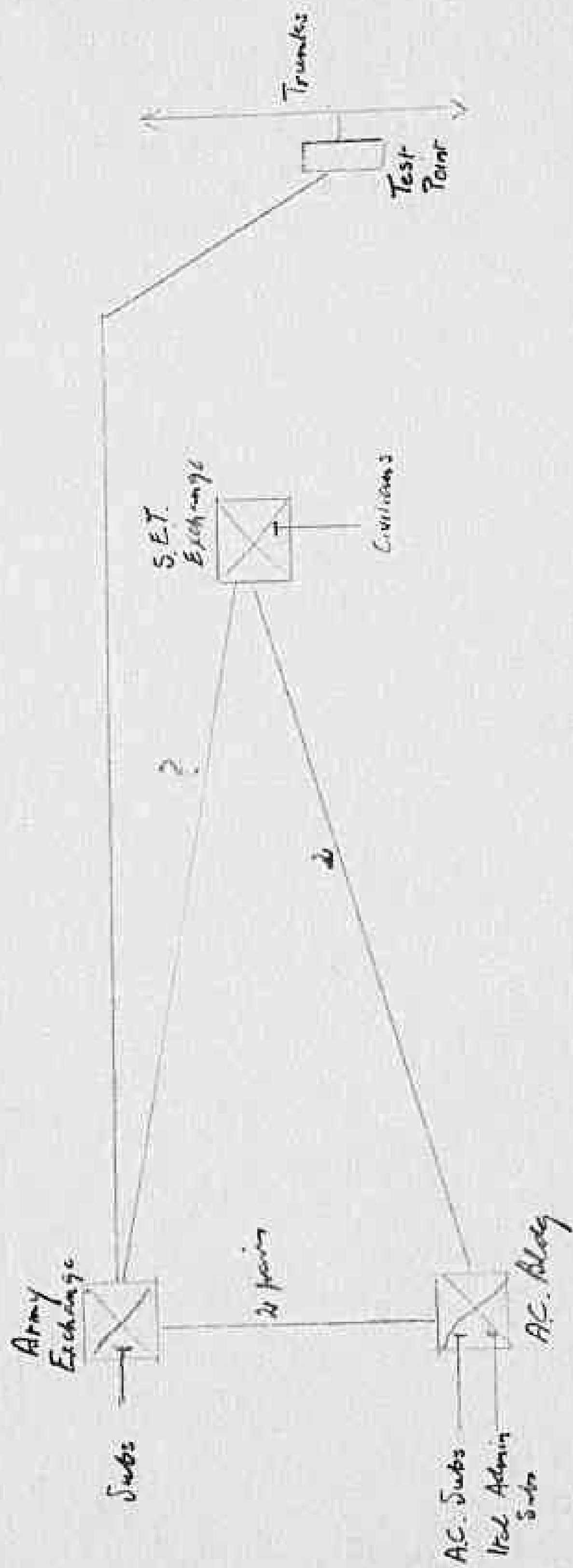
Copy to Communications Sub-Commission A.C.

G. W. Cumming.
Lt-Col. R. Signals.
Communications Officer.

Memory sent to Trevelyan Supporting above.
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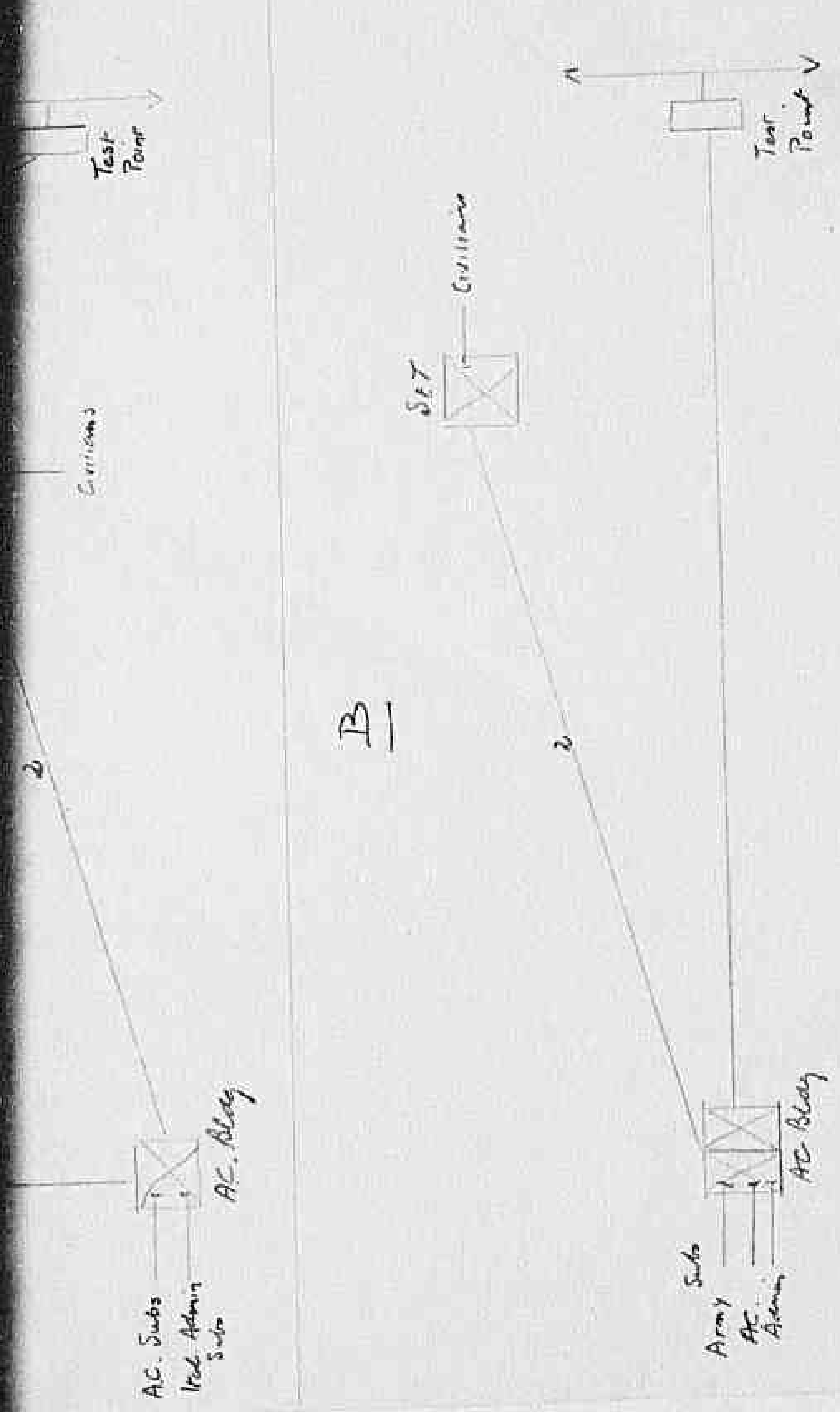
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Translation by Fanelli Franco.

MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI

Ref. No. S/15.1/3735

Subject: Service in the provinces of Foggia and Campobasso.

To : A.C. Posts and Telecomms. - Sub-Commission.

Following to our letter no. 1316/H.3 of the
11th October 1944, referring to your letter CS.4/21 of the
23rd September 1944, we send two letters of the "SET"
concerning Campobasso and information about the relative
circuits.

The Under Secretary of State for PP.TT.

Foggia Letter
in Southern Reg.
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Date 4 NOV 1944

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No letter attached. If you do not
have it, please ask one of the Telecomms.
to bring it. Anti. (C) 11/11
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MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI

SOTTOSCRITTARIO DI STATO
ALLE POSTE E TELECOMUNICAZIONI

SECRETARIA

Roma, 13 NOV 1944

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N° S/15.1/3735

Risposta al N. _____

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
Posts and Telecommunications
Sub-Commission

OGGETTO:

Servizio nella provincia
di Foggia e di Campobasso.

R O M A

A seguito del nostro foglio n. 1316/H.3 dell'11 ottobre 1944, in riferimento alla vostra lettera CS/4/21 del 23 settembre c.a., si rimettono due lettere della SET riguardanti il servizio nelle provincie di Foggia e di Campobasso ed informazioni sui relativi circuiti.

IL SOTTOSCRITTARIO DI STATO

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TRANSLATION BY SELAN.

Rome 26th October 1944

TO:
ALLIED COMMISSION
POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS SUB-COMMISSION

SUBJECT. : Information concerning telephone circuits within
Campobasso Province

Referring to our letter 28442/500 PG dated 20/10/44.

As soon as we have obtained the required information, we will
communicate you regarding the matter.

The urban service in the province was reactivated only at
Campobasso; both at Termoli and Larino the two 50 numbers
local battery switchboards were put at the disposal of the
Allies; as well as a certain stock of telephone sets, which at
present cannot be put into operation.

Also at Vasto the reactivation is not yet likely,
because the switchboard destroyed by the Germans cannot be
substituted. A 50 line switchboard is being repaired, which will
be installed as soon as possible.

The reactivation of the service is going on at
Agnone and Venafro, and it is hoped to reopen the service very
soon; at Isernia, instead, the very bad condition of the urban
network requires great work of repairs, which have started
already.

In any case, in all the small abovementioned towns,
necessity of an urban reactivation is not deemed urgent, because
the subscribers made use of the sets only for linking themselves
with the chief-place of Province.

For what concerns the inter-urban circuits, the
Allied Forces are actually employing the following circuits:
Campobasso-Termoli; Campobasso-Sepino; Campobasso-Benevento;
Campobasso-Jelsi-Riccia.

The Tino put into operation a circuit Campobasso-
Casacalenda-Larino, linking together some trunks of smaller
circuits; this circuit is able to work immediately. Also the Larino-
Guglionesi circuit has been already repaired; the latter could
be prolonged up to Termoli and also used by placing a high
frequency channel, to have a direct circuit Campobasso-Termoli;
but materials and means of transportation, in order to repair the
whole line, are lacking.

The Campobasso-Isernia-Venafro circuit, too, is being repaired, but the work proceeds slowly for the above-mentioned difficulties. (62)

The Isernia-Agnone-Castiglione circuit is seriously damaged and, for the moment, it cannot be repaired, unless the missing materials can be had, among which poles equipments and leads.

In conclusion the almost complete restoration of the telephone service, both urban and inter-urban, in the Campobasso Province could be carried out almost entirely by the Tino in a very short time, on condition that it be possible to have at the least suitable means of transportation available and fair amounts of stores, especially for the lines.

Any attempt made to get even on the spot, the means of transportation thus far failed, although the Provincial Authorities have displayed their concern many times.

You know very well the situation of the store supply; it is therefore useless to stress the matter.

Finally, we cannot do anything but to point out that the lasting of actual conditions came the plants to get worse; and they are daily damaged by the civilians.

Yours truly

STET

S. T. E. T.

Società Torinese Esercizi Telefonici

Da citare nella risposta
N. 146/

Roma, 26 Ottobre 1944

MINISTERO COMUNICAZIONI
Azienda Stato Servizi Telefonici
Rep. 2a Uff. I

ROMA

OGGETTO: Informazioni sui circuiti
telefonici nella provincia
di Campobasso.

U.C.C.E.T.

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Data 18 - 11 - 1944

Riferimento foglio N.28442/500 PG del 20/10/44.

Appena in possesso delle richieste informazioni, ci
affrettiamo a darne comunicazione.

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Anche a Vasto la ripresa non è ancora possibile poiché non si è trovato da sostituire il centralino distrutto dai tedeschi. E' in corso di riparazione una tavola a 50 linee, che verrà installata appena sarà possibile.

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Comunque, in tutti i centri minori di cui sopra, la necessità di una riattivazione urbana non è fortemente sentita in quanto gli utenti adoperavano l'apparecchio quasi esclusivamente per collegarsi al capoluogo.

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Forze Armate Alleate tengono tuttora occupati i circuiti:

- Campobasso-Termini-Isernia-Vasto = Campobasso-Sepino = Campobasso-Benevento = Campobasso-Jelsi-Riccia.

Un circuito fra Campobasso-Casacalenda-Lerino è stato realizzato dalla Tino mediante giunzione di alcuni tratti di circuiti minori; questo collegamento è in grado di funzionare immediatamente.

Altro circuito già riparato è Lerino-Guglionesi; questo circuito potrebbe essere prolungato fino a Termoli e sfruttato anche con l'impianto di un canale di alta frequenza, in modo da iniziare un circuito diretto Campobasso-Termini; mancano però i materiali ed i mezzi di trasporto per effettuare la totale riparazione della linea.

Anche il circuito Campobasso-Isernia-Venafro è in corso di riparazione, ma i lavori procedono con grande lentezza per le difficoltà già accennate.

Il circuito Isernia-Agnone-Castiglione è gravemente deteriorato e per il momento non si ha modo di ripararlo, a meno di non poter ottenere in notevole quantità i materiali mancanti, fra cui pali, armamenti e conduttori.

Concludendo, il ripristino quasi completo del servizio telefonico, sia urbano che interurbano nella provincia di Campobasso potrebbe essere effettuato quasi totalmente dalla Tino in un termine di tempo non troppo lungo, a patto che si potesse disporre di almeno un mezzo di trasporto adeguato e di discreti quantitativi di materiali, soprattutto per linee. Ogni tentativo

Un circuito fra Campobasso-Casacalenda-Larino è stato realizzato dalla Tino mediante giunzione di alcuni tratti di circuiti minori; questo collegamento è in grado di funzionare immediatamente.

Altro circuito già riparato è Larino-Guglionesi; questo circuito potrebbe essere prolungato fino a Termoli e sfruttato anche con l'impianto di un canale di alta frequenza, in modo da innanziere un circuito diretto Campobasso-Termoli; mancano però i materiali ed i mezzi di trasporto per effettuare la totale riparazione della linea.

Anche il circuito Campobasso-Isernia-Venafro è in corso di riparazione, ma i lavori procedono con grande lentezza per le difficoltà già accennate.

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E quale sia la situazione del rifornimento materiali è a codesta Amministrazione anche troppo noto perchè si debba insistere sull'argomento.

Infine, non possiamo non segnalare che il perdurare delle attuali condizioni di insufficienza, porta ad un progressivo ulteriore peggioramento dello stato degli impianti, i quali vengono quotidianamente dilapidati da parte dei civili.

Con osservanza.

S. T. E. T.
Società Torinese Esercizi Telefonici
per Azioni
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HEADQUARTERS

AMG/AC

ABRUZZI MARCHES REGION

G.M.F.

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HEADQUARTERS
16 NOV 1944
A.C.

TO : G.S.O. 1 District
SUBJECT : Use of civil telephone equipment for replacement of Signals equipment
REF : R.5/517/I
DATE : 16 November 1944

ANCONA A spare ring for the automatic exchange has been obtained by TIMO and is being installed now. Local subscribers will then be transferred to the automatic system, and a block of numbers will be allotted for the provision of a local service for the civil administration. T.I.M.O. are installing a manual board to take care of those local Allied subscribers who are situated too far away to be fitted into the automatic system.

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Director

Director

C. A. Telecoms

C. A. Postal

For Regional Commissioner

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Chief, Coms. Q.		
Chief, Postoff.		
Chief Clerk		

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18 NOV 1944

For Regional Commissioner

E.W. CUMMING
 Lt. Col. R. Signals
 Communications Officer

Copy to -

Prov. Commissioner A.M.G. ANCONA

Communications Sub-Commission A.C.

ENGINEERING DIVISION
HEADQUARTERS
ASG//AC
ABRUZZI MARCHAL REGION
C.M.F.

TO : C.O.O. 1 District
SUBJECT : Local telephone service. Line repairs
REF : R.5/517/I
DATE : 16 November 1944

LOCAL TELEPHONE SERVICE

The position regarding exchanges in the main towns in Ancona and Pesaro Provinces (less the towns of Ancona and Jesi which are the subject of a separate letter) is as follows:

(a) ANCONA PROVINCE

OSIMO 200 line, local battery, two position. Ready for operation.
CASTELFIDARIC 10 line, local battery. Ready for operation.
FABRIANO Everything gone. 100 line exchange will be installed.
SENIGALLIA Automatic destroyed. Can instal 200 line local battery.
LORETTO 15 line, local battery. In operation.

(b) PESARO PROVINCE

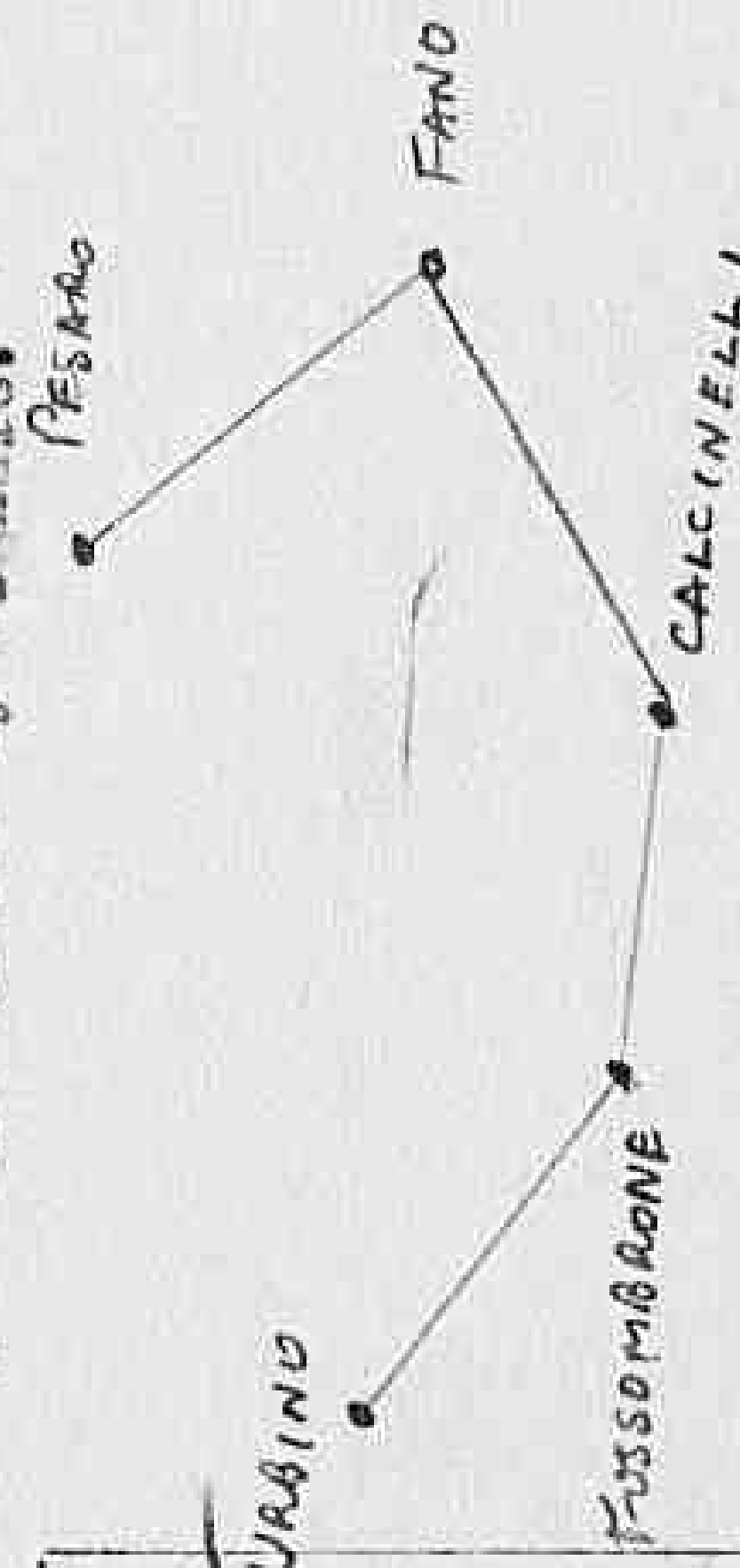
PESARO 160 line local battery. Ready for operation.
FANO 100 line, local battery. Ready for operation.
URBINO 100 line, local battery. Ready for operation.
It is requested that a local telephone service may be permitted limited to the civil administration only, limited to each of the above mentioned towns.

Service has already been in operation in Pesaro and Fano but was closed down, presumably because of wire then in Army area. A local service is already in operation in Loro.

2 REPAIRS

A T.I.M.O. telephone route exists Pesaro-Fano-Calcinelli-Possombrone-Urbino. It has been damaged but can be repaired fairly quickly. Have you any objections to repairs being started? The route, of course, is not in use by signals.

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Chief. Telecoms	
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Censorship	
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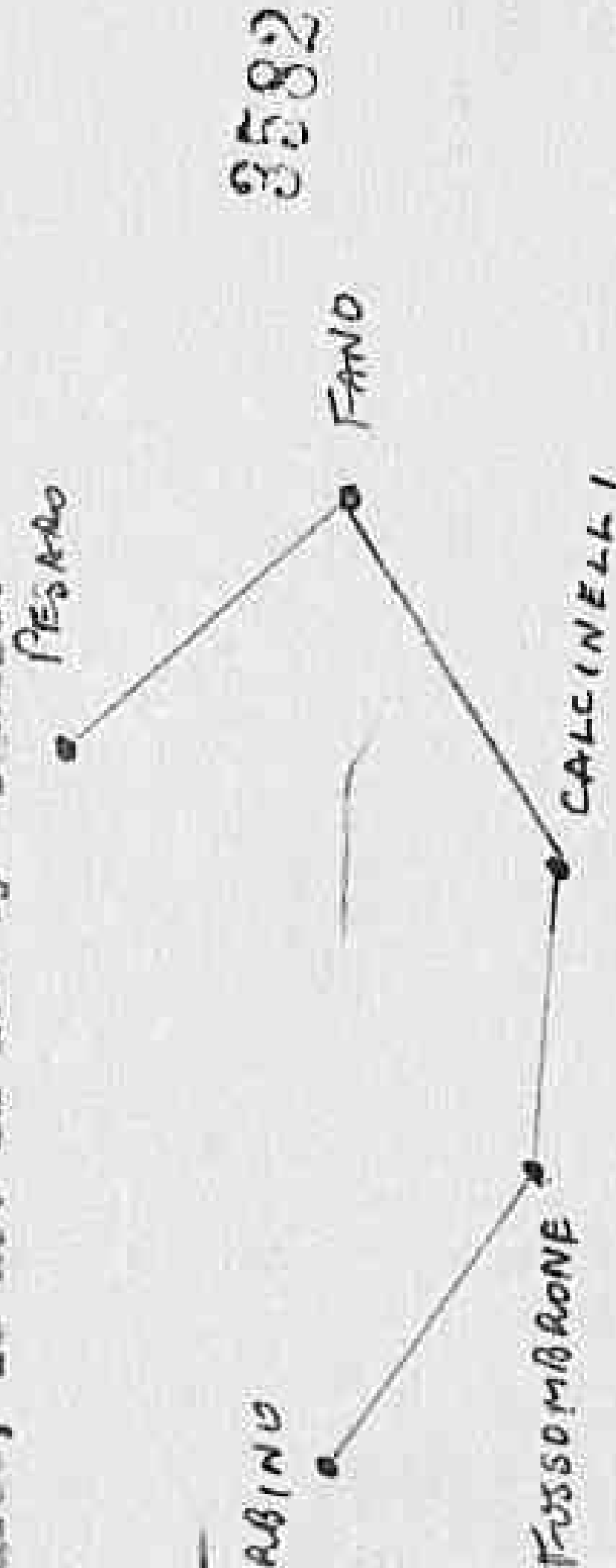
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Chief. Telecons <u>22</u>
Chief. Postal.....
H. Q. Coms. <u>Q</u>
Asst. Chief Postl.....
Censorship.....
Chief Clerk.....



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Date 18 NOV 1944

Copy to:
 Prov. Commission A.M.O. ANCONA

Communications (Int Commission) AC

For Regional Commissioner

G. F. CUMMING

Lt. Col. R. Signals
 Communications Officer

HTMM/rm

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission
Telephone 489081 Ext 555.

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In reply refer
to: 4/29/ /CS

27th November 1944

Subject: Switchboards for Ortona and S.Vito.

To : Director General, STET, Via Versilia 2.

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With reference to your letter No. 231/1-22 of 21st
November 1944, it is agreed that the emergency boards may be used.

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

Copy to: Lt Colonel Cumming.

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Translation by Fanelli.

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S. T. E. T.

Rome, 21st November 1944.

Ref. no. 231/1-22.

Subject : Switchboards for Ortona and S. Vito.

To : Allied Commission. Posts and Telecomms.
Sub-Commission - APO 394.

In reply to your letter 4/29/49/CS of 13th
November 1944.

At present we have no 50 number switchboard available. We have, however, some BL-50 numbers switchboards in the main towns of our liberated area; they are placed in the air raids shelters as alarm-exchanges and they work in case of air alarm.

As we suppose that, in the present situation such alarm exchanges are useless, unless you give a contrary advise we will order that two switchboards of that type be dismantled and sent to Ortona and S.Vito.

Yours truly.

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S. T. E. T.
D. Director
Chief. Telecomms. <i>m</i>
Chief. Postal
H. Q. Coms. <i>Q</i>

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STET
SOCIETÀ TORINESE ESERCIZI TELEFONICI
 PER AZIONI - CAPITALE SOCIALE L. 440.000.000 INT. VERSATO
Sede Sociale TORINO

157
 Roma, 21 novembre 1944
 VIA VENEZIA 2 - TELEFONO 44134

Si prega di citare nella risposta il

N. 231/1-12

Quello: Centralini per Ortona
e S.Vito.

HEADQUARTERS
 ALLIED COMMISSION APO 394
 Communications Sub-Commission

A Vostra 4/29/49/CS. del 13 novembre 1944.

Al momento non abbiamo nessun centralino a 50 numeri disponibile. Abbiamo tuttavia, nei centri principali della nostra zona liberata, alcuni centralini BL a 50 numeri che sono montati nei rifugi antisere come centrali di allarme, e sono destinati a funzionare in caso di allarme aereo.

Poichè riteniamo che, nelle contingenze attuali, tali centrali di allarme possano ritenersi superflue, salvo Vostro contrario avviso, disponiamo che due centralini di detto tipo vengano smontati e destinati ad Ortona e S.Vito.

Distinti saluti.

S T E T
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HEADQUARTERS

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ABRUZZI MARCHES REGION

C.M.F.

TO : Provincial Commissioner, Ancona and Pesaro Provinces
 SUBJECT: Civil Communications
 REF : R.5/517/1
 DATE : 23 November 1944

1. With reference to my letters R.5/517/1 of 16 November addressed to C.S.C. 1 Dist, copy to you.
2. The reply from the C.S.C. is shown below. Please inform Ing. BARCELLONI, the Direttore of T.I.N.C. at Ancona accordingly.
3. In the meantime I have received your letter PU/A/109 of 17 November addressed 1 Dist, copy to me, which covers the same ground as part of one of my letters. Will you please send all letters regarding "Communications" to me at Regional HQ, in order to avoid confusion.

