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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 794

Communications Division

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T. 6183.CD

14 January 1947

SUBJECT: Unauthorized Telephone Service

TO : Director General
Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications

On 7 Jan. 1947 at about 2200 hours a person believed to be an Italian civilian made a telephone call over the military system to a Naples civil telephone number.

It is not known how the connection through the Military board was secured through Rome, but the call was passed through Rome Long Distance to the AFHQ (Freedom) operator. Assuming the call to be one of military origin, it was passed and connected through Naples Long Distance switchboard.

The subscriber's number from which the call originated is Rome 874243, and the subscriber called Naples 12205. The connection was established for a period of 31 minutes.

In reporting this incident of unauthorized service, it is requested that it may be passed to the local concessionary company in order that they may charge for the call at the "clear the line" civil rates since the call was completed on demand and the civil telephone company was denied their revenues.

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C. R. Shaddock

Major

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

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

9 January 1947

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SUBJECT: Unauthorized Telephone Service.

TO : Director, Sub-Communications Commission
Allied Commission
APO 794, US Army.

1. On 7 January 1947 at about 2200 hours a person, believed to be an Italian civilian, made a telephone call over the Military system to a Naples civil telephone number.

2. It is not known how connection through the Military was secured through Rome, however, the call was passed through Rome Long Distance to the AFHQ (FREEDOM) operator. The call, assumed to be one of military origin was passed and connected through Naples Long Distance switchboard. The telephone from which the call originated was Rome 874243 and was connected to Naples 12205. The connection was established for a period of 31 minutes.

3. It is recommended that the incident be reported to the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications with a request that it be passed to the local Concessionary company in order that they may charge for the call at the "clear the line" civil rates since the call was completed on demand and the civil company was denied their revenue.

For the Chief Signal Officer:

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Virgil M. Clark
VIRGIL M. CLARK
Major, Sig C
O/C Wire Division

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
Communications Sub-Commission

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10 October '46

T.61.81.CS

SUBJECT: Telephone N°80505

TO : Dott. Architetto Dante
Via Catania 71-A ROME

Telephone number 80505 was derequisitioned
by the Allied Military Command on 10 April 1946.

C/Lm

Major.

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

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Roma, 11 8 ottobre 1946

On.

COMANDO MILITARE ALLEATO

ROMA

Oggetto: domanda di derequisizione
linea telefonica.

Il sottoscritto Dott. Architetto DANTE
TASSOTTI, in qualità di intestatario di un contratto con la
Soc. Telefonica Tirrena per l'apparecchio n. 80505, sono a
vivamente pregare cotesto Comando Alleato di volersi compia-
cere di derequisire la linea telefonica anzidetta.

Quanto sopra domando in considerazione dell'indispensa-
bile e importante ausilio che il telefono rappresenta per il
mio lavoro.

Spero in una favorevole comunicazione e ringrazio.

Con osservanza

DANTE TASSOTTI

Roma - Via Catania n. 41-A -

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Communications Sub-Commission ACH/ec

T.61.80.CS

2nd July '46

SUBJECT: Telephones for Reggio Emilia D.P. Camps

TO : Displaced Persons S/C.

1. It would appear that the attached copy of letter from Major Lewis is a matter for "G" Branch Area or Sub-Area concerned, to agree to the necessity for requisitioning the telephones in question. "G" Branch would then instruct local Signals to certify all bills submitted to them by T.I.M.O. in respect of "Facilities afforded Allies to be paid for by Italian Government".

2. However, as the day is fast approaching, if it has not already arrived, when all telephone facilities will be paid for by the Allies themselves, and as the bills for these facilities appear to have been met by the camp commandant for some considerable period, it should not be necessary to change the existing arrangements. By the time the D.P. telephones become requisitioned orders for derequisitioning all telephones in Italy will quite likely have been issued.

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A.C. HOLLAND,
Major. R. Sigs.
O i/o Comm. S/C

DISPLACED PERSONS & REPATRIATION SUB COMMISSION

No. 14 REFUGEE CAMP
ANCONA GROUPTO : O.G. ANCONA GROUP DP & RSC
FROM : CAMP COMMANDANT
SUBJECT: Civilian Telephone Accounts.