4. The C.S.C. 1 Dist has already made a similar request in his letter of 3 October, replying to your A/109 of 30 September

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 Director For Regional Commissioner
 D/Director
 Chief, Telecoms
 Chief, Postal
 H. Q. Coms. O.
 Asst. Chief Postal
 Censorship
 Chief Clerk

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G.W. CUMMING Date 24/11/44
 Lt. Col. - R. Signals
 Communications Officer

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 Sub Commisioner

SUBJECT : Civilian Telephone Communications.
 Lieut.-Col. G.W. CUMMING - Communications Officer,
 HQ AMG/AC, Abruzzi-Marche Region.

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21 Nov. 44

Ref your R5/517/1 dated 16 Nov 44.

There is no objection to normal official civilian telephone installations being put into operation in the following areas : -

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 CASTELFIDARDO
 FABRIANO
 SENIGALLIA
 LORETO.

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Communications s/c

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Date 24/11/44

G.W. CUMMING
Lt. Col. - R. Signals
Communications Officer

Sub Commission etc.

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21 NOV. 44

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FABRIANO
CENIGALLIA
LORETO.

At the present stage it is impossible to grant these same facilities to the civilian authorities in the PESARO Province, nor is it possible to allow the repair of the route from PESARO to URBINO to be put in hand until a later date, but we will advise you when the situation has changed sufficiently for the civilian facilities to be extended.

S/ Colonel,
HQ AMG/AC, No I District

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission
Tel: 489081 Ext: 555

22nd November, 1944

In reply
refer to: 4/29/55/CS

Subject : Repairs to Ancona - Pescara Route.

To : Under-Secretary of State for PF.TT.

1. With reference to your letter No. 9/15.0/3879 of 18th November, Lt. Col. Cumming has just sent a message regretting that the Allied authorities have found it necessary to erect a few circuits on the above route, and that it will not therefore be possible at present to carry out the complete project as he had hoped.
2. Lt. Col. Cumming hopes however to obtain permission to use civilian workman for the erection of some of the circuits, in order to be able to repair a few telegraph circuits for civilian use at the same time.
3. He thinks also that it would be useful if you would still carry out the arrangement you proposed in your letter quoted above, (i.e. to send someone to Sulmona) as he is not altogether satisfied with the organization there.

J. L. HENDERSON
Colonel
Director.

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AMG/AC
ABRUZZI MARCHE REGION
C.S.G.

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Director	
D. Director	
Chief. Telecoms	
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H. Q. Coms. O.	
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TO : Communications Sub-Commission A.C.
SUBJECT: Ancona-Pescara Circle route
REF : R.5/517/I
DATE : 20 November 1944

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1. Ref your 4/29/48/CS of 13 Nov. 44 addressed to Under Secretary of State for PP.H.
2. The Ancona-Pescara project, from a civilian point of view, will have to be abandoned for the present. On account of possible troop movements, of which you are doubtless aware, I have just supplied a lot of detailed information regarding telephone lines and plant in Ascoli and northern Teramo provinces to C.S.G. I Dist. I also carried out a fairly detailed recon of the Ancona-Pescara TMO and Circle routes on his behalf.
3. The C.S.G. considers that it is essential to have some Army circuits running up the coast, with possibilities of connections to the main inland towns. He is therefore going to have the Circle route repaired throughout, where this has not already been done, and will build four telephone cets between Ancona and Porto d'Ascoli, and two pairs thence to Pescara. This work will be carried out whether the troop movements take place or not. If the movements take place, the connections which the Army propose will be as shown in the attached diagram. As regards civilian cets, the idea is to leave one cet for the use of civilians on the inland route Macerata - Ascoli - Teramo - Pescara.
4. The labour will be Signals personnel but I have offered the services of civilian linemen under their own superiors. If this is agreed, I hope to get permission for the Circle men to hang some telegraph lines on the route at the same time!!
5. As regards Pescara, the number of military subscribers has jumped from 5 to 15. These are on the civil board, but in case Signals should come back into the town again T.I.A.C have wired up an additional exchange, on their premises, to which the Army lines may be transferred if thought advisable. C.S.G. Dist has been told of this, also 15 A.C. Sign is shown area includes Pescara.
For Regional Commissioner

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Date 21 NOV 1944



J. W. CUMMING
Lt. Col. R. Signals
Communications Officer

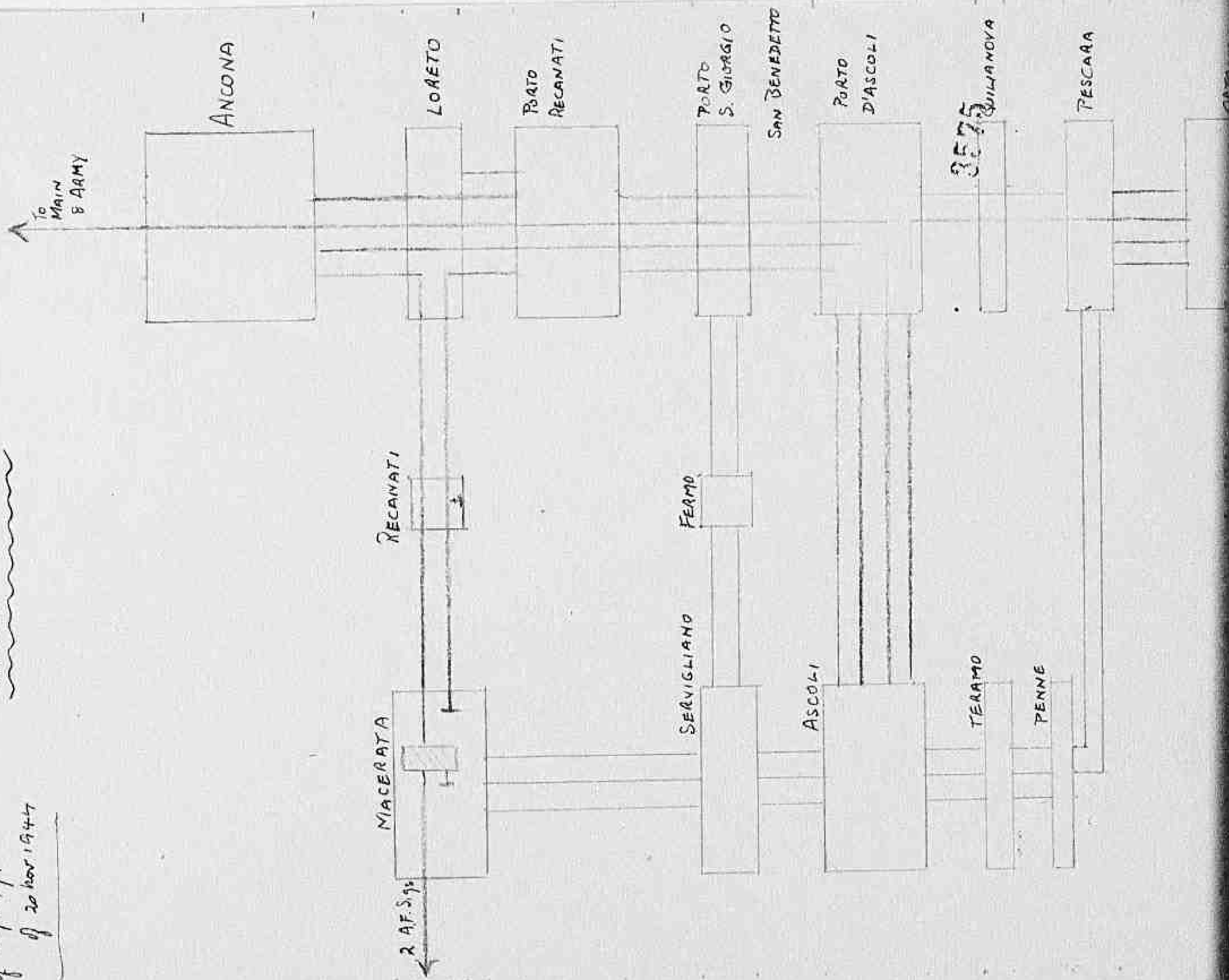
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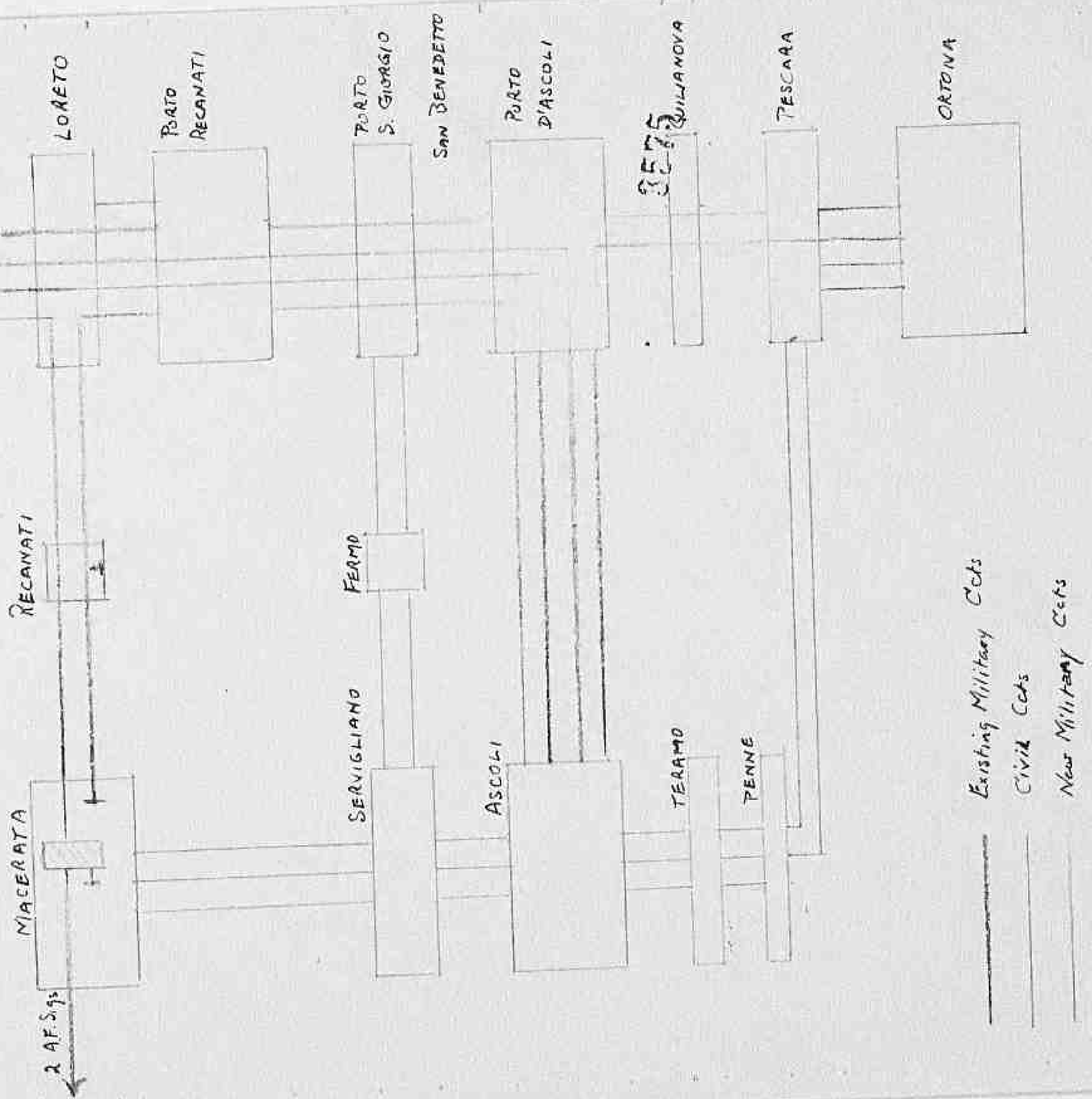
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PROPOSED MILITARY CIRCUITS

ABRUZZI - MARCHE

Ref R5/517/1
of 20 Nov 1944





Translation by Selan.

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Rome, 14th November 44

MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI
 Sottosegretariato di Stato alle Poste e Telecomunicazioni

Prot.no. 276083/6559 A.

Service II Div.II Sect. I.

Subject : Change of Director at Ancona Provincial Direction.

To : Allied Commission - Posts and Telecomms.
 Sub-Commission.

Referring to previous correspondence on the matter we inform you that we are going to entrust the charge of Director of the Ancona P.T. Provincial Direction - ~~since~~ as from 16th November - to 1st class Provincial Director of Perugia, Comm. Mario Paolo Molteni.

The actual Director of the Ancona Direction, Comm. Enrico Benedetti, will be discharged on 1st January.

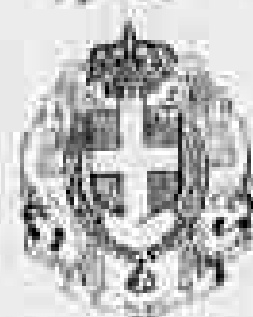
The Under Secretary of State
 for PP.TT.

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De Director	
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H. Q. Coms. O.	
Asst. Chief Postal	
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Ministero delle Comunicazioni
DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLE POSTE E DEI TELEGRAFI

Terzino II *Dir.* II *Sec.* I
Let. N° 276083/655 *Allegato*

OGGETTO:

Titolarità Direzione Prov. di Ancona.

530v Off. 107
Roma 14 NOV. 1944

N°
COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
Posts and Telecommunica-
tions Sub-Commission

Respostato f. N° ATO 394
del

con riferimento a precedente corrispondenza, si partecipa a codesta Commissione che viene ora provveduto alla dirigenza della Direzione provinciale P.T. di Ancona, destinando colla = con effetto dal giorno 16 novembre corr. = il Direttore prov.le di 1ª classe e Perugia Comm. Mario Paolo MONTANI.

L'attuale Titolare della Direzione di Ancona, Comm. Enrico BENEDETTI, sarà collocato a riposo con decorrenza 1º gennaio p.v.

IL SOTTOSCRITTO DI STATO

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission
Tel: 489081 Ext:555

20th November, 1944

In reply
refer to: 4/29/52/CS

Subject : Ancona - Pescara Route

To : Regional Commissioner, Abruzzi Marche Region
Att: Lt. Col. Cumming.

Reference R5/517/1 of 25th October, 1944.

To see a copy of a letter from the Under-Secretary.
Please do what you can to coordinate the work in A.M.G. territory
with the work of the Italian Government.

J.L.HENDERSON
Colonel
Director.

Incl; One letter

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Translation by Petrigiani.

Ref. no. S/15.0/3879

Rome, November 18th 1944

To: the Allied Commission, Communication Sub-Commission.

Subject: Repairs to the Poles Ancona-Pescara.

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Reference your CS/4/29/48 of 13rd October 1944.

Your communication of Lt. Col. Cumming's report concerning the restoration of Ancona-Pescara poles, has been appreciated. We definitely agree on having this reactivation carried out.

An Official of this Ministry will travel to the Circolo of Sulmona and will make inquiries into the two problems of the personnel and of the stores (in particular the shortage of poles).

The Circolo of Sulmona is being instructed to commence the work in compliance with Lt. Col. Cumming's arrangements in regard of those of the poles which are still placed in AMG territory.

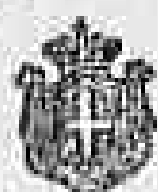
THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE

Director	<i>[Signature]</i>
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MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI

SOTTOSGREGARIATO DI STATO
ALLE POSTE E TELECOMUNICAZIONI

SECRETARIA

Postgen Telecomunicazioni

N° 5/15-9/3879

Risposta al N. _____

OGGETTO:
Riparazione della palifica-
zione Ancona-Pescara.Roma, 6 10 NOV 1944ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
Posts and Telecommunications
Sub-CommissionR O M A

Riferimento foglio CS/4/29/48 del 13 ottobre u.s.

Si ringrazia per la cortese comunicazione del rapporto del T.Col. Cummings, relativo alla riattivazione della palificazione Ancona-Pescara; si è senz'altro d'accordo nell'effettuare detta riattivazione.

Un funzionario di questo Ministero si recherà nei primi giorni della prossima settimana presso il Circolo di Sulmona ed esaminerà sul posto sia la questione del personale, sia quella dei materiali (in particolare il fabbisogno di pali).

Istruzioni vengono impartite al Circolo di Sulmona, affinché i lavori vengano iniziati in accordo a quanto verrà disposto dal T.Col. Cummings per la parte di palificazione che si trova tuttora in territorio A.M.G.

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IL SOTTOSGREGARIO DI STATO

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
AFC 394
Communications Sub-Commission
Tel: 489081 Ext: 312

17th November, 1944

In reply
refer to; 4/29/50/CS

Subject : Inter-Urban Calls - Anzio - Naples

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

Reference this office letter No. CS/4/29/38 dated
18th October, 1944 subject as above.

May a reply now be given please.

J.L.HENDERSON
Colonel
Director.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission
Telephone 489081 Ext 555

In reply refer
to: 4/23/49/Cs.

13th November 1949

Subject: Switchboards for Ortona and San Vito.

To: Director General, STET, Via Versilia 2.

1. It is understood from Lt Colonel Cumming, Telecommuni-
cations Officer, Abruzzi - Marche Region, that switchboards and test
frames are required to provide service at the above towns. He suggests
that 50 line boards would be suitable.

2. Can you provide such boards?

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

Copy to: Lt Colonel Cumming, Abruzzi - Marche Region.

see 57

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission.

In reply refer
to: 4/29/48/CS.

13th November 1944.

Subject: Ancona - Pescara Circulo Route.

To: Under Secretary of State for PP.TI.

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1. An extract from a report of Lt Colonel Cumming is attached wherein he suggests the repair of the above route. If you wish these repairs to be carried out, no doubt you will arrange for the work to be done in territory administered by you, and inform this HQ in order that Lt Colonel Cumming may carry out the work in AMG territory.

2. Circuits at the 4th November between Rieti, Macerata, Ascoli, Teramo, Aquila, Pescara, Chieti, and Avezzano were as follows.

ROUTE	No. of working circuits	
	Telephone	Telegraph
Aquila - Rieti	1	4
Aquila - Chieti (via Popoli)	1	-
Aquila - Teramo	1	2(1 Superposed)
Aquila - Ascoli	-	1
Teramo - Chieti	1	1(Superposed)
Teramo - Pescara	2	1(")
Pescara - Chieti	2	1
Teramo - Ascoli	3	2
Ascoli - Macerata	1	-

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J. L. HENDERSON,
Colonel.

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Director, Communications Sub-Commission.

Copy to: Lt Colonel Cumming, Abruzzi - Marche Region.

Enclosure: Extract from report.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission
Telephone 489031 Ext 333.

(44)

In reply refer
to: CS/4/29/47.

5th November 1944.

Subject: Bologna.

To: Regional Commissioner, Abruzzi-Marche Region.
(attention: Lt. Colonel Cumming).

1. Reference is made to your memo R5/517/1 of 29th September 1944 on the subject of Ing. Colella.
2. C.S.O. LofC Italy has been informed of the content of your memo and desires that Colella remain in Pescara for the present.

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

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HEADQUARTERS
AMG/AC
ABRUZZI MARCHE REGION
C.M.F.

(46)

TO : Communications Sub-Commission AC.
SUBJECT : Repair of Ancona - Pescara route
REF : R5/517/1
DATE : 2 November 44

43.

Ref your CS/4/29/43 of 29 Oct. 44.

- 1.
- | | Number of
Telephone | Circuitz
Telegraph |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Rome - Aquila | Nil | Nil |
| Aquila - Rieti | 1 | 4 |
| Aquila - Chieti
(Via Popoli) | 1 | Nil |
| Aquila - Teramo | 1 | 2 (1 simultaneo) |
| Aquila - Ascoli | | 1 |
| Teramo - Chieti | 1 | 1 (simultaneo) |
| Teramo - Pescara | 2 | 1 (simultaneo) |
| Pescara - Chieti | 2 | 1 |
| Teramo - Ascoli | 3 | 2 |
| Ascoli - Macerata | 1 | Nil |
2. Rough diagram attached.
- (Circuitz given up by Army once
but taken back into use by
them again)*

*HOLD FOR
LT COL.
MILLAR*

For Regional Commissioner

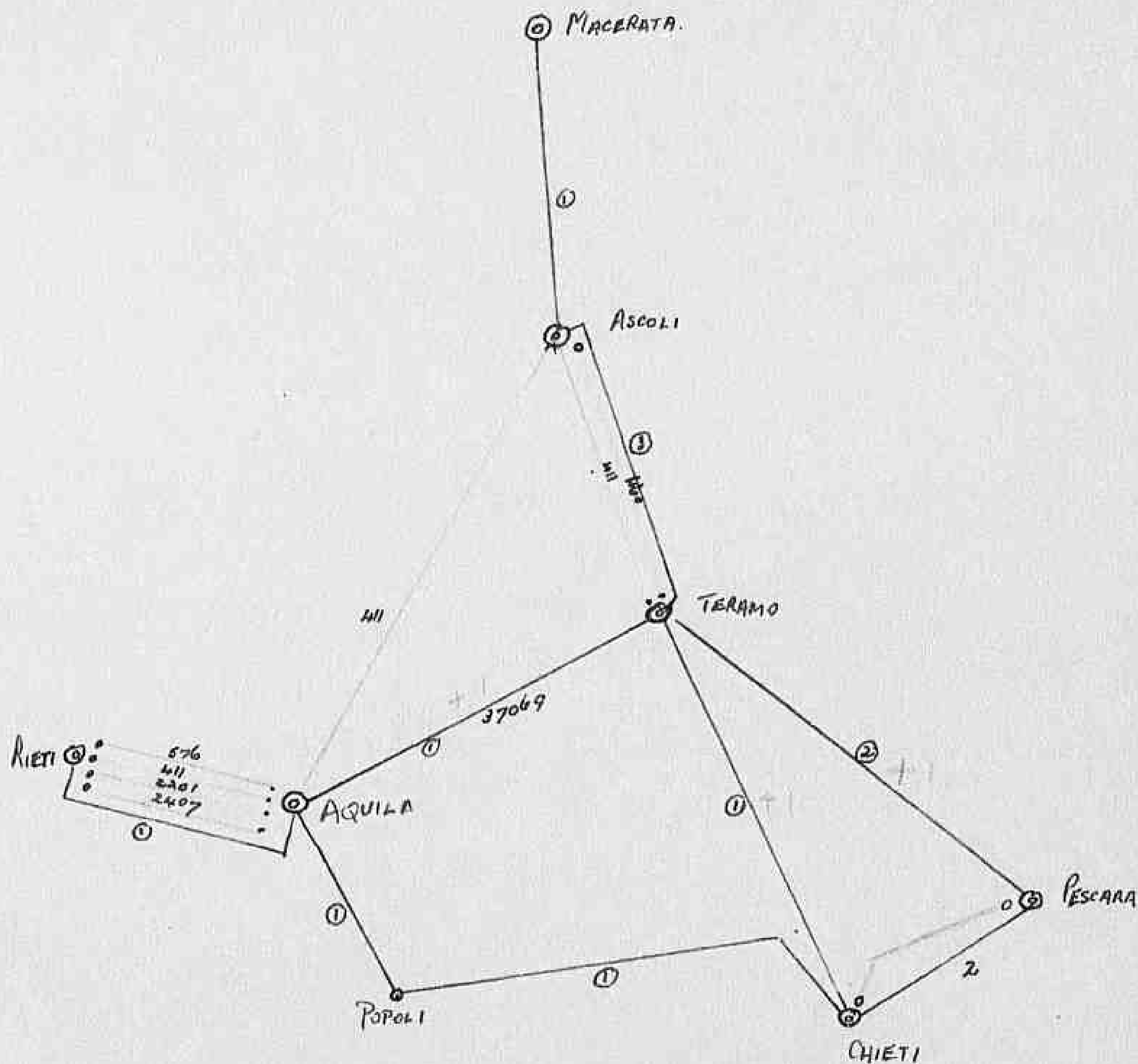
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4 NOV 1944
A.C.C.

G. W. Cumming
G.W. CUMMING
Lt. Col. - R. Signals

W. H. H. H.
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ABRUZZI - MARCHE REGIONCivil Telegraph and
Telephone circuits

Telegraph. with cat number.
Telephone with number of circuits.
Superposed telegraph circuits.

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MAIN H.Q. A.A.I.

TEL: RITPOT 356

X/12/2

31 Oct 44

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

Reference your CS/4/29 dated 7 Oct 44.

Ing. COLELLA has been interviewed by O.C. Adv.
Telecommunication Board (Lt. Col. MORRIS) and it is desired
that he remain in PESCARA for the present.

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CS/4/29	RITPOT/XXX

Date 5/11/44

Director	
Chief Telecom	
Chief Postal	
H.Q. C.A.S. O.	
Asst Chief Postal	
Chief Clerk	

Brigadier,
C.S.O. L. of C., ITALY.

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ALLIED ARMY IN ITALY

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30 OCT 44

RESTRICTED
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WORK ON MILITARY CIRCUITS NIETI PESCARA CEASED

PAPER AAI FOR CNO FOR TOW FIVE AC FROM HENDERSON SIGNED STONE PAPER
WHEN TROOPS AND TRANSPORT BEING USED WERE WITHDRAWN

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
C.M.F.
Tele: 489081
Ext: 555

29th October, 1944

In reply
refer to: CS/4/29/43

see 46.

Subject : Repair of Ancona - Pescara Route.

To : Regional Commissioner, Abruzzi - Marche Region.

Reference your RS/517/1 of 25th October, 1944

1. The project appears to be a useful one, but before the Government is consulted it would be advisable to explain which telephone and telegraph circuits between the chief centres now exist.
2. Kindly therefore give an up-to-date detailed list of telegraph circuits, and telephone circuits interconnecting Italian civilian switchboards (or which can now be transferred to civilian switchboards), between the following towns: Rieti, Macerata, Ascoli, Teramo, Aquila, Pescara, Chieti, Avezzano, Rome.
3. A Rome-Terni telephone circuit has just been completed which should give the Italian Government access to much of your area.

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

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HEADQUARTERS
AMG/ACC
ABRUZZI MARCHE REGION
C.M.F.



TO : Communications Sub-Commission ACC.
SUBJECT: Repair of Ancona, Pescara overhead route.
REF : R5/517/1
DATE : 25 October 1944.

1. My R5/517/1 of 21 Sep (Copy to you) asked permission to hang additional wires for T.I.M.O. use on the ten-pin American Air Force route between Porto di Ascoli and Ancona. The reply from C.A.F.S.O. (Copy attached) disposes of any idea of using the T.I.M.O. coastal route for approaching ANCONA from the South.

2. There remains the Circolo H-pole route following the Pescara-Ortona railway along the coast. I suggested repairing this route some time ago, but abandoned the idea when American Air Force Signals came along with their ten-pin FOGGIA, ANCONA project and used poles of the Circolo route at Pescara in the process.

3. This route was fairly important in the past and carried telegraph circuits from the south to Teramo, Ascoli, Macerata and Ancona. These towns can be reached, of course, by the inland routes., but in winter the coast route would be more easily maintained and would be less susceptible to interruption. The routes connecting these towns to the coast route are in excellent condition and it is suggested that repair of the coast route should begin as early as possible.

4. I made a rapid survey of the route last week and found conditions as follows:

a) From the centre of Ancona to a point about half a mile out, the route is in use by Signals.

b) From there to Porto S. Giorgio, the route is not in use. Approximately one pole is missing in ten or fifteen and about half the wires are missing.

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c) From Porto S. Giorgio to Grottammare, two pairs have been put through. Swan-necks on the top of one pole. Where the H. pole is broken, a single pole has been re-erected to carry the four swan-necks. These two pairs are part of 2 Air Formation Sigs system and connect Fermo to Grottammare.

d) From Grottammare to the junction of roads No.s 80 and 16 (Map ref. B.9758). As in (B)

e) From road junction towards Pescara, a small Circolo gang have just started putting through one wire, for use as a telegraph circuit between Teramo and Pescara. Where a double pole is gone, a single pole with one insulator is being erected.

f) In the last few hundred yards into Pescara the poles are complete, but several have had the Air Force ten-pin arm fixed to them.

5. To put the route through, a diversion would be required both at Ancona and Pescara to replace the portions used by Signals. I think that 500 poles would be sufficient to repair the whole route. There are plenty insulators available and enough iron wire salvagable to provide, say, six circuits throughout. The portion referred to in 4 (c) could be repaired without interfering with the Air Formation circuits, which it is understood are not operational ones.

6. As the route comes under Circolo Sulmona and Circolo Ancona, and much of it is in Government territory the project is submitted for consideration.

7. Regarding labour, there are odd Circolo linemen here and there, but it is suggested that since a State route is concerned, the Italian Government might weigh in with an Italian Army construction sections if one should be unemployed any where.

For Regional Commissioner,

G.W. Culling

G.W. CULLING
Lt.Col.R.Signals
Communication Officer

C O P Y

SUBJECT : - Proposed work by Italians on main
Foggia - Ancona trunk telephone route.

Chief Air Formation Sig. als Officer,
H.Q. M.A.A.F., C.M.F.
Ref: - I53/7k (AF-56)

10 October 44

Communications Officer,
H.Q. AMG. Region 5

1. Your R5/517/I of 21 Sep 44 has been referred to this HQ by CSO I District (his X/I/I/I/L of 30 Sep 44)
2. The IO-pin cross-arm was erected on the route to which you refer under the authority of CSC AAI and constitutes the main route from FOGGIA to ANCONA.
3. It is regretted that so long as route continues to carry the operational circuits of the Air Forces, this HQ does not agree to the proposal to allow the Italians to rebuild or maintain their own wires on it.
4. It is therefore requested that the applications of the TIMO organisation be refused.

Brig,
C.A.F.S.O.

Copy to : - CSO L. of C. Italy.
CSO I District.

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Chief. Telecoms	
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ARRUZZI MARCHE REGION

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27 OCT 44

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ROUTINE .

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A TEST OF LOVE OF CHARLIE WANTS KNOW EARLY FOR CHARLIE SUGAR ~~OROE~~ ABLE
ABLE ITEM POSITION TO ARRUZZI MARCHE REGION FOR CUMMINGS FROM HENDERSON
SIGNED STONE RE TWO MILITARY CIRCUITS UNDER CONSTRUCTION RIETI FREGARA
PD PLEASE RING THIS HQ EARLY POSSIBLE

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Inreply to your letter N° CS/4/29/39 dated 20th October.

We point out to you that ,for the beginning of the service, it is not necessary, temporarily, the reserve: because the existing machine, feeded by storage batteries, has a sufficient good working.

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SOCIETÀ TORINESE ESERCIZI TELEFONICI
PER AZIONI - CAPITALE SOCIALE L. 440.000.000 INT. VERSATO

Sede Sociale TORINO

Communications

ROMA, 24 ottobre 1944

VIA MEGOCOTI - TELEFONO 027

Via Versilia, 2 - tel. 44134

Si prega di citare nella risposta il

N. 126/1-14

Oggetto: Macchine segnali (Ringing
Machine) per Ancona.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

ROMA
Via Veneto

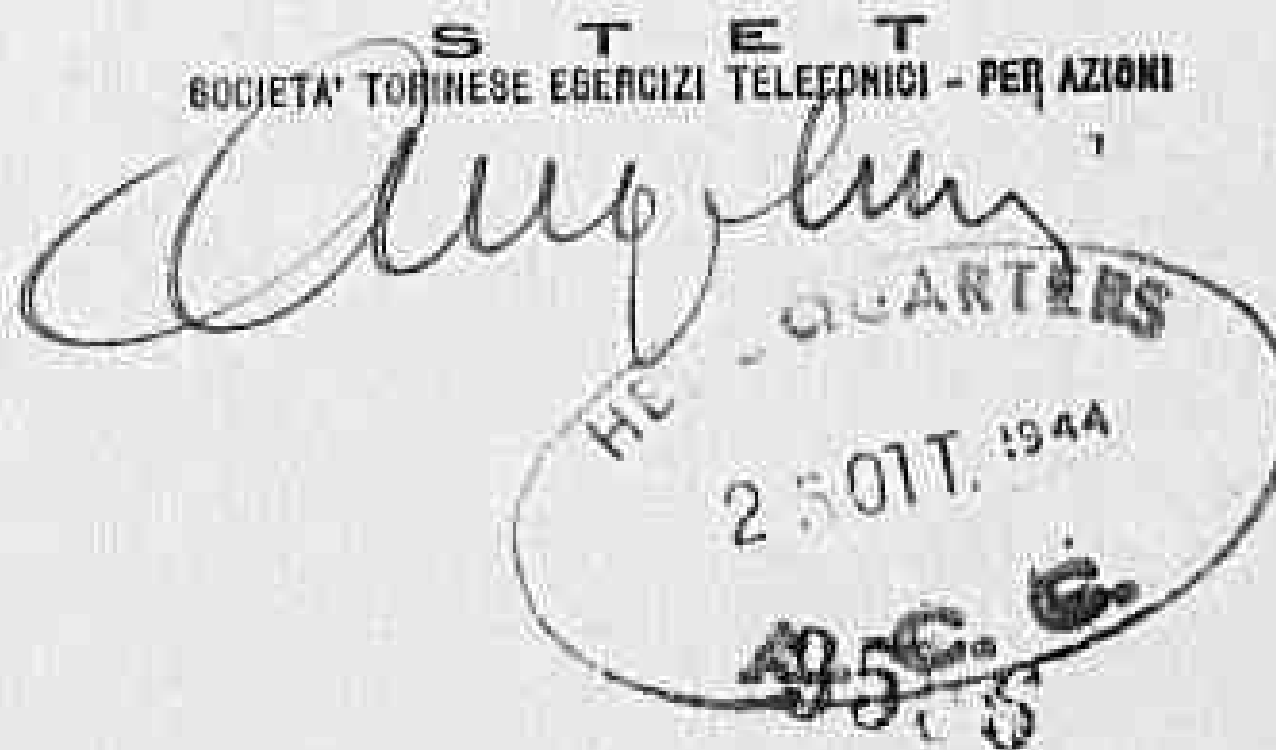
Rispondiamo alla Vostra lettera N° CS/4/29/39 in
data 20 o.m.

Purtroppo una macchina di chiamata Siemens del
tipo occorrente per la riserva della Centrale di Ancona,
potrà trovarsi soltanto presso la Sede T.I.M.O. di Bolo
gna; tuttavia stiamo facendo accurate ricerche per vede
re se fra il materiale a nostra disposizione vi sia qual
che macchina che possa essere provvisoriamente adattata
allo scopo.

Vi facciamo tuttavia presente che per iniziare il
servizio si può, secondo la nostra esperienza, fare a me
no - provvisoriamente - della riserva, giacchè la macchi
na esistente, che è alimentata a batteria, presenta un suf
ficiente grado di sicurezza.

Coi migliori saluti.

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SOCIETÀ TORINESE ESERCIZI TELEFONICI - PER AZIONI



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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Tel. 489081 : Extn. 555

20th October, 1944.

In reply
refer to: CS/4/29/39

Subject: Ringing Machine for Ancona.

To: Director General, S.T.E.T.

1. The military authorities at Ancona wish to open now a 500-line automatic exchange there for military lines and important civilians. There is only one ringing machine and they do not wish to open the exchange until another is provided as a reserve.

2. The present ringer is coded as V.Sa. SK 26 S 141/1~~1~~ and the details on the name plate are as follows:-

- | | |
|--|-----------------------------|
| 1. 23.5 ^{cycle} output | 111. Driven from 60-80volts |
| 11. 23 ¹ / ₂ 46 Volts output | (exchange battery) |

3. Would you please say at once if possible, whether you can provide a reserve ringer of a suitable type.

tel 40

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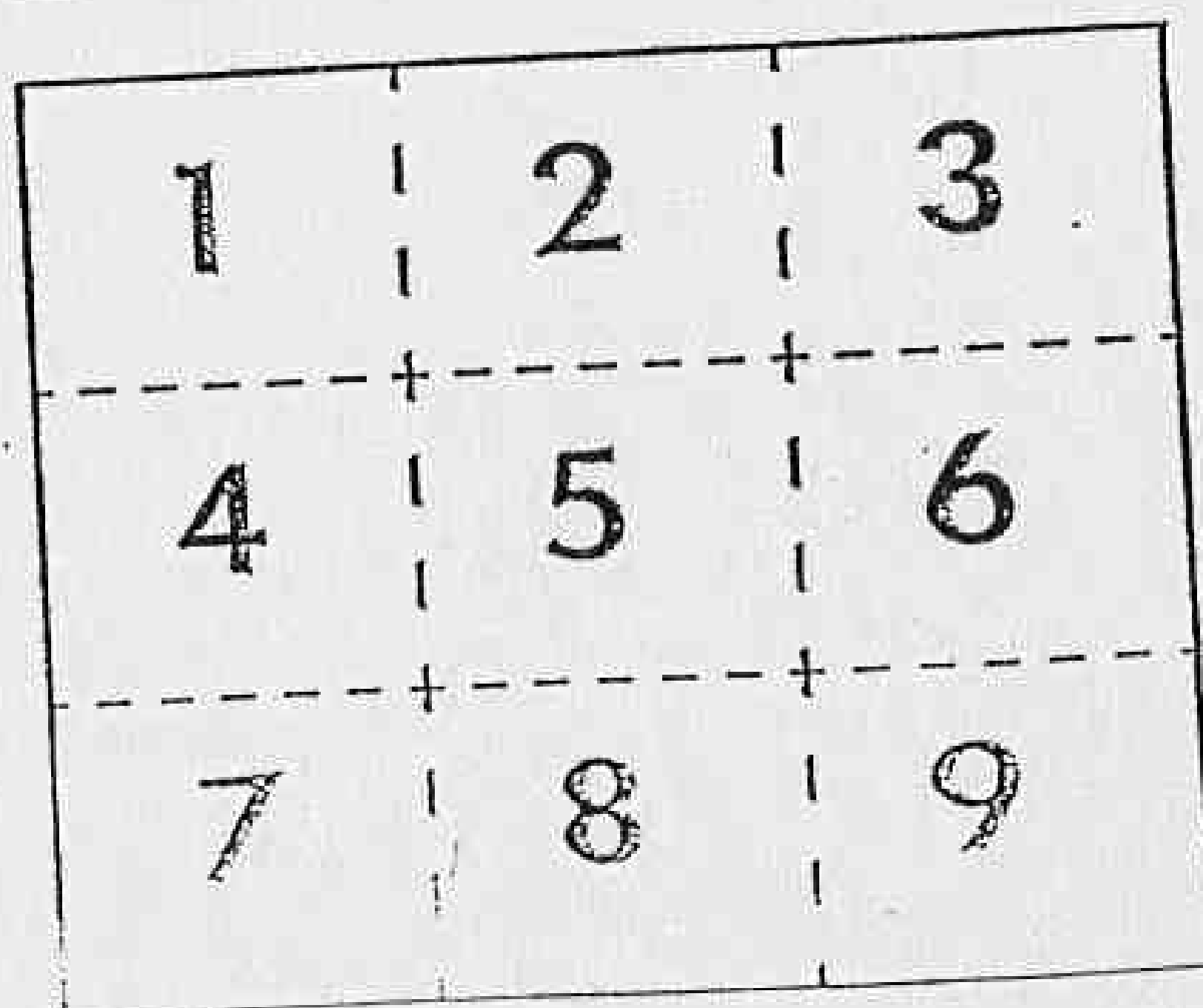
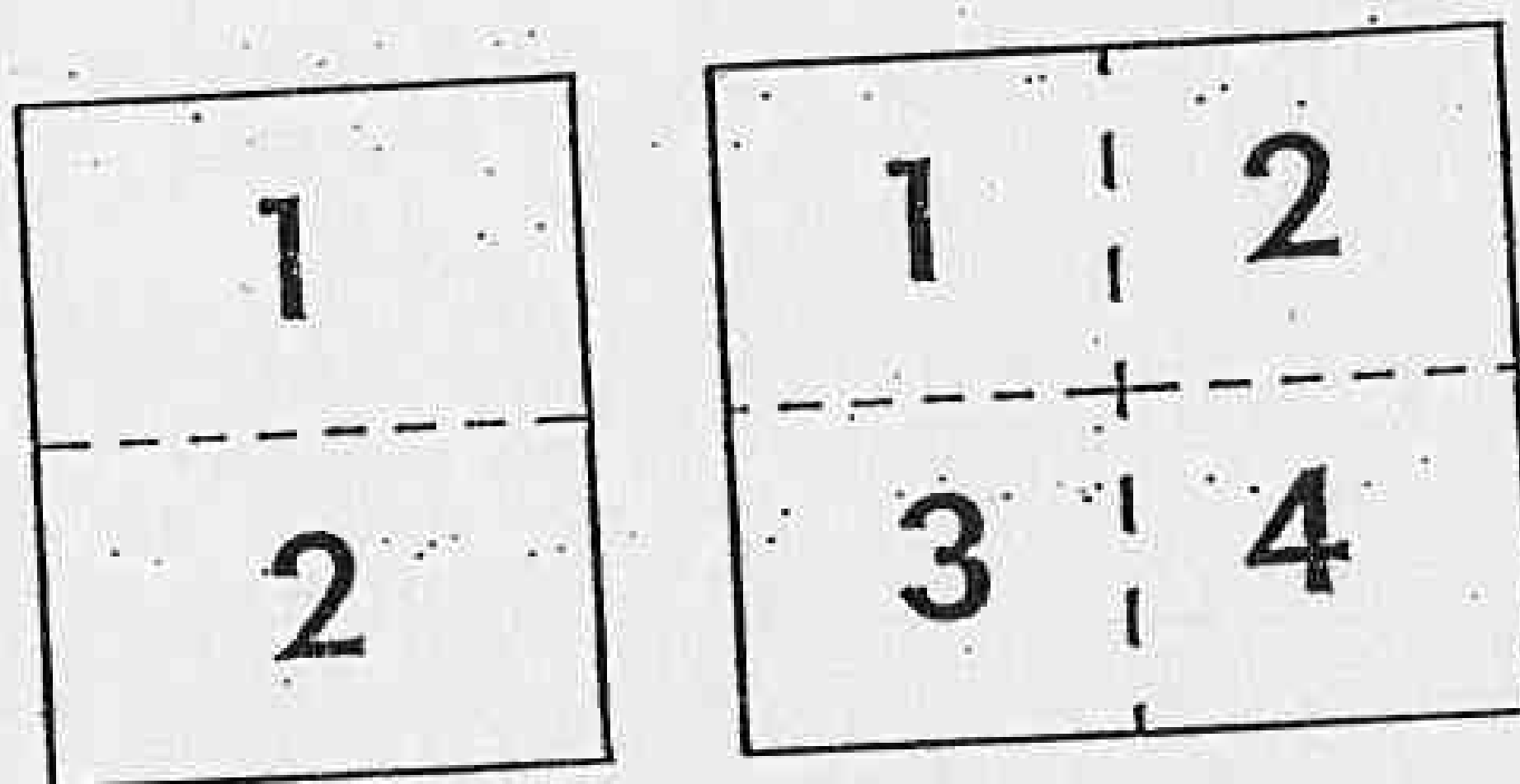
J. L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director, Communications Sub-Commission.

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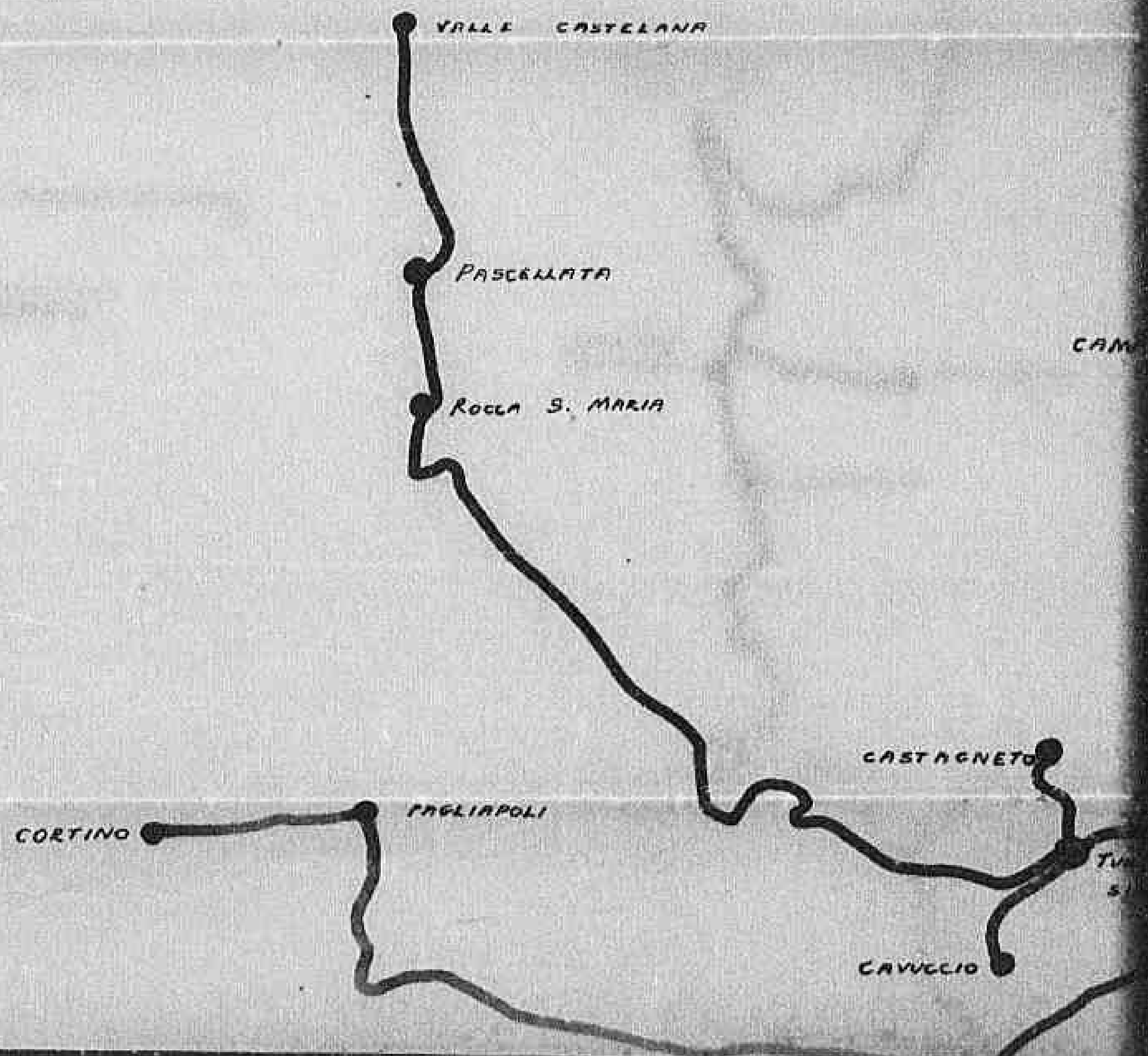
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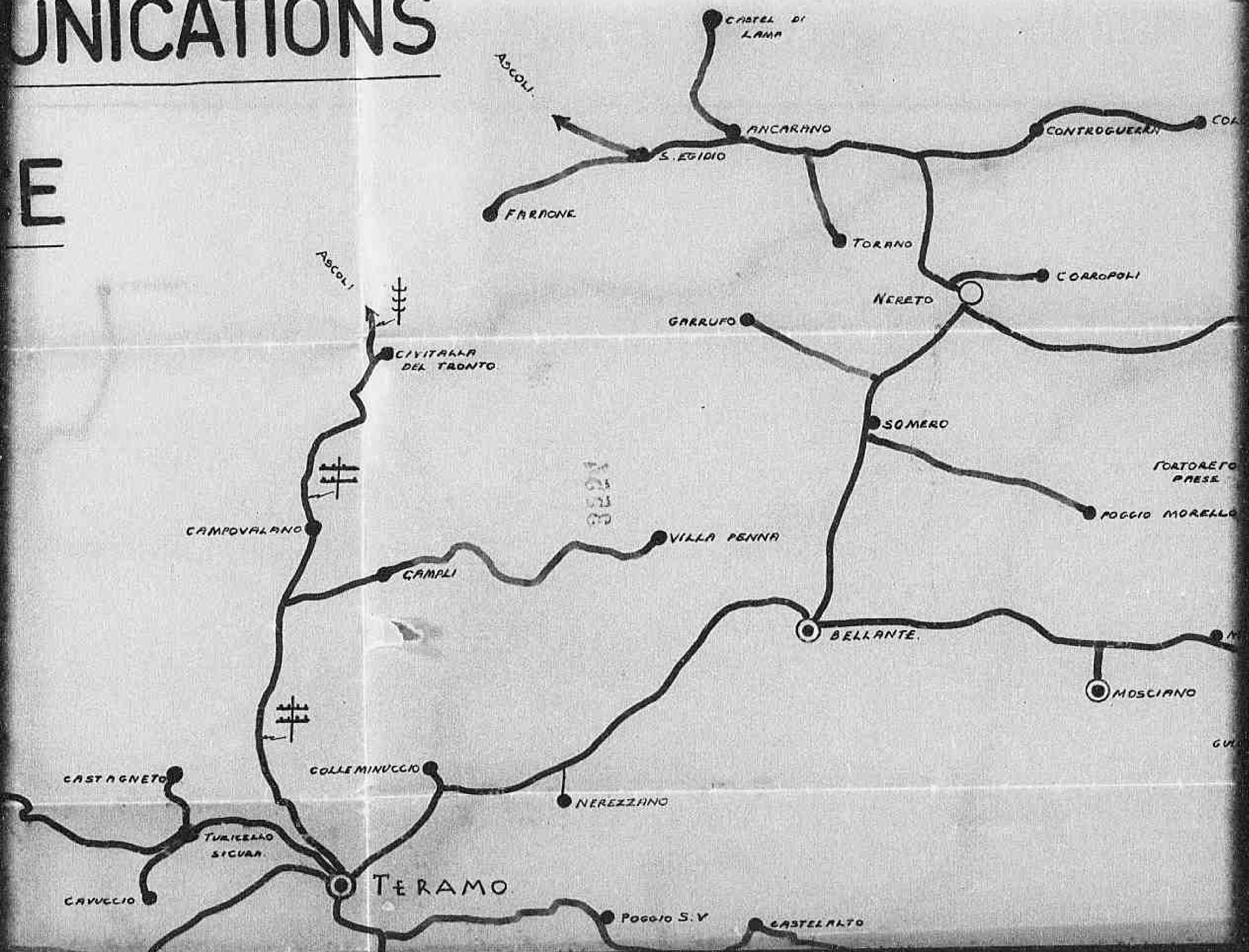
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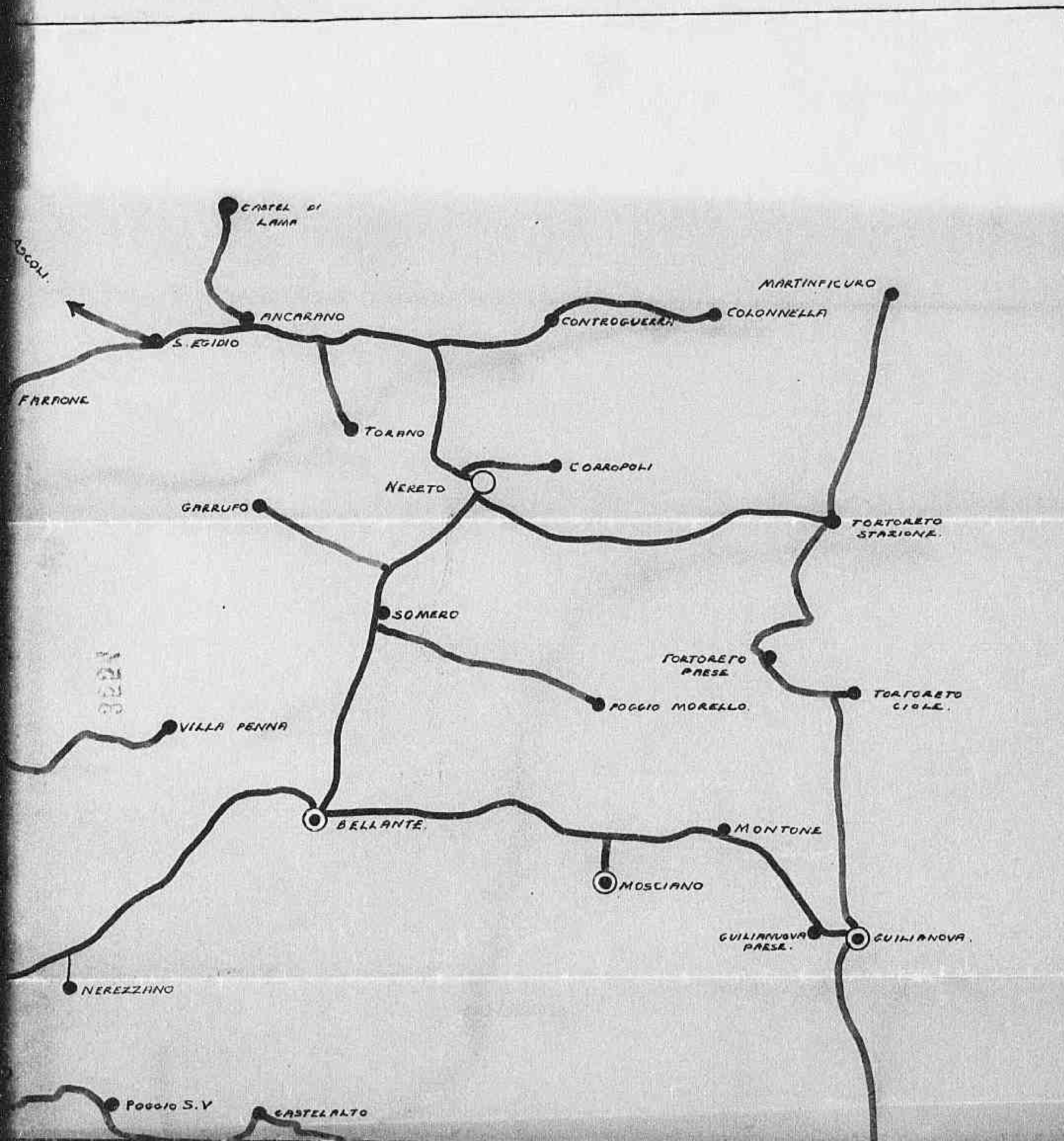
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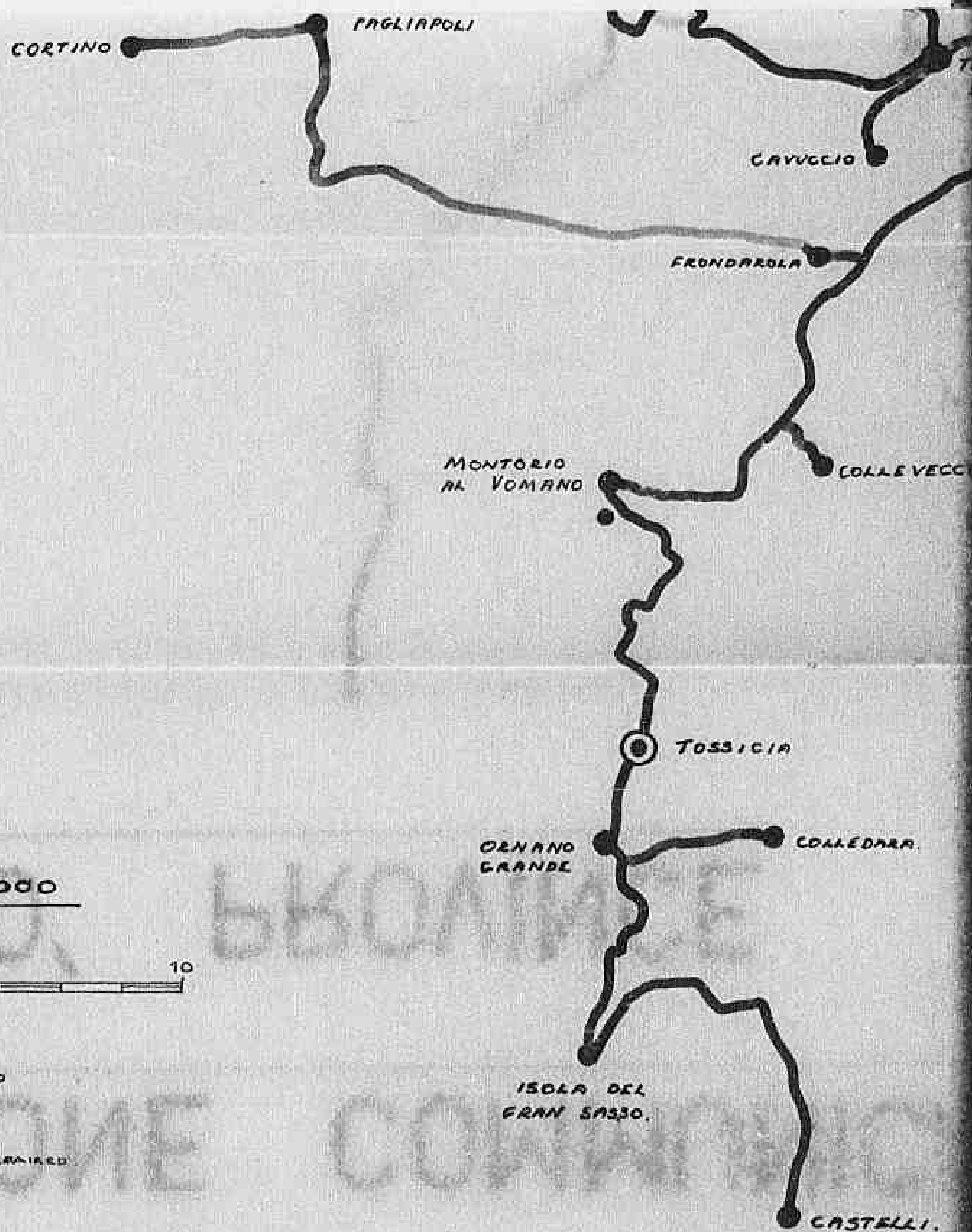
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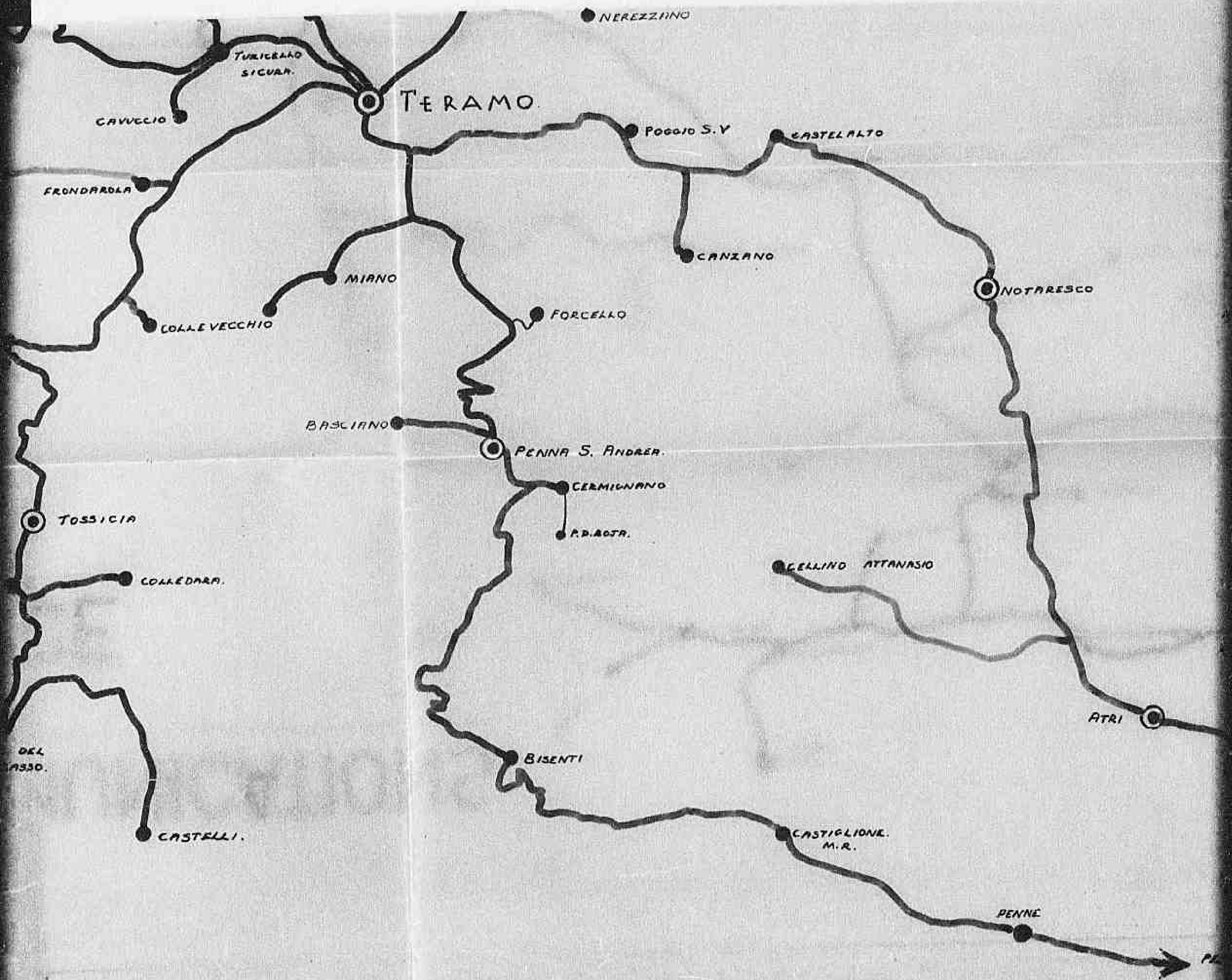


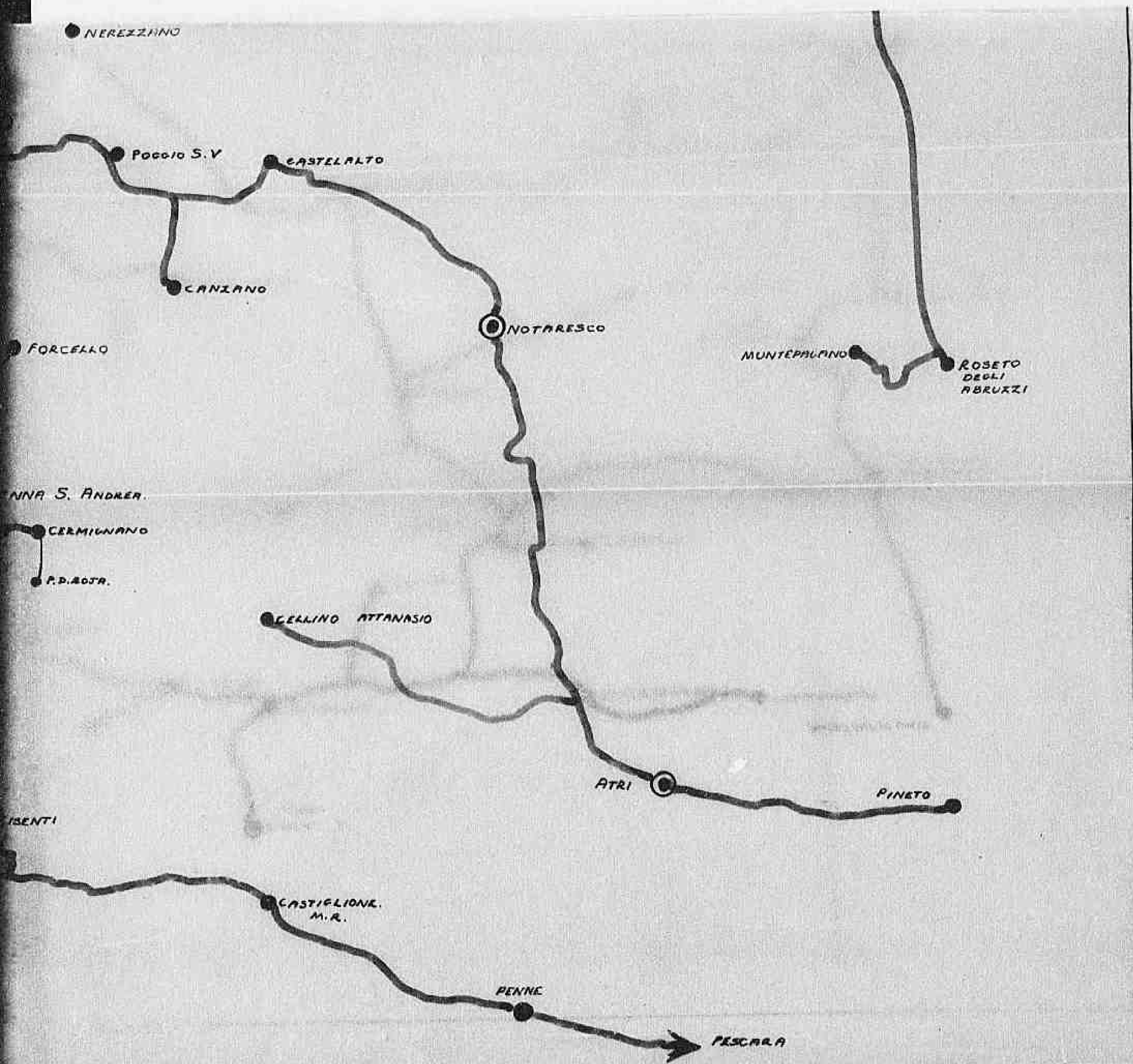
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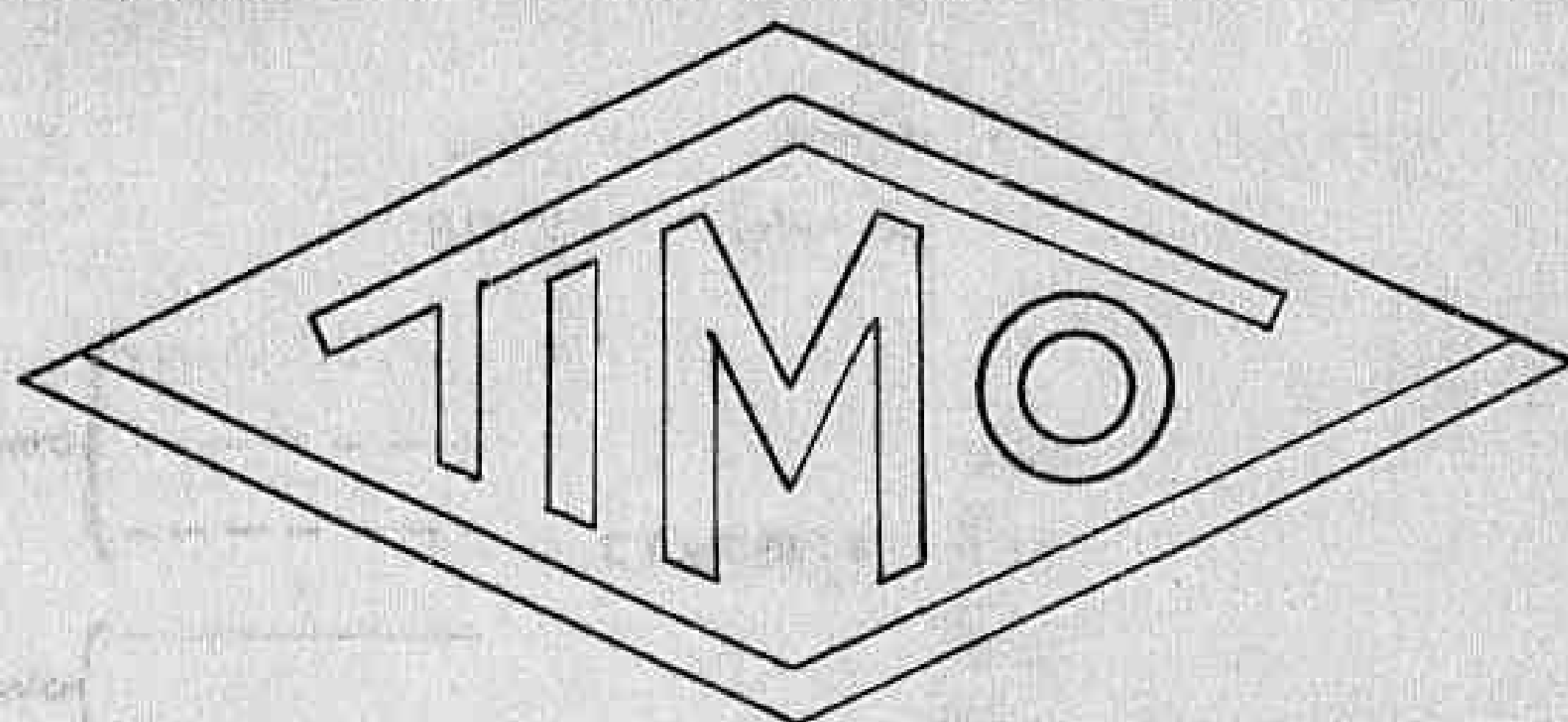
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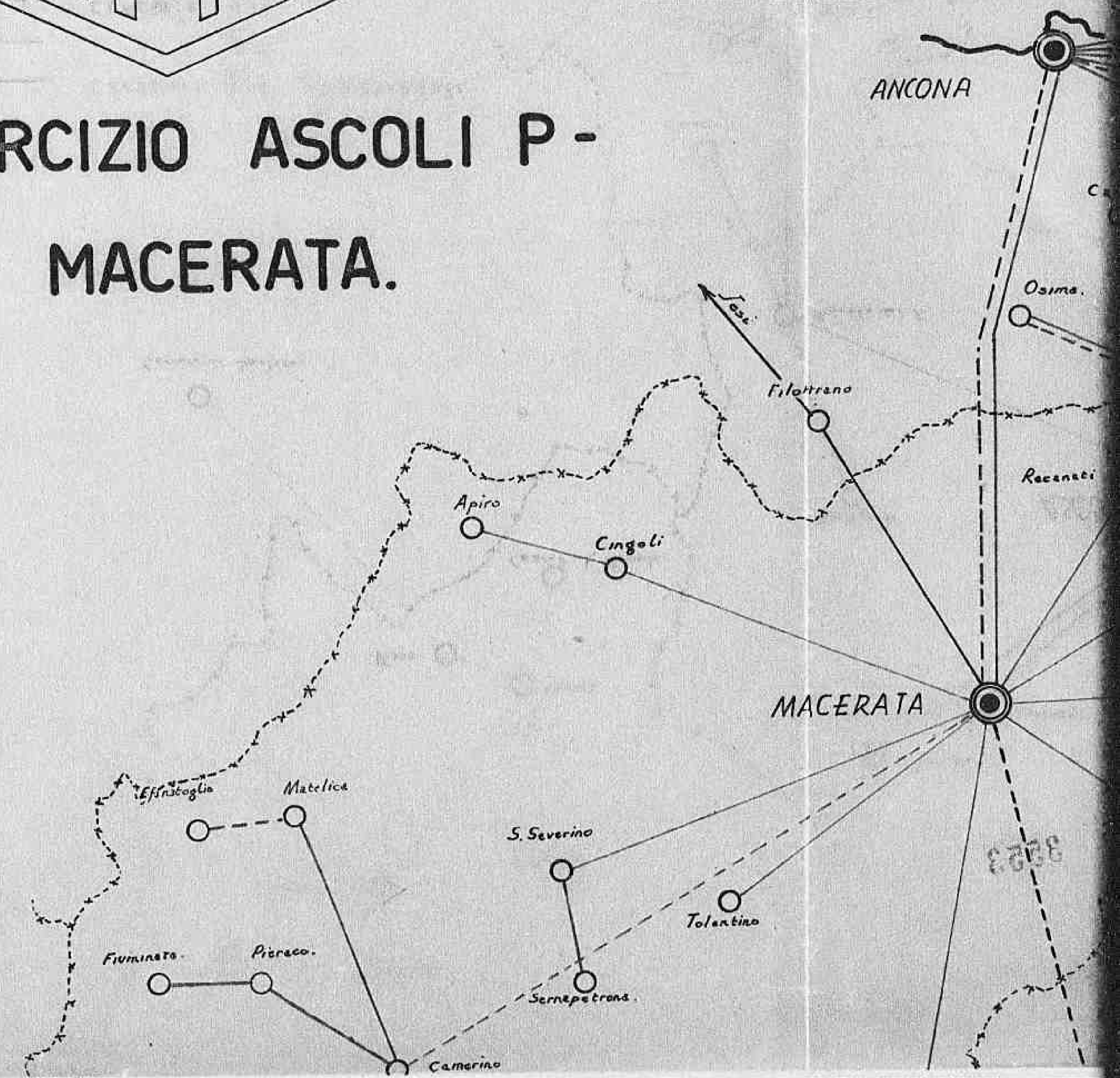




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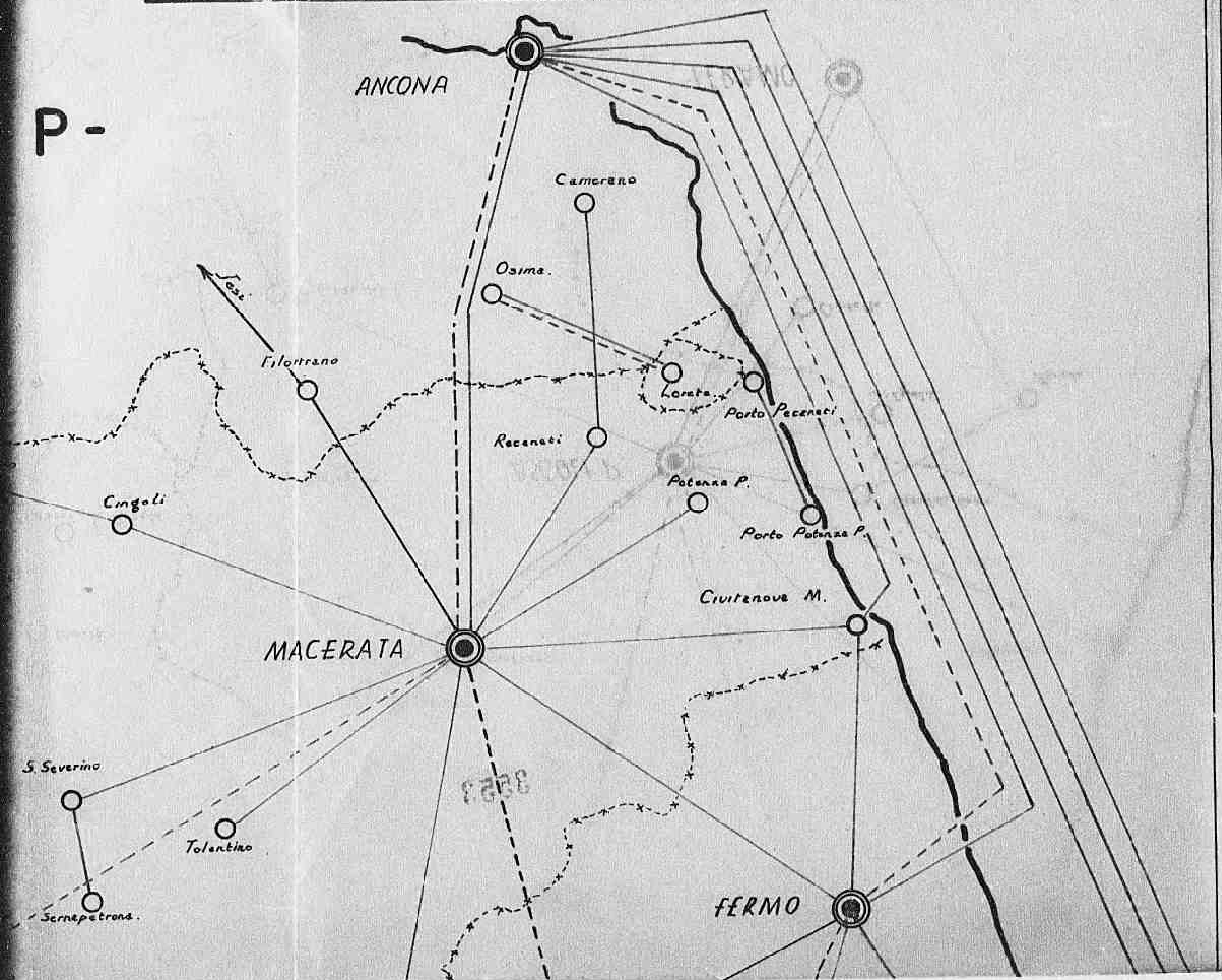
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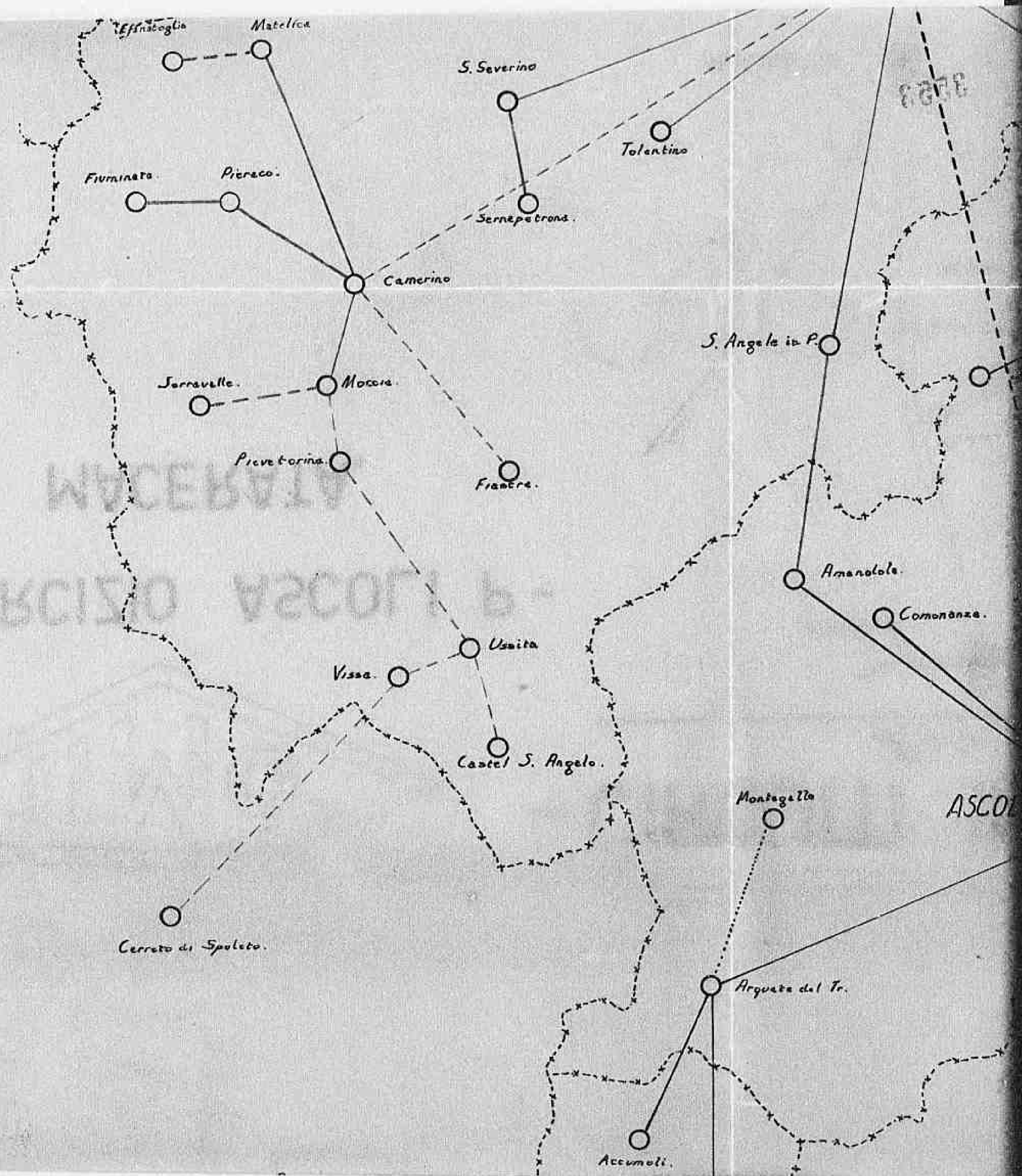


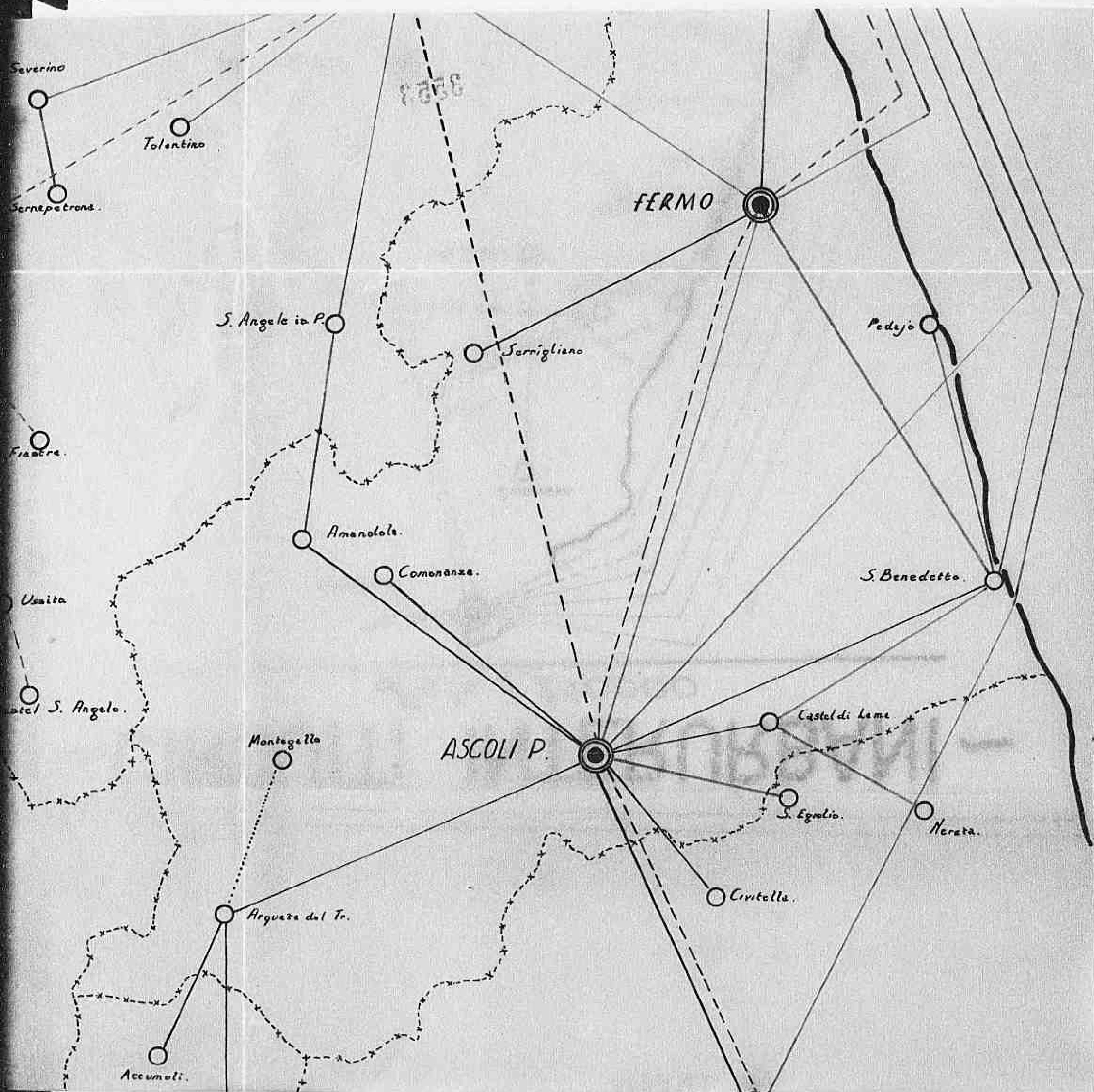
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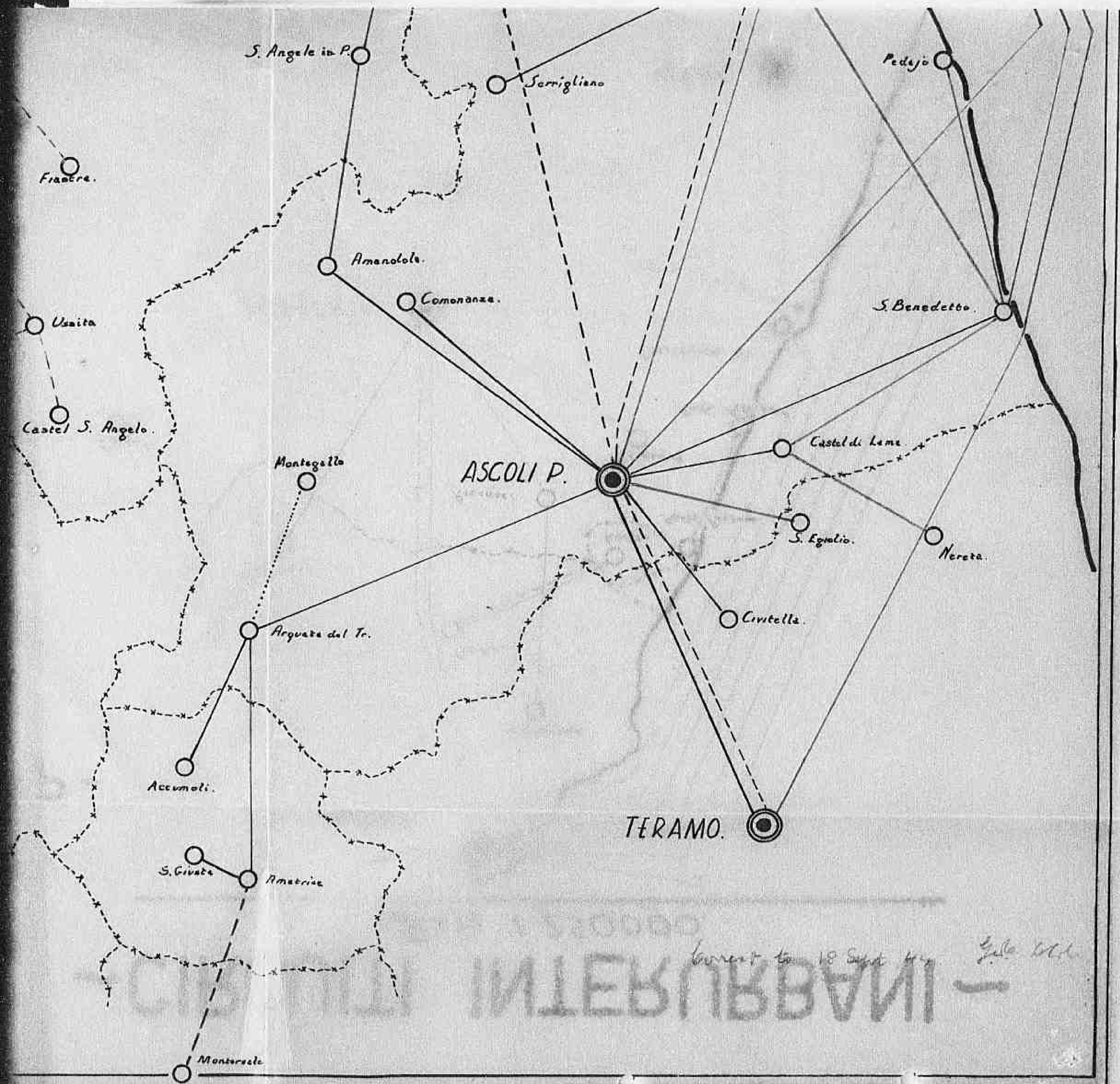
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 39th
Telephone 489081 Ext. 555

17th October, 1944

In reply
refer to: CS/4/29/37

Subject : Increase of Telephone Calls - Rome 853763

To : Regional Commissioner, Lazio Region.
Att: Major Hawker.

Reference attached papers.

1. No reason can be found for the authorisation of unlimited calls from this number. The telephone is installed at a private apartment belonging to the writer of the letter, who is ADC to Major General Kleesberg.

2. It is suggested that a reply be sent to him on the following lines.

" 1. The Telephone Company has passed your application for increased calls to this Hq. in view of your military connection with A.C.C.

" 2. It is understood that the telephone is installed in a private apartment, and that the office of the Polish Military Mission has unrestricted military telephone facilities.

" 3. In view of the telephone restriction on all users of the telephone, Military or civil, who make use of private telephones it is unadvisable to make exceptions without good reason.

" 4. It is suggested therefore that, if the nature of your official duties warrants an increase in the number of calls permitted, you should apply to this Hq. enclosing a statement from your Commanding Officer that an increase is essential for military reasons. In this statement there should also be shown the estimated number of calls required per day for military purposes".

By Command of Commodore Stone:

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CS/A/29/37

17th Oct. 44. Continued.

Incl: Papers dealing with Rome 853763

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

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SUBJECT: TIMO Route, PORTO D'ASCOLI-ANCONA.

CSO, Air Fm Sigs, MACAF.

Copy to: Comms Offr, Region 5 ACC,
Comms Sub-Commission ACC.

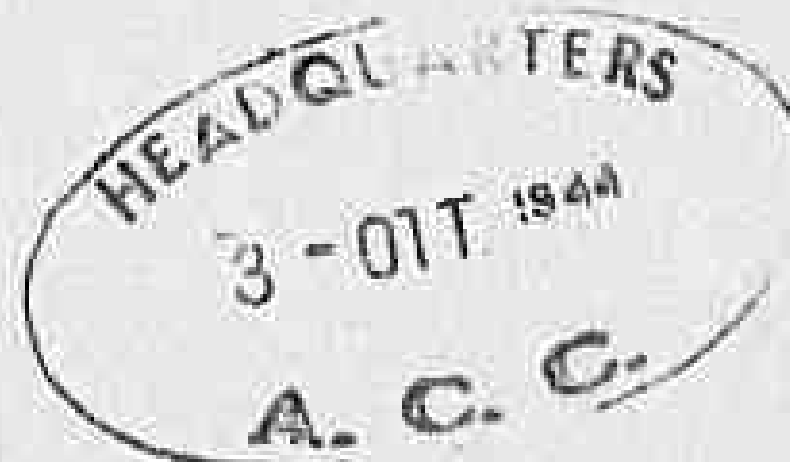
Reference HQ AME Region 5 letter R5/517/1 of 21 Sep 44
addressed to CSO, 1 District copy to CSO, Air Fm Sigs MACAF.

1. There is no objection from a 1 District viewpoint to the rehabilitation of the TIMO Route PORTO D'ASCOLI - ANCONA, but in view of the fact that the route is under your operational control, you will perhaps wish to reply direct.

ATJB/JWS

[Signature]
Colonel,
CSO, No 1 District.

Director	
D/Director	
Chief Telecoms	<i>[Signature]</i>
Chief Eng.	
H. Q. Coms. O.	
Asst. Chief Postal	
Chief Clerk	



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Date 4/10/44

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SUBJECT: Civil Comms at ASCOLI.

Comms Offr, HQ AMG,
ABRUZZI - MARCHE Region.

Copy to: Comms Sub-Commission HQ ACC.

Ref your letter R5/517/1 of 29 Sep 44.

There is no objection to your proposals.

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ATIP/JWS 5/10/44

Director	
D. Director	
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Chief Postal	
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Asst. Chief Postal	
Consolidation	
Chief Clerk	

Colonel,
CSO, No 1 District.



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*Region 2 file
H. M. M.*

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for the26/7/44
24/7/44HEADQUARTERS
A.I.G.
ABRUZZI MARCHE REGION
C.M.E.To : Communications Sub - Commission A.G.C. ✓
Subject : Telegraphs
Ref : R5/517/1
Date : 8 Oct. 1944

1. The undermentioned telegraph circuits are now in operation:-

- a) AQUILA - RIETI..... 2
- b) AQUILA - AVEZZANO (Oct 24/44)..... 1
- c) AQUILA - AVEZZANO - COLLALTO (Oct)..... 1
- d) AQUILA - SULMONA 2
- e) AQUILA - TERAMO (simultaneo)..... 1

* Other lines through are:-

- a) AVEZZANO - COLLALTO..... 1. telegraph line...
2 telephone pairs

- b) SULMONA - AVEZZANO : -
SULMONA - GORIANO
4 telegraph lines
1 telephone pair

GORIANO - AVEZZANO repairs in progress

3. Regarding Aquila - Rome, one of the Aquila - Rieti circuits can be used for this in the initial stages, as it understood that the Rome - Rieti portion will be repaired more quickly than a Rome - Collalto connection.

4. When Rome - Collalto is completed, circuit 2481 (1 (c) above) will provide the Aquila - Rome cct, while the original Rome - Rieti - Aquila cct will be extended to Ascoli, which extension is in process of repair. At Chieti, there are 15 Morse instruments and a wheatstone receiver and Chieti can lend a few Morse instruments to Pescara to begin the service. The battery situation is that there are sufficient containers in Chieti but they require copper, zincs and copper sulphate. At Pescara, where the office is in quite good condition, a complete battery is required. The service to Chieti and Pescara cannot be provided until these deficiencies are met. Repair of the lines to both places is in progress.

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- a) AQUILA - RIETI..... 2
 - b) AQUILA - AVEZZANO (Oct 2404)..... 1
 - c) AQUILA - AVEZZANO - COLLALTO (Oct)..... 1
 - d) AQUILA - SULMONA (Oct)..... 1
 - e) AQUILA - TERAMO (simultane)..... 2
- * Other lines through are:-
- a) AVEZZANO - COLLALTO..... 1 telegraph line... 2 telephon pairs

2.

- b) SULMONA - AVEZZANO : -
SULMONA - GORIANO

4 telegraph lines
1 telephon pair

GORIANO - AVEZZANO

repairs in progress

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Director	
D. Director	
Chief, Telecoms	<i>Ham</i>
Chief, Postal	
H. Q. Coms. O.	
Asst. Chief Postal	
Chief Ship	
Chief Clerk	<i>X</i>

HEADQUARTERS
4 OCT 1944
A. C. C.

FOR THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER

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Lt. Col. B. Signals Communications Officer	
18/4/29	

Ascoli - Ascoli - macerata cct are 10/10/44
also ready for work as soon as the service is permitted

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Telephone 489031 Ext. 555

7th October, 1944

In reply
refer to: CS/1/29/53

Subject: Ing. Colella (TIMO)

To: C.S.O., L.of G.

To see copy of a Memo from Lt. Col. Cumming. Nothing
will be done in the matter unless advice is received from you
that he would be of use to you.

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

Incl: Copy of letter.

See 45

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File

Communications

To : *Communications* SAC Commission A.C.
 From : HQ. AMG. Abruzzi, Marche Region
 Subject : Bologna
 Ref : R5/517/1
 Date : 29 Sept. 1944

As you are aware, Ing. Colella of TIMO, now at Pes-
 cara, was, until some months ago, Director at Bologna.
 He suggests that he should return to Bologna as early
 as possible after it is taken, so that he can place his know-
 ledge of the TIMO plant at the disposal of Signals on the spot.
 I think Signals would be glad of his help and it is
 suggested that they might be approached so that the necessary
 preliminary arrangements can be made.

For Regional Commissioner

G. W. Cumming
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 Lt. Col. R. Signals
 Communication Officer

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Mr. Colonel Miller.

I do not intend to take this up in writing, as I do not think that the complaints are by any means universal or even widespread, and a letter might cause resentment.

But I think that the points brought out might be mentioned in conversation to Signal Corps Officers when opportunity offers.

9 Oct.

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TO : COMMUNICATION SUB-COMMISSION ACC.
 FROM : H.Q. A.M.G. ABRUZZI - MARCHE Region
 SUBJECT : Use of civil resources.
 REF : R5/517//

Date 30 September 1944

1. It has been observed that when making use of civil routes, Signals often merely stitch through parts of any routes which go in the required direction. One finds bits of State, concessionary telephone Coy, and even Cantoniére routes in one circuit. While this may serve the immediate purpose in active operations, it means that the remaining portions of the routes in question are rendered useless.

2. One finds also on arrival on recon at a telegraph or telephone office that circuit records, and even important pieces of apparatus, that have escaped the notice of the Germans, have been removed by the first Allied signal unit to enter the building.

3. I am making no complaint of the foregoing, because military necessity naturally takes priority, but I think that Signals would get better results if instead of proceeding more or less independently and utilising whatever they can find, they were to bring the civil communication authorities more into the picture.

4. It is suggested that it should be normal practice for a representative of Corps or Army Signals to get together the local heads of Circolo and the telephone Society at any town (any A.M.G. Communication Officer would help) and for him to state his communication requirements and invite their suggestions regarding the most suitable lines and the apparatus to be provided from civil resources.

5. As regards civilian linemen, these are usually employed as labourers, if they are employed at all, and their normal superiors are often not consulted in any way.

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It is suggested that good results would be obtained by the allotment of part of construction or repair programmes to Circolo or Concessionary Cey linemen, under their own superiors. They require only transport and stores (plus midday meal if possible) and their use would economise in army personnel.

For Regional Commissioner

J. P. Cumming

Enclosed herewith are the following documents for the Regional Commissioner's information and for his use in the event of any further action being required. The documents are: 1. A copy of the report of the Regional Commissioner's visit to the Ceylinmen's quarters at ... 2. A copy of the report of the Regional Commissioner's visit to the Ceylinmen's quarters at ... 3. A copy of the report of the Regional Commissioner's visit to the Ceylinmen's quarters at ...

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Transl. ion.

Sulmona, 22 September, 1944.

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REF. 2209/33-ma.

Subject : Reactivation of telegraph lines.

To : Col. Cumming - Amgot - Aquila.

With reference to your request, we inform you that the work of reactivation on all the telegraph lines in the area of our Circolo, is being cheerfully carried out. A memo/ of all the works and all the lines follows:

AQUILA PROVINCE.

1. - Aquila Sulmona line. The operator's teams of Aquila and Sulmona, on the main route on railways, are well ahead in their work. From Aquila 8 telegraph wires start; of which, two branch at S. Gregorio towards Barisciano: six wires go to Fagnano Scalo, from where, two wires go to Avezzano, and the others four to Sulmona.

2. - Aquila Rieti line. Four telegraph wires are ready. An operators' team is placing another two wires from Antrodoto to Aquila, for a future telegraph link Aquila-Rome (Rieti area). For the other trunk Antrodoto-Rieti, two wires can be made use of for the present, which are already available. They come from Rieti, and branch, at Antrodoto, towards Posta.

3. - Fagnano Scalo-Avezzano line. The Chief of Squad Graziani, as soon as the work, is finished, will carry out the supervision of the trunk Rocca di Mezzo-Fagnano Scalo, which is practically undamaged.

4. - Avezzano-Collalto Sabino Line. The line from Avezzano to 3 Kms beyond Borgocollefegato (Ponte Ospedale) is already repaired. Two telegraph and two telephone circuits are ready. From Ponte Ospedale to Collalto the work of reactivation is being speedily carried out, because the line is in fairly good condition.

5. - Rivio S. Gregorio-Barisciano-Capestrano-Bussi S. Giovanni. Two telegraph cables up to S. Pio delle Camere are ready.

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The work of reactivation on the line from Capestrano to Busi Scalo is being carried out. For the trunk S. Pio-Capestrano, we will, if it is possible, try to make use of another line, because from S. Pio to Capestrano all our poles are missing.

6. - Sulmona-Casteldisangro line. It is ready up to Pettorano. The work beyond Pettorano could not be carried on, because the ground up to Casteldisangro is mined.

7. - The work of reactivation on the line from Goriano to Pescara-Trasacco-Avezzano has been carried on.

8. - For about a week, work is being carried on to repair the line from Bivio Pandenza (Cittaducale) to Piamignano Borgocolleferato.

9. - Aquila-Montecale-Amatrice-Accumoli-Ascoli Piceno Line. It is ready up to the limit of the Circolo di Sulmona (Accumoli) area. Only the two telegraph cables Aquila-Pizzoli, which actually are a military telephone link Aquila-Montorio must be released.

10. - As soon as the recovery of the bronze wire in the area of Fucine (Avezzano) is finished, an operators' team will carry on the work in Avezzano, Trasacco, Pescara, Goriano Sicoli.

TERAMO PROVINCE

1. - Aquila-Teramo. It is ready. The Tino Company must place at the two extremities of the telephone circuit, only the transformers for putting again into operation the Aquila-Teramo telegraph circuit.

2. - Teramo-Giulianova line and Teramo-Notaresco-Atri line. An operators' team has carried on the work in Teramo. Another operators' team is working from Teramo up to Notaresco Stazione. A third one is working from ~~xxxxxx~~ Giulianova towards Teramo, and a fourth one has begun to work from Atri towards Notaresco Stazione.

3. - Teramo - Penne line. It is ready. We are awaiting for the Military Authorities to return the wires, of which they are actually making use, in order to reactivate the

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Teramo-Penne telegraph service.

4. - Line from Penne towards Chieti. An operators' team has begun to work from Penne towards Chieti.

CHIETI AND PESCARA PROVINCES.

1. - Pescara Chieti Line. An operators' team is already working to repair the Pescara-Chieti wire.

2. - Chieti - Sulmona Line. The work of a second operators' team has been carried out up to S. Valentino Station. They are being carried on towards Torre Passeri.

3. - Chieti-Guardagrele-Lanciano Line. An operators' team has already repaired two telegraph wires from Chieti to Buccinico. A second one, has already reactivated the trunk Guardagrele-Crocetta (towards Lanciano) Actually they are working on the trunk Guardagrele-Buccinico.

4. - Lanciano - Crocetta - Casoli. An operators' team is working to repair the line, placing as many wires as possible.

5. - We have issued orders concerning the commencement of the work on the trunks S. Vito-Lanciano and S. Vito-Vasto.

6. - The linemen of Torricella Peligna, Lama Peligna, Atesa, Bomba and Villa S. Maria, cannot work with the operators' teams, because of the distance from their residence. They have already received orders, in order to prepare, each one on the own trunk, almost one telegraph circuit.

DATE OF REACTIVATION OF TELEGRAPH SERVICES.

It is not easy to indicate the date of reactivation of the several telegraph connections. But we can inform you of the following: 3542

1. - Aquila-Rieti telegraph connection. All is ready. It is only requested that the Rieti Office agree with the Aquila Office in order to begin the telegraph service, if Rieti has already received permission from A.M.C. for the said telegraph reactivation.

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2. - Aquila-Teramo telegraph connection. We must beg the Tino Company to place the transformers at the extremities of the Aquila-Teramo telephone circuit. Afterwards, the Aquila-Teramo telegraph connection will be able to resume working.
3. - Aquila-Sulmona telegraph connection. Within the next week the telegraph service can be reactivated.
4. - Teramo-Chieti telegraph connection. The service will be reactivated as soon as the Military Authorities return the civil service a wire for the Penne Route.
5. - Teramo-Penne telegraph connection. See para 4.
6. - Aquila-Avezzano telegraph connection. The telegraph service will be reactivated within the first 15 days of October.
7. - Chieti-Sulmona and Chieti-Pescara telegraph connection. We cannot give exact information. We hope that, within the month of October, we can reactivate the telegraph service.
8. - For the telegraph connections: Aquila-Roma-Chieti-Roma-Pescara-Roma-Teramo-Roma, and possible Sulmona-Avezzano-Roma, it is necessary to try to make use of the Rieti route (if Rieti linked with Rome). Afterwards, we will make use again of the usual route of Collalto Sabino, as soon as the Circolo di Roma will have ready the wires Roma to Orvinio, and from Orvinio to Collalto Sabino.
At the same time with these main interprovincial and provincial telegraph connections, and with the connections between Rome and the Chief-places of Province, we will take care of the progressive telegraph connection between all the offices and their Chief places of Province.

It is however, necessary to consider the contingences, which always hinder the best plans. The hindrances are dependent on:

1. - The too great a distance from the residence of the operators' team to the place where the work is ^{being} carried out. The operators' teams of the Avezzano zone are working at a distance of 20 Kms. from Avezzano, and they must cover this distance, in the morning and evening, by bicycle or on foot. The same is for the gangs of Chieti and of Teramo.

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2. - The extra bread-ration has not arrived. Therefore the workmen are obliged to eat only 200 grs. of bread every day.

3. - According to the above it is clear that their work is not as good as it might be. I have written to H.E., the Prefetto of Chieti and of Teramo in order to obtain a truck, for the gangs.

Colonel;

The work actually carried on, is very great. The gangs are working very well, notwithstanding many privations. Next Monday I will have at my disposal a truck. Therefore we assure you that I will go to the place of the gangs, in order to carry on supervision, and hasten the work.

My kindest regards and best wishes.

The Director
(Dott. Guido Mangini)

PS. To day I have agreed with Doctor Colella, in order to definitely arrange the Sulmona-Popoli telephone circuit.

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Communications S.C.

TO : C.S.O. 1 Dist.
 FROM : H.Q. A.M.G. Abruzzi-Marche Region
 SUBJECT : Ascoli
 REF : R5/517/1

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Date 29 Sept. 1944

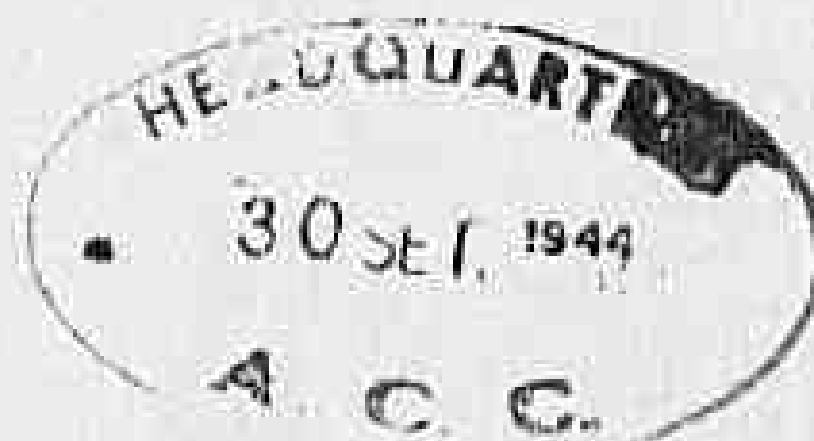
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1. Ref. my letter R5/517/1 of 20 Sept. addressed
 1 Coy 2 Air Fan Sigs (copy to you) and attached copy
 of that unit's 294 A. of 20 Sept.

2. In view of the removal of obstacles, it is
 proposed to straighten out the situation at Ascoli and
 to lead Circolo and T.I.M.O. routes into the town via
 their routes. It is presumed that you have no objections.

3. There will of course be no use by civilians of
 these lines which will be connected to the T.I.M.O.
 civil exchange for military use as required.

For Regional Commissioner



G.W. Cumming

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 Lt. Col. R. Signal
 Communications Officer

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SUBJECT : Line Maint.Comms. Offr. 5 Region AMG.

25 SEPT. 1944

1. 6 Constr Sec has been put at 24 hrs notice to be posted to another coy.

In order to reduce line maint, certain RAF cots on civilian routes must be given up.

2. I hope to be able on the dates shown to free for civilian use, or such use as you direct, the following routes:

23 Sept.: ASCOLI - SERVIGLIANO . Three state cots (one telephone and two pairs of telegraph cots).

ASCOLI - PORTO D'ASCOLI: Four T.I.M.O. cots.
3 Oct. :SERVIGLIANO - MACERATA. Three state cots.
SERVIGLIANO - FERMO. Two T.I.M.O. cots.

3. These routes which in most cases contain other cots capable of repair, have up to now been maintained largely by civilian linemen under the supervision of this coy.

If you decide to continue maint, would you arrange to take over from Capt. Hoyland (Air Fmn Sigs Ascoli) direct?

4. S.A.A.S. are not interested in cots south of Macerata.

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Maj R. Sigs ³⁵³⁸
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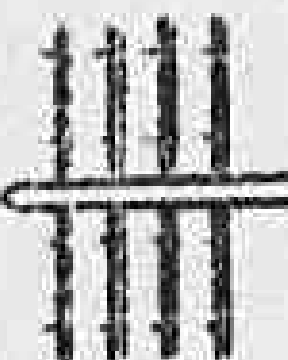
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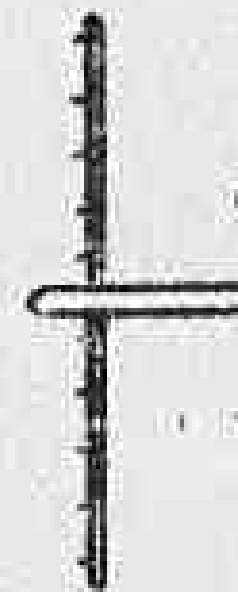
To: C.S.O. 1 District.
 From: H.Q. A.M.G. Region 5
 Subject: TIMO route : Porto D'Ascoli - Ancona.
 Ref: R5/517/1
 Date: 21 Sept. 44



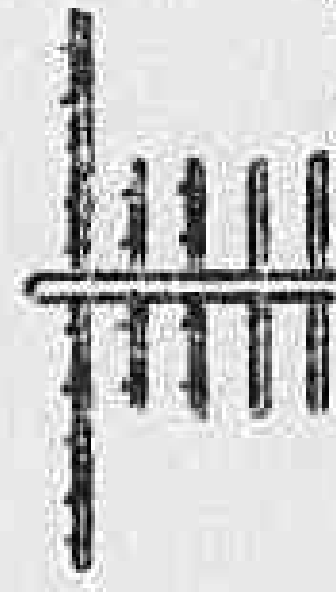
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- 3) The four-arm frames have been replaced on the poles below the ten-^{ten}pair arm, between Porto D'Ascoli and Grottemare (B8988) by 1 Coy. 2 Air Formation Sigs, and at odd points between Grottemare and Ancona by other units.



- 4) Only the top two arms of the frame have been used by Signals and it is requested that TIMO may be permitted to replace the brackets where not already done, and to rewire the bottom two arms throughout between Porto D'Ascoli and Ancona. It would be understood, of course that any interference with existing Army or Air Force circuits by TIMO linemen would result in the withdrawal of the permission.

For Regional Commissioner

G.W. GUMMING

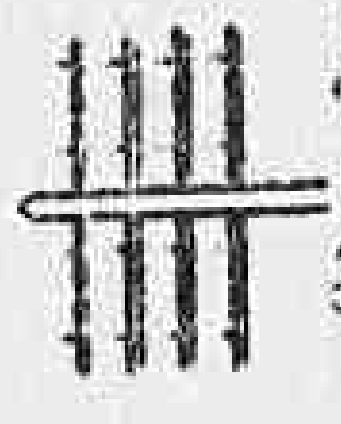
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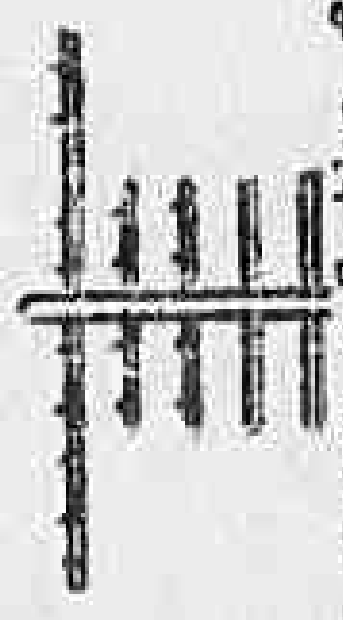
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Revised 22/9/44

TO: 1 Coy 2 Air Formation Signals
 FROM: H.Q. A.M.G. Reg. 5
 SUBJECT: Test points at Post Offices
 REF: R5/517/1
 DATE: 20 Sept. 44

Director	Don
Chief, Teramo	
Chief, Rome	
H. Q. Civil O.	
Asst. Chief Postal	
Chief, Rome	
Chief, Rome	

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As a result, the work of rehabilitation of the civil telegraph service which has already been authorized in Teramo Province, and which is expected shortly in Ascoli has been somewhat handicapped.

2. At Ascoli in particular, the telegraph route towards the coast is in good condition, but it cannot be utilised as the route is in use by you from the town to a point about two miles out (The attached diagram illustrates the position) The TIMO outlets can carry everything you want and it is therefore requested, if you wish to retain a test point in Ascoli, that you will use TIMO outlets, and move your test point to the TIMO building.

3. In Teramo, where by your 294 of 2 Sept. three pairs going South were given up by you, your test point is still at the Post Office, and the employees there have instructions, presumably from you, not to touch it. I have taken one of the pairs for A.M.G. (not civil) use between Teramo and Chieti. I gather that you are still using the other two. I should like this test point also removed to TIMO and I suggest that any testing there can be done by the TIMO mechanic on the spot, instead of you having to send one of your linemen from Ascoli to Teramo to alter a connection.

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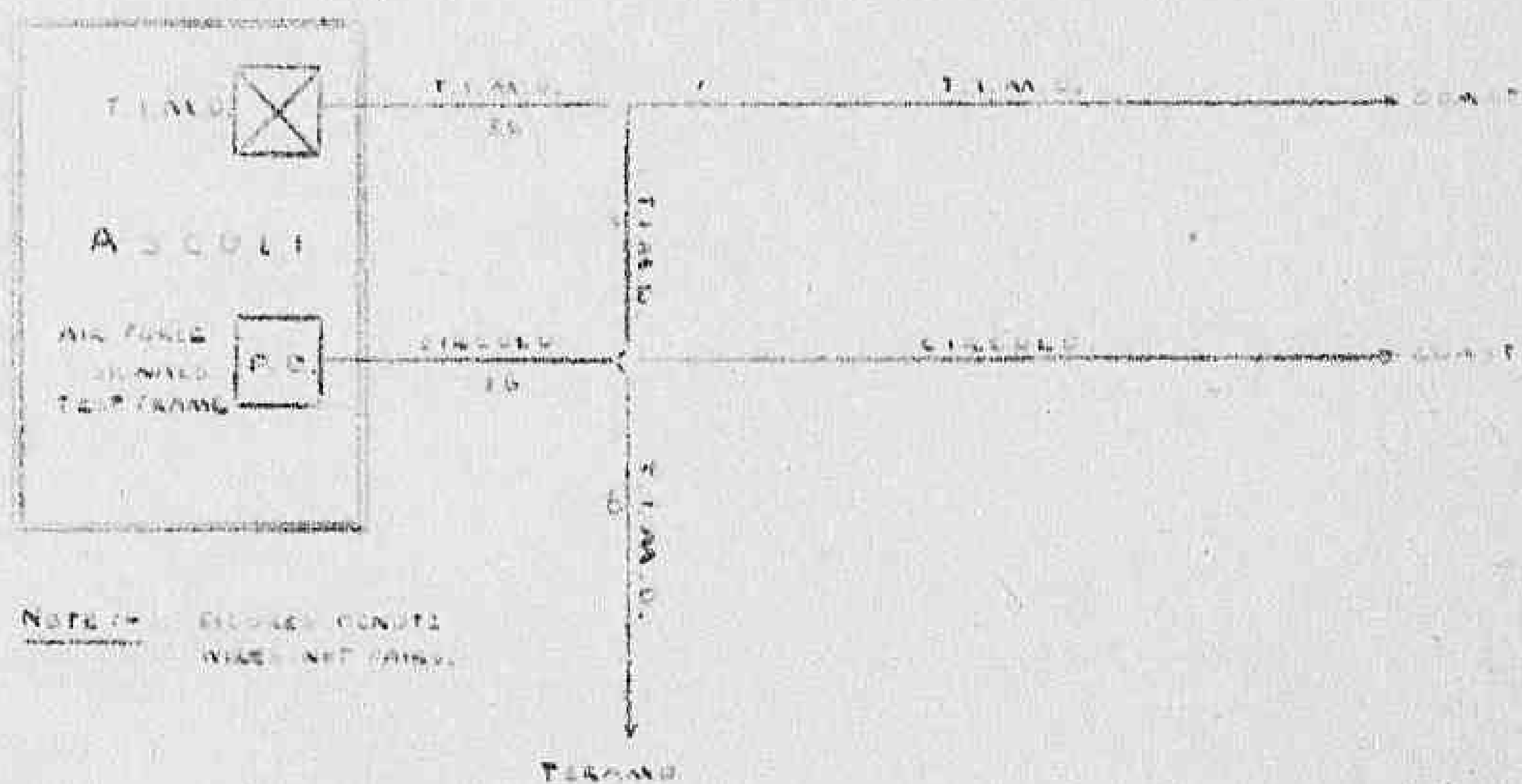
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
AFO 394
Telephone 489081 Ext. 555

22nd September, 1944

In reply
refer to: CS/4/29/25

Subject : Pescara and District.

To : Regional Commissioner, Region V.
Att: Lt. Col. G.W. Cumming.

24.

Reference your MS/517/1 of 11th September, 1944
(received late).

1. The proposals in your above quoted letter are satisfactory.

2. One point to be borne in mind is that inter-provincial service between the Provinces you mentioned is permitted only to "Official" users, though telephone service within the province is permitted to ordinary civilians.

3. "Official" users are those authorised by the Prefect, or, where there is no Prefect in the town, by the Head of the Carabinieri.

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

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Communications Signal
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TO: C.S.O. 1 Dist
FROM: HQ. AMG. Region 5
SUBJECT: Pescara and district
REF: R5/517/1
DATE: 11 Sept. 1944

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HEADQUARTERS
15 SEP 1944
A. C. C.

1- Owing to the closing down Pescara Signals exchange and the abandonment of Air Formation Signals of their Pescara-Te-ramo-Ascoli circuits, I propose to do the following:-

- a) Establish civil exchanges at Pescara and Popoli.
- b) Take the present military subscribers. (C.M.P., L.C.O., and AMG) on to the Pescara board, also the two trunks RCO 600 and RCO 502 now connecting the above to Ortona, and the abandoned Air Formation circuits above-mentioned.
- The two lines Ortona-Pescara Air Port and Ortona-Pescara Aquila will be left strapped through at Pescara as at present.
- c) Repair cuts Pescara-Unieti, Chieti-Popoli and Popoli-Aquila, for connection to the civil boards at these places.

2- Will you please say whether you agree.

I have discussed 1 (b) with the Signalmaster at Ortona and he raised no objections.

FOR REGIONAL COMMISSIONER

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CS/4/29.

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To: Communications Sub-Commission ACC. *23*
 From: HQ. AMG. Region V
 Subject: Hand-over of Campobasso and Foggia Provinces.
 Ref: R.5/517/I
 Date: 11 Sept.44

A conference was arranged between Capt. Bridgeman of Southern Region, Sig. Virgili and myself at Campobasso on 9 Sept.

The situation in Campobasso and Foggia was discussed and I handed over such diagrams as were available. I have arranged also to let ^{Capt. Bridgeman} him have relevant extracts from my periodic reports to you to bring him into the picture.

FOR REGIONAL COMMISSIONER

G. W. CUMMING
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Lt.Col. R. Signals

Communications Officer

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Translation

Ref. 910/H.3

Rome, September 12th 44

In answer to : CS/4/29

TO THE ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
COMMUNICATIONS SUB COMMISSION

Subject: Telgraph situation - Region V

1) We thank you for ~~the~~ Major Cumming's report, concerning the telegraph situation of the Region V

All the information concerning the said region is most important for us because we are ignorant of the present situation generally.

2) With regard to the request for zinc and sulphate of copper, we will take care of it: but we inform you that such stores are scarce. Your support on the matter was required by our letter 604707/F.3 dated May 22nd. Also after the liberation of other Italian regions, the situation is bad, and your interest on the matter is always necessary.

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE.

see 19.

DIRECTOR.	<i>[Signature]</i>
D. DIRECTOR.	<i>[Signature]</i>
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SEGRETERIA

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Risposta al N°

Alla COMMISSIONE AILETA DI CONTROLLO
Posts and Telecommunications
Sub-Commission A F C 394OGGETTO: Situazione tele-
grafonica nella Regione V°.

1° - Si ringrazia per la cortese comunicazione del rap-
porto del Magg. Cumming sulla situazione telegrafonica
nella Regione V°.

Tutte le notizie concernenti quella zona sono per
noi preziose, perchè si è generalmente all'oscuro del-
la situazione attuale.

2° - Per quanto concerne la deficienza di zinchi e sol-
fato di rame, si cercherà di provvedere, ma si fa pre-
sente che la deficienza di zinchi è generale. Al riguar-
do si era richiesto il cortese appoggio di codesta Com-
missione con il nostro foglio 604707/F.3 del 22 maggio
u.s. Anche dopo la liberazione di altre parti d'Italia
la situazione è rimasta cattiva e l'interessamento di
codesta Commissione è quanto mai necessario.

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

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dell'8/9/44

OGGETTO: Rapporto del Magg. Cumming
Regione V°.

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CENSORE

CHIEF CLERK

Recd 13/9/44

Alla COMMISSIONE ALIATA di CONTROLLO
Posts And Telecommunications
Sub-Commission

R O M A

1° - Si ringrazia per la segnalazione e per l'estratto
del rapporto del Magg. Cumming.

2° - Copia dell'estratto è stata inviata al Ministero
dell'Interno per un tempestivo intervento presso il Pre-
fetto di Campobasso, ed alla TIMO per opportuna cono-
scenza.

II SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

TRANSLATION

- 1) Information and extract from Major Cumming's report, have been appreciated.
- 2) A copy of the extract has been forwarded to the Ministry of the Interior for opportune action to be taken with the Prefetto of Campobasso, and to the TIMO for information.

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. ARMY.

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CU-1107

11 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Campobasso Provincia.

TO : Advanced Headquarters ACC, APO 394.
(Attn. Director, Communications Sub-Commission.)

1. The writer met Lt. Col. Cumming in Campobasso Saturday 9th. September 1944.
2. Lt. Col. Cumming turned over numerous drawings and requirements for Campobasso and Foggia Provinces. Also a brief outline regarding the most important cities.
3. An inspection was made of the telephone and telegraph offices. The local telephone exchange is in operation and appeared to be well managed. The telegraph office was clean and reported ready for operation.
4. It was suggested to the Director, of the Telephone Co., to restore all telephone lines possible within the Province and where practicable simplex the lines for telegraph. It was also suggested where there was a demand for local service to place the exchange in service. There are 49 TIMO local exchanges in Campobasso Province.

DIRECTOR

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REMARKS

Hon

John A. Bridgeman
JOHN A. BRIDGEMAN
Capt. AUS.
Telecomm. Officer
Southern Region ACC.

Recd 12.9.44.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Telephone 489081 Ext. 555

In reply
refer to: CS/4/29/19

9th September, 1944

Subject : Aquila - Rieti Circuit.

Dear Cusning,

When speaking to Capt. Tew, C.S.O., I. of D. office,
I found that a phantom on the above route was going spare and
I asked for it. Tew asked 1 District to allocate it to us.

You have probably heard from CSO 1 District that
this has now been allocated, but anyway I enclose an extract
from his Memo. Will this mean two Aquila - Rieti ccts. now?

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

Incl: Extract from 1 District letter.

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Main Hq. A.A.I.
X/21/86
7 Sept. 44

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Extract from letter of No. 1 District.

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

(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 489081 Ext. 555

8th September, 1944

In reply
refer to: CS/1/29/18

Subject : Report from Major Cumming - Region V.

To : Under-Secretary of State for P.D.T.

1. An extract from a report is enclosed. Perhaps
TIMO may be informed regarding the excellent work of Sig.
Virgili.
2. Can anything be done regarding the last part of
paragraph 3 of the report?

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

Incl: Extract of report of 28th August, 1944

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C O P Y

Extract of Report of 28th August

Regarding Virgili. I cannot speak too highly of him. Although he is the local TIMO director and his TIMO work should in his own interests have come first, he has given preference to the needs of the province as a whole. He has had no assistance whatever from Caldarola of Circolo, Foggia, except that the latter at my insistence placed the Campobasso Circolo men at Virgili's disposal. Since Region H.Q. and Army Signals left Campobasso, Virgili has not had the assistance of any army transport and has been doing colossal distances on a bicycle. In a mountainous region like Campobasso the difficulty can be imagined. He has made repeated applications to the Prefect for the allocation of transport, without success. When I was at Campobasso a few days ago, I dictated a fairly strong letter to the Prefect for signature by the Provincial Commissioner stating that he (the Prefect) would find difficulty in administering his Province without efficient communications, and that he was not likely to get it unless he provided assistance in the form of a requisitioned car or preferably a small truck for Virgili's use - not for Virgili's himself but for the transport of men and material. Can pressure be brought to bear on the Prefect?

G.W. Cumming
Major Signals
Communications Officer

To:

From:

Subject:

Ref:

Date:

Communications Sub Commission A.C.C.

H.Q. A.M.G. Region 5

Campobasso

R5/517/1

28 August 44

Ref your CS/4/29/6 of 15 August 44

This has been answered in my letter of to-days date (copy attached) in reply to your CS/4/29/8 of 16 August 44.

(1)

(2)

I wish to say also that the additional circuits mentioned in my even number of 14 August - your ref CS/4/29/4 were discussed by C.S.O. No 2 District. These may fall into our laps in the course of the next few weeks. Virgili of TIMO Campobasso can man the exchanges and can also maintain the lines. Maintenance is being carried out by Italian military personnel at present on the Campobasso - Foggia and Campobasso - Termoli lines. Virgili must have two trucks for this work and since some of the circuits are to be retained by the army, they might reasonably be expected to provide transport.

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For Regional Commissioner

DIRECTOR

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G. W. CUMMING

Major R. Signels

Communications Officer

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To. Communications Sub Commission A.C.C.

From. H.Q. A.M.G. Region 5

Subject. Campobasso - Telegraphs

Ref. RS/517/1

Date. 28 August 44

Ref your CS/4 29/8 of 16 August 44

- (1) Although the above arrived after my departure for the South, I had it on my programme for discussion with C.S.O. No 2 District, the Director of Telegraphs at Campobasso and Virgili of TIMO Campobasso. The latter is acting in charge of Circolo repair in that Province.

Doubtful

- (2) A. Campobasso - Benevento
 B. Vinchiasturo (H432) Isernia - Venafro - Virgili had tested and found them no longer in use by the army. C.S.O. No 2 District said that we could be have any unused circuits there, so Virgili was instructed to see what could be done. He expects to get one or two telephone pairs Campobasso - Isernia - Venafro. This will also provide telegraph channels.
 C. Campobasso - Larino - Termoli. Virgili has finished 6 telegraph circuits Campobasso - Larino, and 2 telegraph circuits Campobasso to a point 4 Kms from Termoli. He wants enough 200 lb Copper to give him four wires ie:- 16 Km of copper wire to complete this job. This will provide telephone and telegraph outlets. (Perhaps I can pilfer this from my Aquila - Pescara store)

- (3) Virgili with his own men and Circolo men has been getting on with the job. He has completed telegraph circuits from Campobasso to the following places:-

Campolieto	Casacalenda	Larino	Monacilioni
Rifabottoni	Providenti	San Martino	Portocannone

In a few days there will be connected:-

Montagone	Matrice	San Biase	Ripalimosano
Montorio			

And later:-

Guglionesi	Campomarino
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There are more instruments ready for connection at these places.
 The above are all in the rough direction Campobasso - Termoli. In addition he has completed telephone circuits Campobasso - Matrice and Campobasso - Montagone.

For Regional Commissioner

Y. G. GUMING

Major R. Signals
 Communications Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Telephone 489061 Ext. 555

8th September, 1944

In reply
refer to: CS/4/29/16

Subject : Circuits in Region V Area.

Dear Cumming,

1. Col. Henderson mentioned that you required some information about circuits affecting other Regions as well as your own. I sent you a copy of a letter on 15th August which you may not have received so am enclosing another copy.
2. You will see therein that I assumed you were dealing entirely with Aquila - Rieti cts. (para 2 of my letter of 15th August). As regards the Rome - Rieti cts, Hawker and I will deal with them probably as far as Rieti.
3. You will see from para. 5 of my letter of 15th August that I am getting pin positions from Tivoli to Avezzano for some circuits and leaving the remaining parts of the cts., to you.
4. Rome Circolo will build out to Rieti, and from Rome to Collalto - on the Avezzano route. I shall let you know the Collalto - Avezzano pin positions.
5. Regarding other telegraph and telephone routes in your area, you can build in the meantime as per diagram with my letter No. TS/4/6/25 of June 6th, 1944 (para. 3). Dr. Fano is supplying me in two or three days with a partly revised list, but this will not alter the old diagram much.
I shall then apply to L. of C. for pin positions on circuits from Rome into your area (excluding those already dealt with) and leave circuits within your area to yourself. Before I do so, I shall consult you again as regards circuits on which you have already reached agreement with C.S.O. 1 District.
6. Both Col. Henderson and I think it would be a good idea for you to come in here for say a couple of days to ~~see~~ ^{look} over things.
I shall be away from 14th to 19th September but before or after this would do.

Kind regards
Yours Sincerely

TO: Major Cummings Region V. A.C.C.

*Regency and Log files**Ts/4/29**15*TELECOMMS:FOGGIA:

- a. Telegraphs. Nothing. Proposals in R5/517/1 28th August - bare skeleton. Gives no outlet, unless Barletta - Bari circuit got.
- b. Telephones. Nothing.

CAMPOTASSO.

- a. Telegraphs. Not started, no instructions given. Available: C - Larino, Termoli and locals given in R5/517/1 dated 28th August. Believed available now or shortly: C - Isernia, Venafro Termoli - Vasto (Isernia), Ortona. External - Nothing May get C - Lucera, Foggia when GI B.S.A. go. May get C - Benevento.
- b. Telephones. Not started, no instructions given. Available: C - Larino, Termoli. Believed available now or shortly: as for Telegraphs. External - Nothing: as for Telegraphs.

CHIETI - PESCARA

Nothing exists. Routes under repair are:

AQUILA

AQUILA - RIETI wkg. telephone
AQUILA - ASCOLI expected in few days.

PESCARA - POPOLI - SULMONA)	) Telegraph and Telephone expected in about 14 days.
SULMONA - AVEZZANO	
SULMONA - AQUILA	
PESCARA - CHIETI	

TERAMO

Several internal circuits wkg (monthly report for August)
TERAMO - ASCOLI available telegraph.

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Most of local circuits available (S. BENEDETTO, FERMO
S. GIORGIA etc).

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Essential point is to get Telephones to Prov. Capitals.

Reg. V not in hand to get Rome - Aquila.

Equipment

Exchanges.

Campobasso, Isernia, ~~Chia~~afro, Termoli, Lanciano, Chieti (local Only)
(NB Chieti and Pescara requires S/Bd cable about 300) - OK

Pescara will be OK soon.

Sulmona one being installed (PBX)

Avezzano OK

Popoli one being installed

Aquila OK local and interurban

Teramo " " " "

Ascoli " " " "

S. Benedetto, Fermo, St. Gengie OK local and interurban.

Telephones

Most cases wheatstone receivers smashed (used for press and notices) - policy required.

Ascoli: Morse instruments OK- Hughes and Wheatstone damaged.

Teramo: OK one Wheatstone, 2 Hughes, 12 Morse.

Aquila: OK two Q " " 15 " .

Sulmona: Nothing

Popoli: OK 2 Morse only, no batteries

Pescara, & Chieti No instruments at all.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Telephone 489081 Ext. 555

7th September, 1944

In reply
refer to: CS/4/29/14

Subject : Situation Report.

To : Under-Secretary of State for PP.TT.

A report of the situation in Region V is attached.
Kindly note the last paragraph.

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

Incl: Copy of Report.

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Summary

Line Position - Region V - Extracts from Reports.

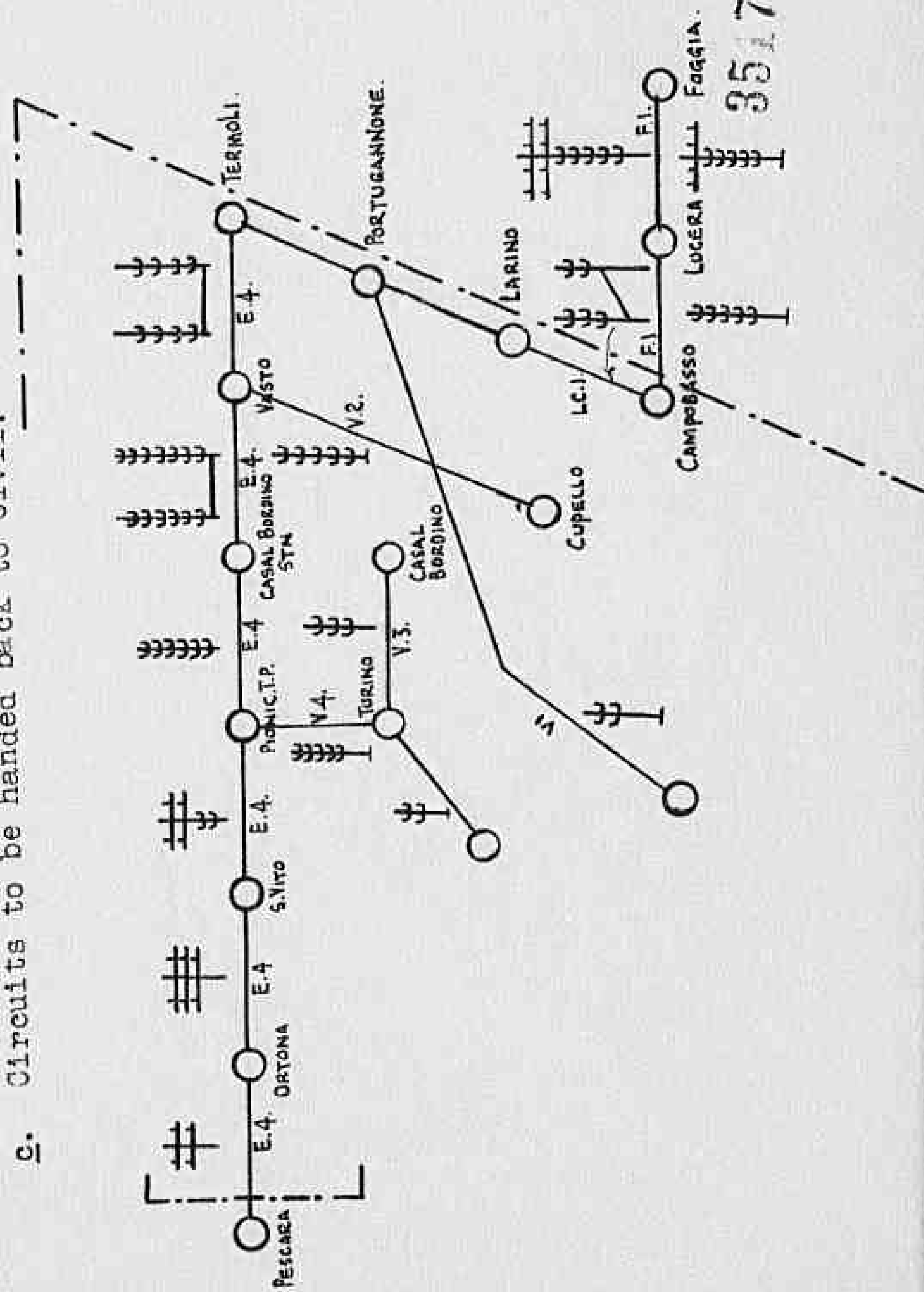
(1) No.R5/517/1 of 14th August.

- a. One cct. in use Aquila - Terni. A second to be ready in few days.
- b. Two military ccts. to be run from Aquila via Barisciano, Navelli, Capestrano, and Bussi to Pescara, or else via the rail-way to Raiano, by road to Popoli, then by rail to Pescara. For speed, they may pick up the second aluminin. pair from Raiano to Pescara.

Final Project	Army		Civilian	
	Telephone	telegraph	Telephone	Telegraph
Aquila - Terni	2	1	1	-
" - Teramo	1	-	1	-
" - Pescara	2	1	1	-

Also, a few telegraphs will be put through for civilian use.

c. Circuits to be handed back to Civil: . . .



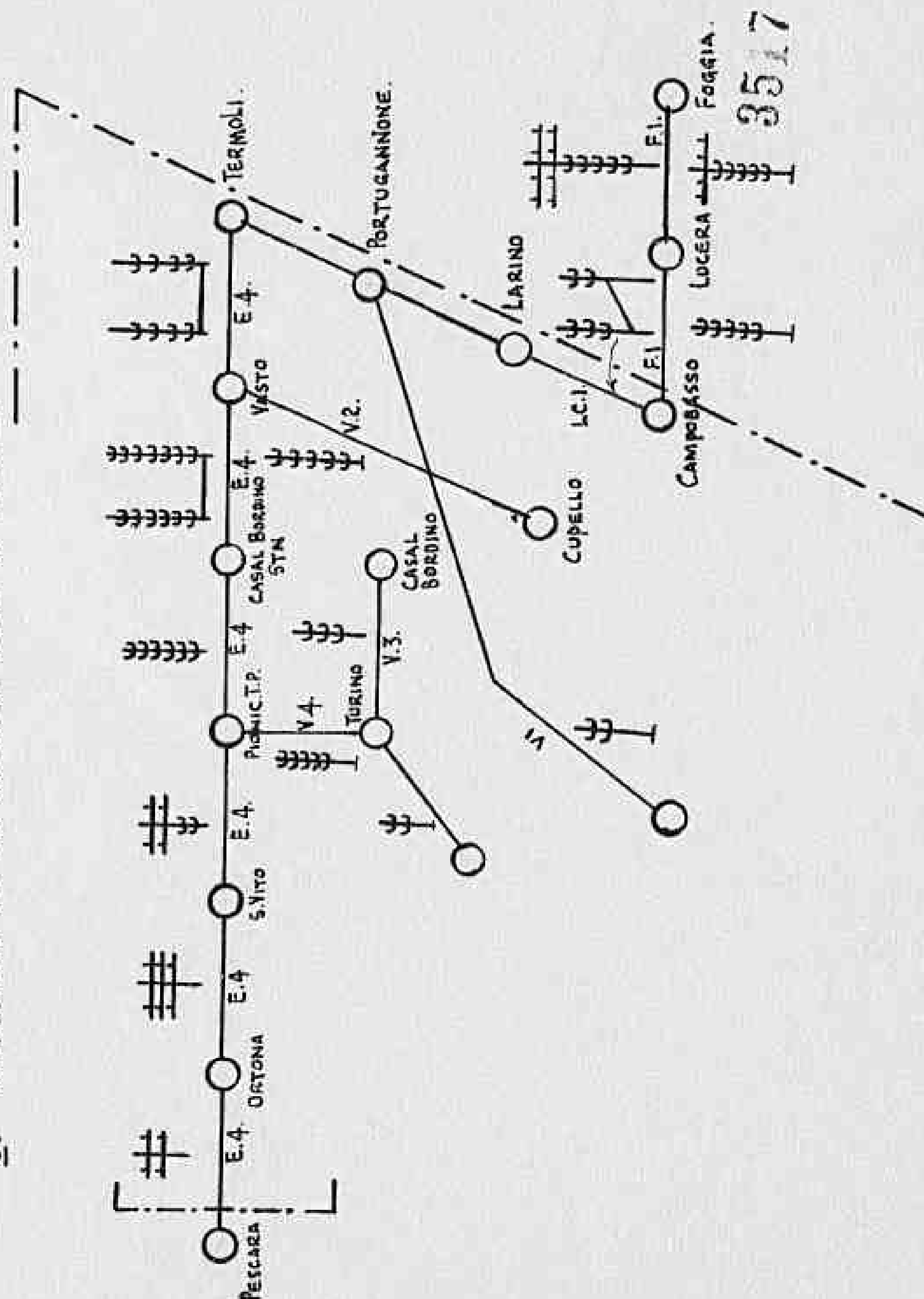
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g. Circuits to be handed back to Civil:



To be handed back to Civil
less a few ccts: E4/ also LCI, FI VI to V5 for ^{Maintenance} ~~keep~~ only.

(2) No. R5/517 of 23th Aug. (file TS/4/20)

a. CSO 2 District agreed to following, to be confirmed officially:

Foggia	- Barletta	1 pair (perhaps a second)
"	- S. Severo	1 pair
"	- Lucera	1 pair
"	- Benevento	Doubtful but would consult
"	- Manfredonia	L. of C.
"		Impossible at present.

b. CSO had no objections to use of harmonica on Bari - Foggia cct. Lt. Fiori will enquire re availability of 3 channel carrier equipment of Italian Army which worked from Bari southwards.

(3) No. R5/517/1 of 28th August (file CS/4/29)

a. Ccts. in para 1 (c) may be received in a few weeks.

b. Campobasso - Benevento - very doubtful.

c. Vinchiature - Isernia - Venafro: CSO 2 District told Major Cumming he could have any ccts not in use, so he took these ccts. Circolo will provide telegraph channels.

d. Campobasso - Larino - Termoli: Six telegraph ccts. Campobasso - Larino done and 2 telegraphs Campobasso to a point 4 Kms. from Termoli.

e. A number of telegraph or telephone provincial ccts. connected.

(4) No R5/517/1 of 30 August (file CS/4/61)

a. Rieti - Aquila - Sulmona - Pescara project: Complete and ready for wiring from Aquila to Raiano and between Sulmona and Popoli.

Test point to be made at Popoli and small exchange installed. Two telephone pairs Popoli - Sulmona to be completed in 2 weeks.

b. 6 high frequency terminal available - three installed at Campobasso. Suggested others be installed at Termoli, Isernia, and Benevento.

c. Several telegraph ccts. completed in Teramo province.

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CAMPOBASSONotes:

- (1) Some months ago could not find trace of any telephone connections direct from Campobasso to Naples (Military ccts.) Region V communications were being routed via Foggia - Bari-Naples.
- (2) Asked therefore for pin positions and got them.
- (3) When troops left Campobasso area recently, I asked on 26th August for Military line to Benevento, intending to rehabilitate from there to Campobasso. Was turned down (See flag 1.)
- (4) Wrote 1 District on 30th August asking for release of Campobasso cct. either to Naples, Benevento, or Foggia. No reply. (see flag 2)
- (5) Cumming tried to get a Campobasso - Benevento but this is doubtful (flag 6.)

FOGGIA

- (1) Cumming has made repeated attempts with No.2 District to get circuit from Bari to Foggia without success.
- (2) On 14th August was promised several ccts. (see Flag 3) but no Foggia - Bari ccts. Could possibly get from Campobasso to Chieti however but long way round.
- (3) On 7th August asked Cumming to get Foggia - Bari cct. etc. (Flag 4).
- (4) Reply 26th August - No use Bari - Foggia but perhaps Foggia - Benevento. (Flag 5)
- (5) At same time as (3) asked Cumming by telephone to obtain permission for use of harmonica on Foggia - Bari cct, if no line could be given up. In report of (4) above he said CSO 2 District had no objection. Wrote CSO 3 District on 30th August (Flag 2 again) asking for no. of cct. etc.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Telephone 489051 Ext. 555

30th August, 1944

In reply
refer to: CS/4/29/11

Subject : Ancona A.M.C. Telephone Communications.

To : Regional Commissioner, Region V.
Att: Major Cumming.

It is not known whether you have the following information (passed to this HQ by 1 District.), but it is sent herewith in case it should not be available.

Numbers on 61 Area Exchange.

Provincial Commissioner	Lt. Col. H.H. Nickols	95
" Officer	Major C.J. Maunder	96
Police	Major G.W. Manifold	97
Officers Mess		207
Supplies	Capt Kelly	226
Supplies		60
Supply Officer		56

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

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TRANSLATION BY SELME -

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File Reg V

Yard

GENERAL LIST OF THE INSTALLATIONS
OF THE CROUP IN LIBERATED TERRITORIES.

A) + URBAN EXCHANGE.

PERUGIA + The urban exchange, seriously damaged by Germans during their retreat is going to be restored. Original capacity: 2200 numbers: it will be possible to reactivate 1200 numbers within the first ten days of August. Actually the ex-urban exchange is carrying out restricted work for about 30 subscribers authorized by A.M.G. (Military and Public Authorities).

For the current restoration other personnel are not required, more than are actually employed. Afterwards for the total reactivation, it will be perhaps necessary to use the AUTELCO specialized personnel.

TERNI + All the destroyed walls have been removed, and the urban and long-distance telephone desks have been reactivated. By authorization of the local Command, it was possible to allow the use of the service to about 100 subscribers: considering the poor conditions of the circuit, and the increase of the number of the inhabitants in the city, we hope, within some months, to enable about 500 subscribers to make use again of the telephone service. Two urban positions from Terni (500 numbers) will be sent to Rieti. The roof of the building is seriously damaged: several rooms are destroyed. The roof is almost repaired, the destroyed walls have been removed, and the dispersed stores have been recovered and catalogued.

RIETI + Two positions, removed from Terni to Rieti, are going to be reactivated in order to restore the urban service, because it is impossible to make use of the original exchange (destroyed by Germans during their retreat). In August 500 numbers will be reactivated.

SPOLETO + The AUTELCO exchange (500 numbers) seriously damaged by Germans during their retreat (they have broken selectors and destroyed several machines by exploding charges), is being repaired by stores recovered from the exchange of Foligno, damaged by aerial bombardment. According to our planning the urban service of Spoleto will be reactivated in September.

Foligno: The AUTELCO automatic exchange (800 numbers) was dismantled, for fear of aerial bombardment, and decentralized, in order to avoid German

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requisition lately we make use of it for restoration of Spoleto exchange.

The automatic switch of Foligno was seriously damaged, because the room where it was, had crumbled away.

At Foligno the old manual exchange (C.B.) was put again in operation; but afterwards was hammered and damaged by Germans. The personnel and the means that it has at its disposal are not sufficient to put again into operation the Foligno exchange, and because of the large damage in the city, it would be useless, for the present, for the total reactivation of the manual exchange.

We have placed at Foligno a small PATHE exchange (100 number), certainly sufficient for urgent requirements.

The small exchange will be put in operation within a few days.

CAMERINO + The manual exchange (100 numbers) is undamaged, but the service has been temporarily suspended by order of the Authorities. We have made arrangements with the local Command, which, owing to our request has authorized the reactivation of the service.

TOLUZZO + L.B. manual exchange (100 numbers) has been damaged, breaking the cable fans. For the repairs it will require some weeks of working by specialized personnel, meanwhile we have had to substitute the damaged exchange by another, carried off from some neighbouring small town.

MACERATA
MACERATA + The L.B. manual exchange (750 numbers) has been seriously damaged by exploding charges; also the rooms have been damaged. The destroyed walls had been, at first, removed by the personnel, who were ordered to clean the rooms, to dismount the damaged machines, and to catalogue the recovered stores. That was quickly done, and after having examined the telephone desks, they were ordered to carry on the carpentry repairs; A small L.B. exchange is giving a reduced service for about 30 subscribers. Three or six months are necessary in order to put again into operation the exchange. The restoration will be made progressively. It is necessary to consider the fact that it is very difficult to find stores for substituting the damaged machines (for instance, telephone lamps).

LORETO + The L.B. manual exchange (50 numbers) has had the cable damaged, and it will be some weeks before it can be put into operation.

ANCONA + SIEMENS automatic exchange (3500 numbers). For fear of the total destruction of the exchange 3200 numbers were dismounted, in order to transport them to Bologna.

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1800 numbers were carried, but 1400 numbers could remain at the direction of the service. We have ther fore at our disposal 1700 numbers: 300 damaged by hammer strokes, and 1400 undamaged; but all Junction cables of which have been cut. The Power Station has been destroyed. Some months will be necessary for the reactivation of the jistallation, because we shall be obliged restore again all the cable circuits, and new cable will be necessary in order to susti- tute the short links, moreover it is pointed out that the number of the subscribers, in the destroyed city, will be at beginning very small and it will be possible to carry on the reactivation only progr essively. --

SENIGALLIA + The new SIEMENS automatic exchange (500 numbers) was not in operation. It was decentralized, and is not damaged at all.

OSIMO E CASTELMARTINO + The two SIEMENS automatic exchanges (350 and 100 numbers) dependent on the above exchange, are of course undamaged like Senigallia.

IVREA + SIEMENS automatic exchange. There are about 150 numbers damaged, with the power exchange; it is therefore possible to put the others again into operation.

ASCOLI PICENO + C.B. manual exchange (800 numbers); small damage; only the junction cables with the switch and the telephones desks. The damage has been repaired in a few days, and the exchange is now carrying on a regular service.

S. BENEDETTO DEL TRONTO + C.B. manual exchange. The keys and the power exchange only have been slightly damaged. It is possible to repair the damage in a few days.

PERMO + C.B. manual exchange. The pioneers have cut all the cables and the power leads; the stores are undamaged, and also the power Station. The reactivation can be made within two months. Temporarily there has been placed a small L.B. exchange (20 numbers).

FORTO SAN GIORGIO + Autelco automatic exchange (200 numbers undamaged, and reactivated. 35.1

CAMPOBASSO + L.B. manual exchange. It was serio usly damaged; but 240 numbers have put again into operation. Of which, about sixty for authorized subscribers.

LANCIANO + C.B. Manual exchange: it slightly damaged, and it is being repaired. ./.

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CHIETI + Autelco automatic exchange (800 numbers) It is damaged, but not seriously it is being repaired: But it will be possible to carry on the reactivation (with a small number of subscribers) making use of the small power exchange, dependent on Chieti-Scalo.

PESCARA + C.B. Manual exchange (2000 numbers) it has been very seriously damaged its cables and jacks have been carried away; we have not yet begun repairs, because the city is almost depopulated.

AQUILA + C.B. manual exchange: its telephone desks have been slightly damaged, and its cables cut. 600 numbers have been already put into operation, and, after other repairs, we hope it will be possible that all the numbers carry on the usual work. Rectifier of the power exchange has been carried away. For the present, we have not yet begun the repairs; only a small I.B. exchange (50 numbers) has been put again into operation.

LONG - DISTANCE EXCHANGE

PERUGIA + 6 of the 8 positions have been damaged in the keys and in the multiple. We are carrying on the reactivation, making use of the stores of Spoleto exchange (recovered after bombardment) and of two positions "A" which are decentralized.

TERNI + 6 positions only have been slightly damaged, and they have been already reactivated.

SPOLETO + 4 positions have been in part damaged, and sent to Perugia we have placed 4 positions recovered after the bombardment of Foligno.

MACERATA + see the next page.

MACERATA + only the cables of the 4 positions have been damaged therefore it will not be difficult to put into operation them.

ANCONA + There were 13 positions. 3 positions have been damaged 10 recovered. The terminal cable has been slightly damaged, but all the repeaters and the F.A. have been damaged or carried away.

ASCOLI PICENO + slight damage, already repaired.

SAN BENEDETTO DEL TRONTO + The keys of the position have been damaged.

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CAMPORASSO + Of the 4 damaged positions, one is already reactivated

CHIETI + The six long-distance positions have the keys and the cables seriously damaged as much as the urban positions.

AQUILA + It is possible to restore 6, of the 8 urban positions, with stores from the others, more damaged.

TERAMO + The cables, the keys and the jacks of the 4 long-distance positions have been seriously damaged.

EXCHANGE OF THE SMALL TOWNS.

The conditions of the switches in the small towns are different in the various places. There are small I/B. exchanges (10 numbers-for instance that one, which we have seen at Villa Potenza), at first damaged by German, and afterwards requisitioned by Italian troops there are also small exchange undamaged, or dismantled and recovered by PIMO personnel. It was till now impossible to carry into effect a "capillary" acknowledgement of the lesser installations. But we are taking care of it.

URBAN CIRCUITS.

In the towns towns heavily bombarded, as Terni, Filogno, Ancona, Pescara, Avezzano, the urban circuits have been seriously damaged. Little by little, according to circumstances, we are carrying on the acknowledgement and the recovery of all stores that it is possible to find; that is most important, in view of the fact that people are carrying away damaged stores from the ruins. In the towns not bombarded, the urban circuits are undamaged, or slightly only damaged.

LONG = DISTANCE CIRCUITS.

The damage is, mostly, heavy and large, for the following 3 reasons:

- a) - Damage done by German troops, which have thrown down or sawn poles at random.
- b) - Damage done by countrymen, who have carried away poles leads in many places.
- c) - Damage by Allied Troops, who have taken to pieces power leads and frames, in order to make use of the poles for armourings of cable or military lines.

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Owing to arrangements with Communications Board and local Authorities, it was possible to begin the reactivation of long distance services.

In Abruzzi and in southern Marche, autorization has been granted for putting again into operation for the public the long-distance service in the area of the provinces; many circuits are already in operation, especially in Ascoli province which was less damaged.

In Perugia, Foligno, Terni areas, we have obtained permission for the reactivation of some circuits (for instance, Perugia-Todi-Todi-Terni Terni-Spoleto, Terni-Rieti). The reactivation of the lines is very difficult, because we have not enough personnel means of transportation and stores.

STORES

Because we have largely decentralized, in all the stations, the storehouses and the warehouses, the most important part of the stores have avoided requisition and destruction by the Germans. The personnel were entrusted with stores and apparatus in order to avoid German requisition.

Besides it is known that here and there requisitioned by Germans have been taken by private persons; we hope, by notice and threats of punishment (that have already been made) to recover at least some of the stores.

BUILDINGS.

There are damaged buildings in bombarded towns.

TERNI: the roof is crumbled away, inner walls and doors have been damaged. FOLIGNO: the automatic exchange hall has fallen in. PESCARA inner walls and doors are damaged, SULMONA: the roof is seriously damaged. AVEZZANO: doors are seriously damaged. Here and there are also damages, as in Macerata area, done by Germans. All the damages have been temporarily restored, so that it was possible to avoid other damages to the left stores and carry on the work.

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION

Although sometimes the personnel could recover some motorcycles (as at Perugia) we are in great want, almost everywhere, of automobiles and motorcycles. In some cases, we have motorcars, but no tyres. There are no tyres for bicycles. It is plain that it is impossible to carry on acknowledgements and restorations without having at our disposal the above means in sufficient numbers, in lieu of railways.

To. Communications Sub Commission, A.C.C.

From HQ A.M.G. Region V.

Subj. Region V Communications.

Ref. RS/517/1

Date. 14 Aug 44.

Ref your CS/4/29/4 of 11 Aug 44.

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ARMY or CIVIL?
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- (b) Vasto. The military swbd will be removed.
- (c) Picnic Test Point (Sangro River). Military swbd will be removed.
- (d) San Vito. 10-line military swbd will be removed.
- (e) Ortona. Military swbd will be removed.

A diagram is attached showing the routes concerned, and it is also suggested that civil should take over the maintenance of the trunk routes Termoli - Campobasso and Campobasso - Foggia (M and LCI). I have to see an officer of 15 L. of C. Sigs at Vasto re taking over the exchanges. I will see Virgili of TIMO, Campobasso, and Caldarola of Circolo, Foggia, re telephone arrangements and maintenance of lines respectively. (over).

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As regards the latter, I foresee the familiar transport difficulty. Caldarola is somewhat of an office man, and does not make use of the available transport to get around. For example, despite many invitations, he never took advantage of the truck which went from Campobasso to Foggia, through Lucera, and returned, three times weekly.

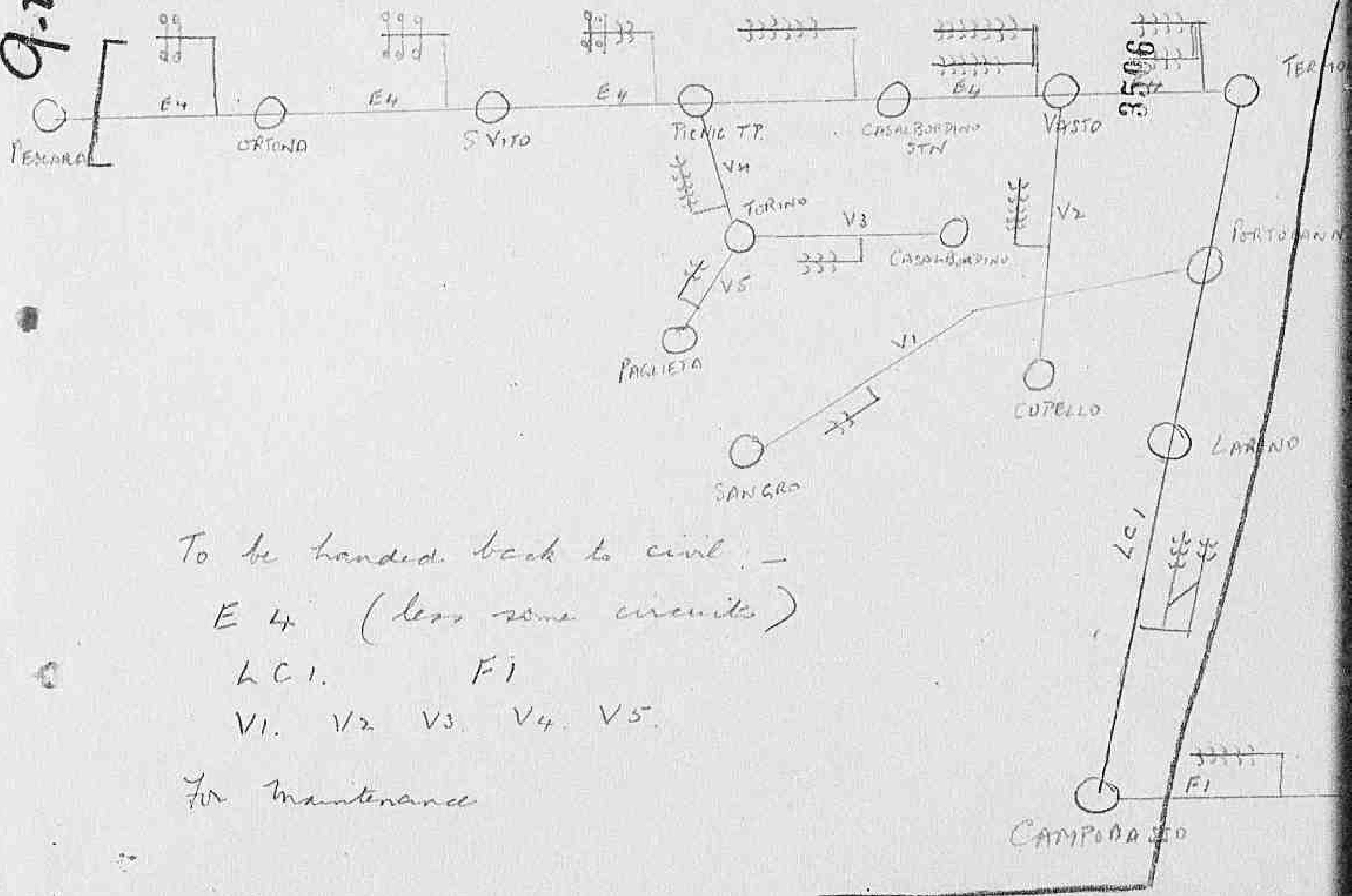
For Regional Commissioner.

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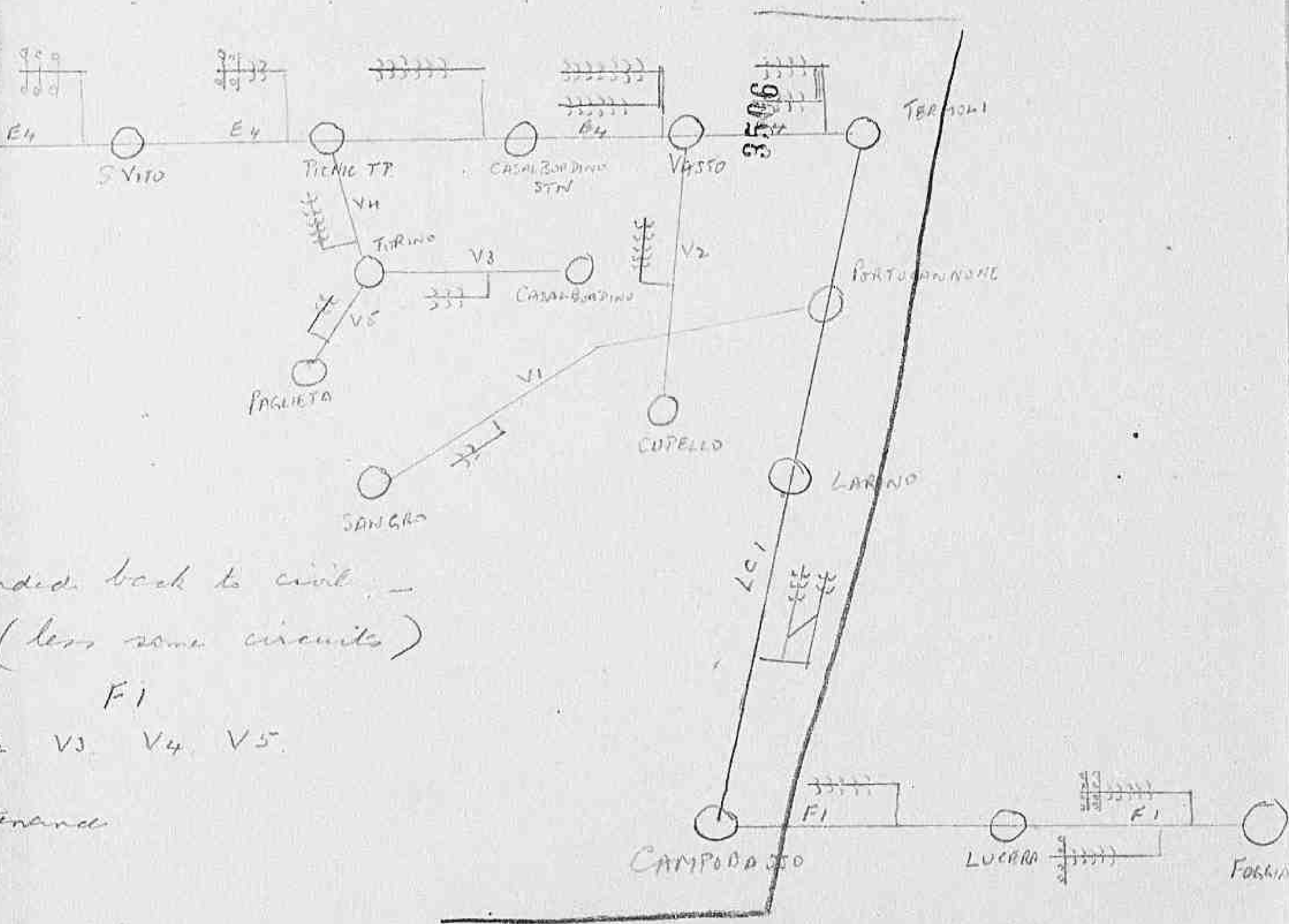
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Telephone 489081 Ext. 555

16th August, 1944

In reply
refer to: CS/4/29/8

Subject : Telegraph Circuits.

To : Regional Commissioner, Region V.
Att: Major Cumming.

1. The Under-Secretary of State for Telecommunications and Posts has just requested that the following telegraph circuits be supplied as first priority after Foggia circuits.

Campobasso - Benevento	3 ccts.
" - Isernia	3 "
" - Larino - Termoli	2 "

2. Please do what you can with C.S.O. No.2 District to provide these circuits, and let this Sub-Commission know the result.

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

see 12, 6, 4, 9 3505

Translation by Petrigan

REFERENCE: 515795/5100

ROME, August 8th 44

TO THE ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
COMMUNICATIONS SUB COMMISSION.SUBJECT: Telegraph urgent communications in Abruzzo e Molise region
(first time) .

With our 602975 dated 7th April 44, a scheme was forwarded, of telegraph and telephone communications necessary for the Italian Govt in Central Italy.

On the other hand in view of the present general situation, this Ministry eagerly looks forward to the problem of connecting as soon as possible the Abruzzi and Molise to the existing telegraph and telephone network. As a result of this, main cities and other important towns would be connected to Rome and Naples at least by telegraph, as the enclosed drawing no. 3 tav. I shows.

Perfecting the said scheme, the attached project has been compiled.

The project states:

1) - Reactivation of Communications in Campobasso Province as follows:

<i>Referred to the Commission</i>	(a) Campobasso - Benevento	3 circuits
	(b) Campobasso - Isernia	3 circuits
	(c) Campobasso - Larino - Termoli	2 circuits

2) - Reactivation of connections in the area north of Campobasso Province as follows:

<i>Referred to the Commission addition of strength these connections will be given priority</i>	(d) Rome - Avezzano	1 circuit
	(e) Rome - Avezzano - Sulmona	3 circuits
	(f) Sulmona - Chieti - Pescara - Teramo	3 circuits
	(g) Sulmona - Aquila	2 circuits
	(h) Isernia - Sulmona	3 circuits
	(i) Chieti - Pescara	2 circuits

Although the last area has not yet been handed over to the jurisdiction of the Italian Govt, it is however found opportune to direct your attention to the fact that reactivation of the routes that para. 2 reports, is considered necessary for connecting the said area to the telegraph network toward Naples and Rome.

According to the above project, communications from Naples to Benevento and Campobasso would be set via Avellino-Nola (reference is being made to CS/4/21/3 dated 8th July 44)

It is plain that the shortest way for such communications is the one that follows the line of Benevento-Cancello poles, Poggioreale control-room (dotted part in drawings no. 3 tav. 1 and 2). That would result

not only in a direct connection of Sulmona and Campobasso to Naples, but also in a lessening of telegraph traffic along the Benevento-Cancello-Salerno-Naples route. 57.2

With regard to this, will you please take into consideration whether the proposal of activating three telegraph circuits Benevento-Cancello-Naples is likely to be carried into effect.

All communications in question being urgent are therefore to be effected on existing poles (drawing 3 A tav. 2), making use of circuits in operation; the necessary repairs will be made by occasional means, if opportune, by the Sulmona, Foggia, and Naples Circles.

Number of foreseen communications is an indispensable minimum which represents the "first step" of action taken with a view to normalize telegraph communications in Abruzzo region. Telegraph lines for signal lamps, and lines necessary for the railway service are not considered. Besides that, it has not been found to set telegraph connections in Foggia Province, and along the Adriatic coast, although importance and necessity of these communications is evident.

Awaiting your kind reply, we beg you to take into consideration the above proposals.

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE

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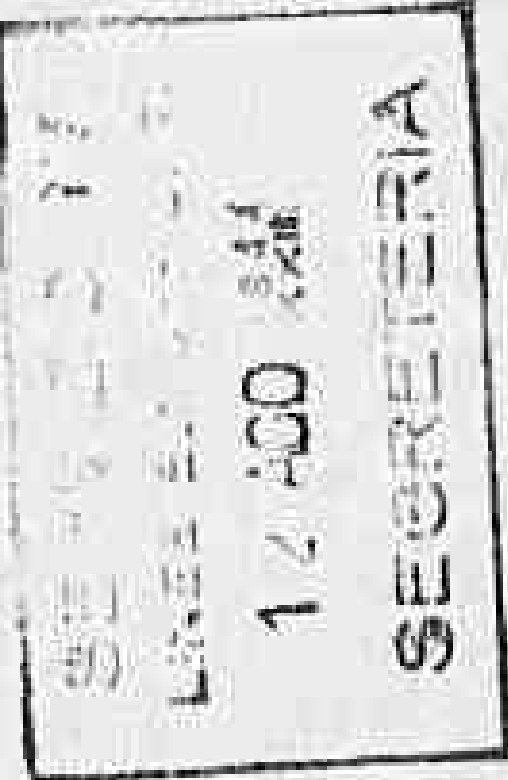
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DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLE POSTE E DEI TELEGRAFI

SERVIZIO VI° DIV. I SEZ. I

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8 AGO 1944

Commissione Alleata di Controllo
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Sub - Commission

A P O 394

OGGETTO:

Comunicazioni telegrafiche urgenti
nella regione dell'Abruzzo e Molise
(1° tempo).

Con il foglio 602975 del 7 aprile u.s. si è presentato uno schema di massima per le comunicazioni telegrafiche e telefoniche ritenute necessarie per il Governo Italiano nell'Italia Centrale.

D'altra parte, questo Ministero, in relazione all'attuale situazione generale, si preoccupa vivamente affinché, nel più breve tempo, sia possibile ottenere l'inserzione della regione degli Abruzzi e Molise alla esistente rete telegrafica, in modo da collegare, almeno telegraficamente, i vari capiluoghi di Provincia e centri principali di cui all'allegato disegno n° 3 tav. 1°, con Roma e Napoli.

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Roma-Avezzano-Sulmona	3 circuiti
Sulmona-Chieti-Penne-Teramo	3 circuiti
Sulmona - Aquila	2 circuiti
Isernia - Sulmona	3 circuiti
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Con tale progetto le comunicazioni con Benevento e Campobasso da Napoli, verrebbero stabilite via Avellino-Nola (vedi foglio CS/4/21/8 del 4 luglio u.s.)..

Risulta però evidente che la via più diretta per tali comunicazioni sarebbe quella che segue il percorso della palificazione Benevento-Cancello cabina Poggioreale (parte tratteggiata nei disegni n° 3 tav. 1° e 2°) ottenendo così non solo il diretto collegamento di Napoli a Sulmona e Campobasso, ma anche un decongestionamento del traffico telegrafico lungo la Benevento - Avellino Salerno - Napoli.

Al riguardo, si prega voler cortesemente esaminare la possibilità di tale proposta, e precisamente l'attivazione di tre circuiti telegrafici Benevento-Cancello-Napoli.

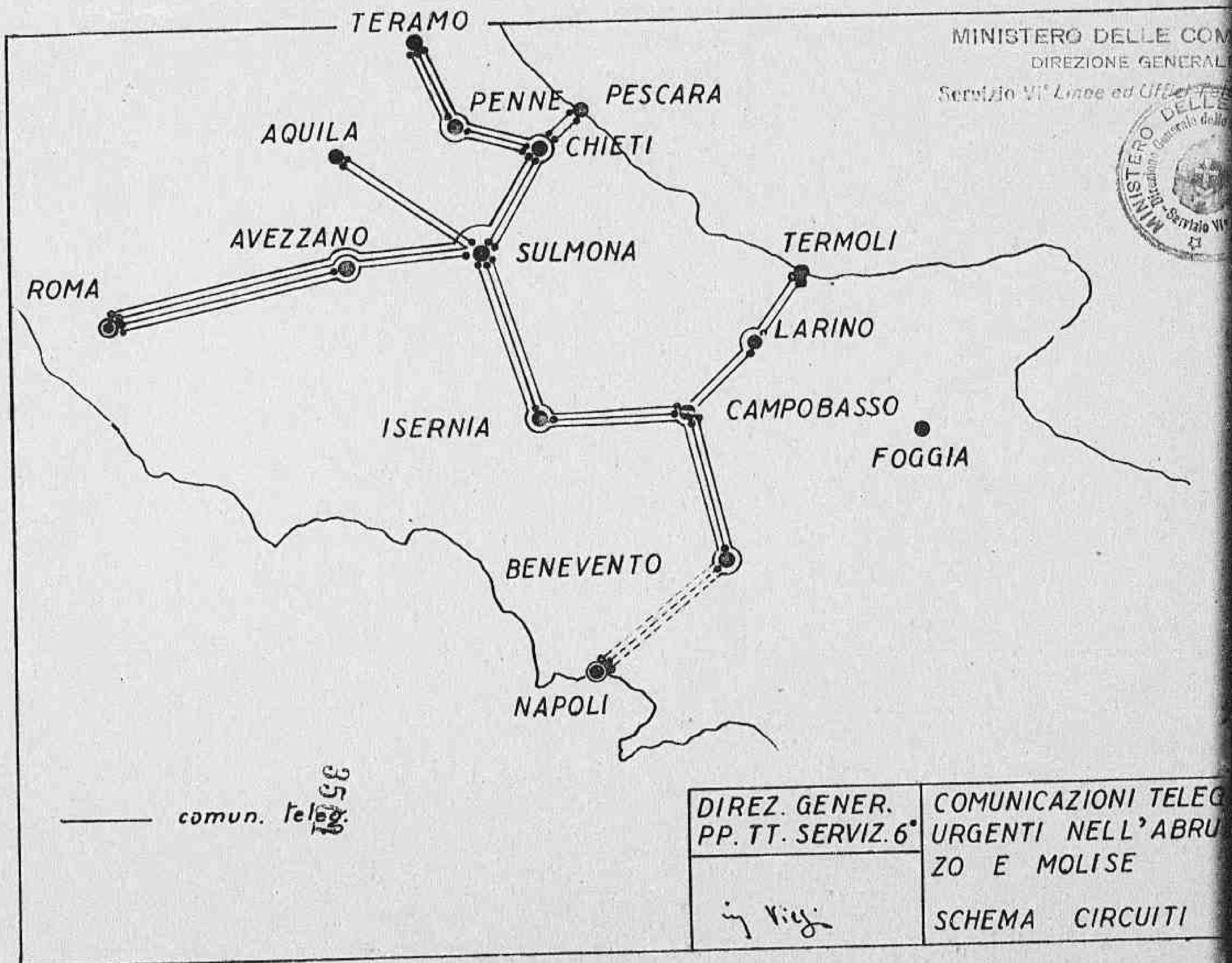
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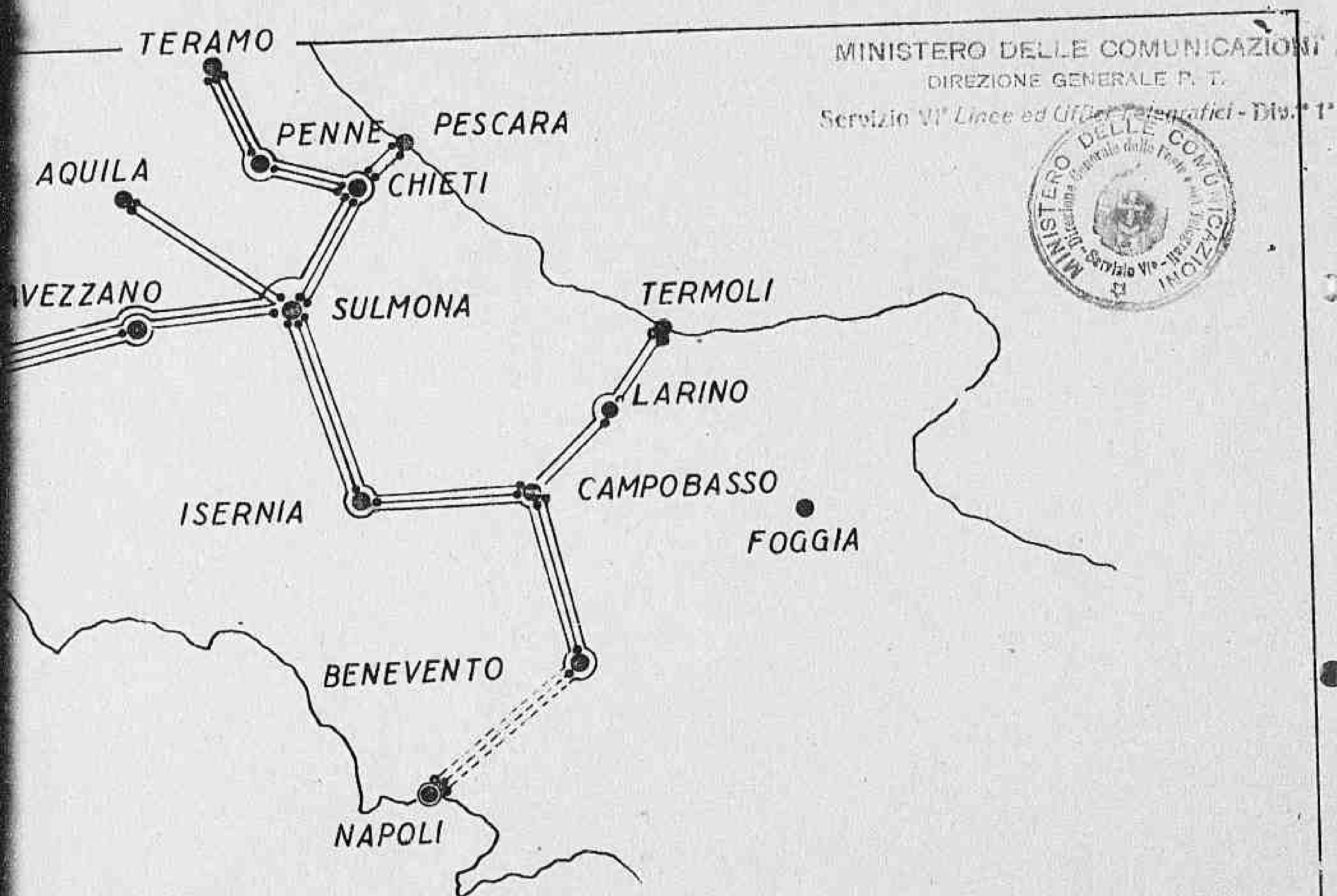
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Con preghiera di esaminare le presenti proposte, si rimane in attesa di cortese riscontro.

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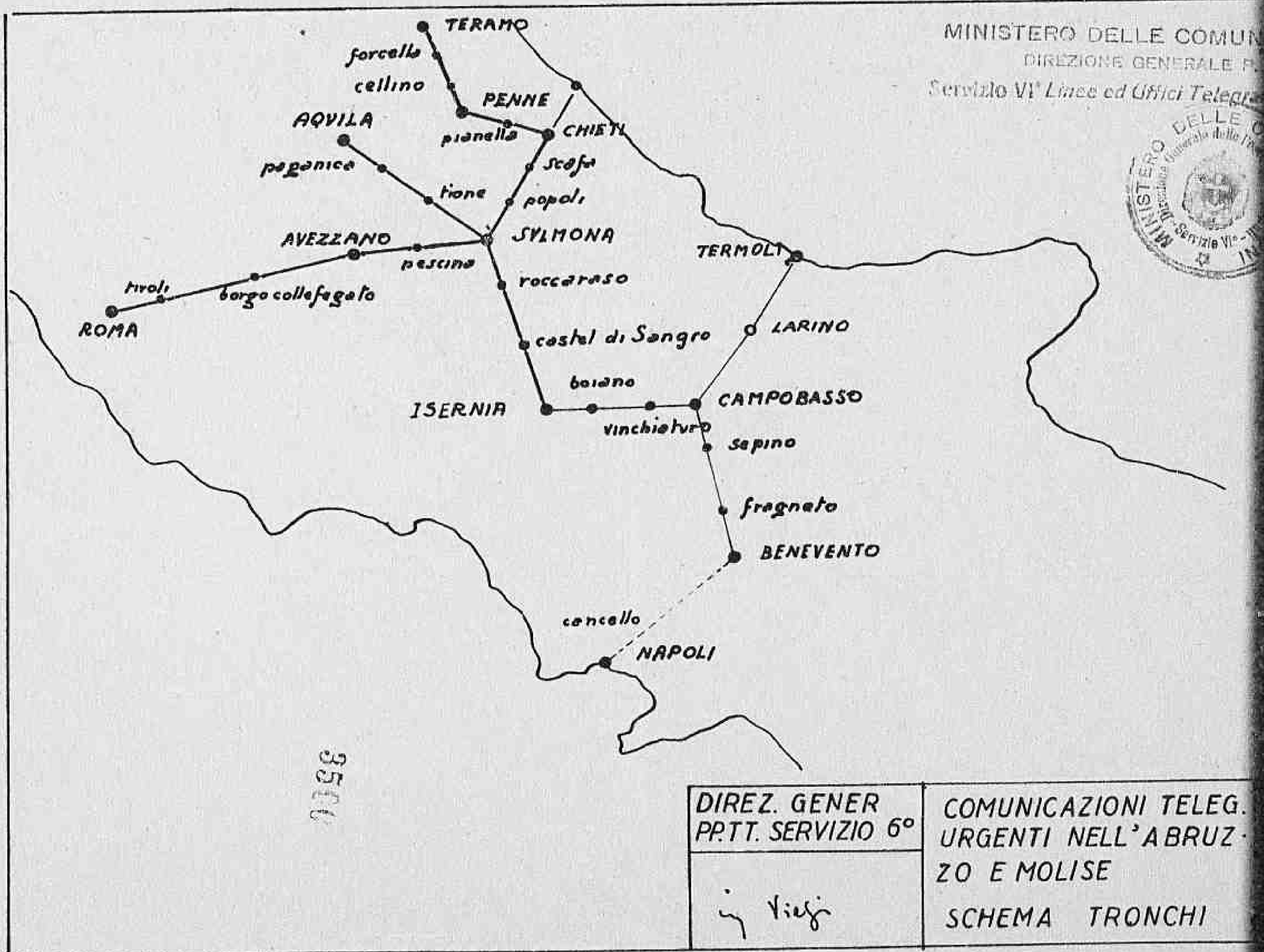
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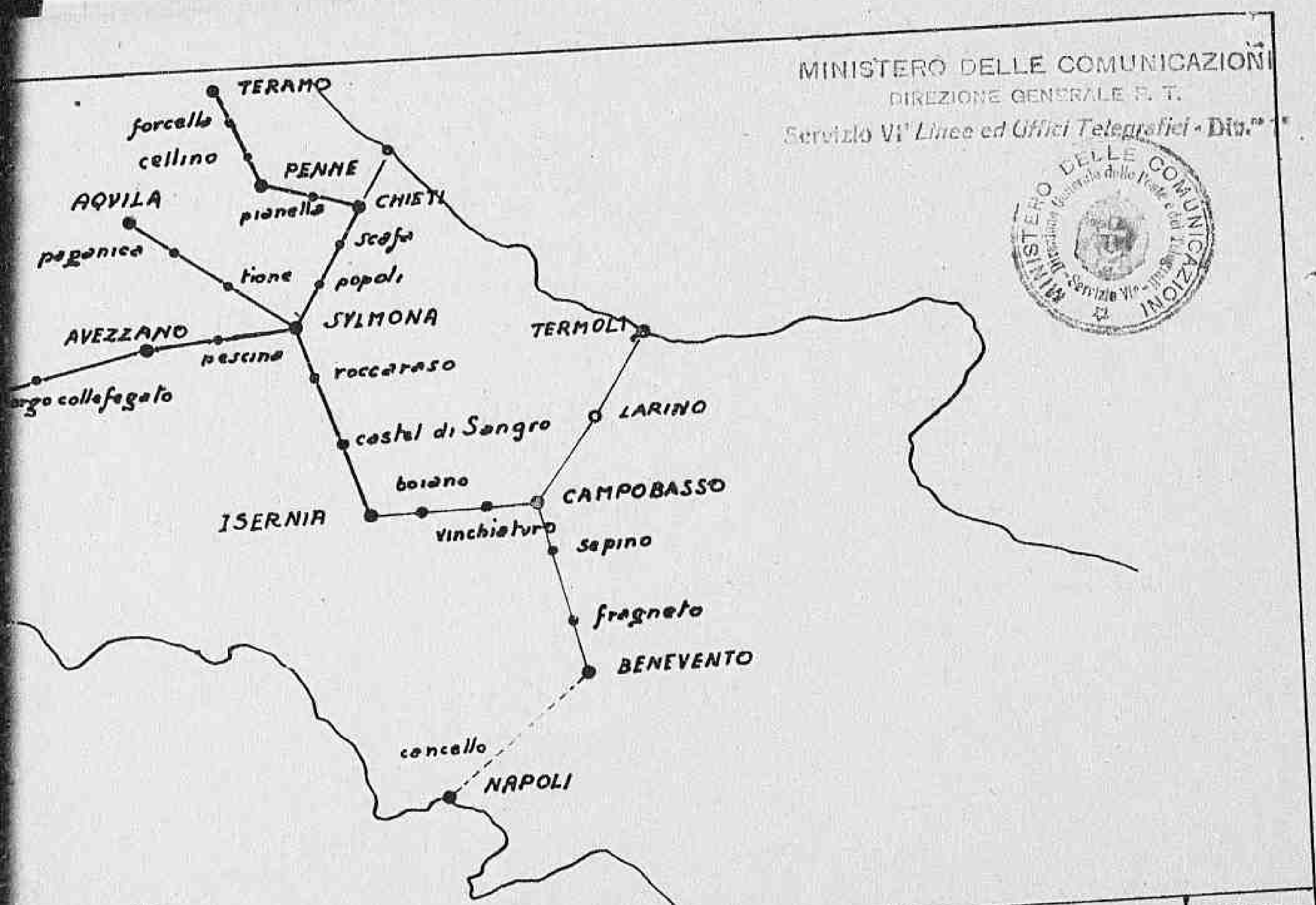




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DIREZ. GENER. PP. TT. SERVIZ. 6 ^a	COMUNICAZIONI TELEG. URGENTI NELL'ABRUZZO E MOLISE	DISEG.
<i>in Vig.</i>	SCHEMA CIRCUITI	3 A TAV. 1 ^a





DIREZ. GENER P.P.T. SERVIZIO 6°	COMUNICAZIONI TELEG. URGENTI NELL'ABRUZZO E MOLISE	DISEG. 3 A
in via	SCHEMA TRONCHI	TAV. 2 ^a

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Telephone 489081 Ext. 555

15th August, 1944

In reply
refer to: CS/4/29/6

Subject : Attached Letter from Prime Minister
Personally re Campobasso.

To : Regional Commissioner, Region V.
for Major Cumming.

1. To see the attached letter.
2. Please state whether any such circuits are now in use for Italian Government purposes. (No reply has been received yet for instance from 3 District as regards the Campobasso - Isernia - Venafro circuit). If not, to what circuits does he refer and who uses them?
3. Was the Campobasso - ^{Teramo} ~~Fivoli~~ route ever completed?

H. M.
V. J. L. HENDERSON
Colonel
Director, Communications Sub-Commission

Incl: Copy of Letter

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TRANSLATION No. 133

MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR
Cabinet
File No. 2684/1462

ROME, 7th. August 1944

TO: THE A.C.C.
R O M E

SUBJECT: Province of Campobasso - Telephone circuits.

The Prefect of the province of Campobasso informs us that it is necessary, for sanitary and commercial reasons, that the Commission authorize private individuals to use the following telephone circuits: Campobasso - Benevento, Campobasso-Isernia and Campobasso-Teroli.

The Prefect further communicates that the Campobasso-Vasto circuit could be used by the Commission.

This Ministry, in forwarding this request, wishes to ask you to examine it favorably.

We shall appreciate your reply on the matter.

~~Went to Eagle~~
for him

THE MINISTER
/s/ Bonomi

Received 12/8/14

Passed to us from
Interior of Column.

CS/4/29.

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To. Communications Sub Commission A.C.C.

From HQ A.M.G. Region V.

Subj. Communications from Aquila.

Ref. R5/517/1X

Date. 3 Aug 44.

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(b) That I should act as his representative in control of the use of civil lines in the Provinces of Aquila, Pescara and Teramo, and including the town of Ascoli. Again, this is not an AIG job, but it will be a very useful one to us since it will ensure that in our programme of re-organisation, we shall not suffer again from the attentions of marauding Signal units.

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Received 10/8/44

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Telephone 489081 Ext. 555

7th August, 1944

In reply
refer to: CS/4/29/2

Subject : Situation in A.C.C. Region V Area.

To : Under-Secretary of State for PP.TT.
Att: Capt. Gigli

Enclosed is a copy of a report on a visit
to A.C.C. Region V Area.

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

Incl: One report.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Telephone 489031 Ext. 555

4th August, 1944

In reply
refer to: CS/4/29/1

Subject : Exchange Installations Region V.

To : Regional Commissioner Region V.
Att: Major Cummings.

1. One copy is enclosed of the plan discussed with Major Cummings. This plan shows the exchanges to which the Italian Government desires connection. As mentioned to Major Cummings, PBX's of the order of 20-30 lines should be installed if possible at each of the places in recaptured territory in Region V area where it is not expected that the existing exchange can be repaired within a few weeks. One or two local A.M.G. lines, and the most important civilian official lines should be connected.

2. The red and blue lines show respectively the telegraph and telephone proposals previously submitted by Major Cummings.

3. In view of the fact that communications for the ordinary civilian public in Foggia Province have not been allowed, the Italian Government is now preparing a revised list of minimum requirements for your Region and local arrangements should be lined up as far as possible with this list which will be sent in a few days. The provision of telegraphs is now the most urgent requirements, and a memo. concerning them will be sent with the revised list.

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

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Incl: One diagram.

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