Ref. LPS/21

Reggio E. 27 JUNE 46

Tel. 35-29

The two camps in Reggio Emilia, DP & RSC Centres 13 and 14, have to pay 30.000 lire monthly to T.I.M.O. for use of civilian telephones. This amount increases the cost of upkeep of the two camps very considerably.

There is no military line available and the military in Bologna do not wish to extend their activities as they will probably be removing all their installations in a few months.

May this matter please be taken up with the civilian telephone authorities in Rome.



Copy to:-

MAJOR HOLLAND, A.G. HQ.
Rome. ✓

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 794

Communications Sub-Commission HHS/ec

T.61.79.CS

16 May 1946

SUBJECT: Telephones

TO : Communications Officer
Hqs Aloom.

1. Reference is made to your Memorandum of 7 May 1946, in compliance with which the following changes may be made.

2. Ext: 457 can be removed and an instrument branched on 435 installed in its place. A buzzer to be installed between offices to signal calls.

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

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SIGNAL SECTION
HEADQUARTERS ARMED COMMUNICATIONS
LHO 734

7 May 1946

FROM: Telephones.

TO: COMMUNICATIONS SUB-COMMISSION.

1. Congestion on telephone lines within the AC building has become serious and is hampering communications from headquarters. This has been brought to the attention of most subscribers by their inability to get an outside line when calling HQ.

2. There are two reasons for this congestion. One is the large number of unofficial calls, particularly by civilians. The other, and most important, is the excessive number of lines on the AC exchange. A reduction of 30 percent of lines now operating is necessary for proper traffic load.

3. The AC telephone exchange has two blocks of lines. One, the unrestricted (200-599), the subscriber can call all numbers in the building, and he can also call all numbers available to the room exchange by calling HQ. The other block, the restricted (600-799), can call all three digit numbers in the building, but cannot call outside.

4. It is requested that you release unrestricted numbers in your section least urgently needed, and have telephones carrying a high percentage of intra-building traffic changed to restricted numbers.

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Chief Postal	
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Chief Postal	
Chief of Coms	
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Chief of Coms	

Keep for Col Smaller
Horton

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Date: 9 MAY 1946

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Walter B. Brown
Major, U.S. Army, Jr.
1st Lt. C. S.
AC, Signal Officer.

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MARKETPLACE REPORT

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COMMUNICATIONS

W.B. EGINISSON

File #D17195

Telephone	Inserts quantity	Type	Sign	REMOVED Receipt
435	one	S.	Postal Clerk.	
212	one	S.	Inspector (Mr. Barker).	
312	one	S.	Chief Clerk	
555	one	2/5	Ed Millar	
444	one	S.	Ed Green.	
333	two	S.	Ed Luddes & Secretary	change
457	one	S.	Ed Lunning	to retrieved
478101	one	2/5	Ed Luddes & Ed Millar	
- . -	three	0/5	Internal phones	
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO. 394

Communications Sub-Commission

HHS/ec

T.61.77.CS

3 May 1946

SUBJECT: Congestion on Military Telephone Circuits

TO : Communications Officer
HQS AC

There is no doubt that many private calls are being made over the Military telephone network during office hours and that this practice is in part responsible for the congestion which exists on certain parts of the military system.

It is recommended that a notice be issued in the daily bulletin that private calls will not be accepted during office hours and that all calls are subject to monitoring.

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

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FROM: BRIGADIER A. E. MORRISON, OBE,
SIGNAL SECTION,
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS,

FREEDOM 10

30 Apr 46.

Dear Hank,

It has always been the accepted Signals policy, that we would "close our eyes" to private telephone calls over the military system out of office hours, but would not tolerate private calls during office hours. However, we have never broadcast that we will accept private calls at any time and I think it would be unwise to do so.

There is no doubt that many private calls are being made during office hours at the present time and this may be partly responsible for the congestion in certain parts of the telephone system. We have not the personnel to monitor all circuits, but it is suggested you monitor different circuits as often as possible. Any abuses to be taken up through Staff channels.

Also, would you please let it be widely known that private calls will not be accepted during office hours, avoiding if possible the subject of private calls at other times.

Yours *AM*

hurry

Colonel T. W. Beilens,
CSO, 2 District.

Colonel L. R. C. Watson,
CSO, 3 District.

Colonel H. H. Scudder,
Communications Sub-Commission,
Headquarters, Allied Commission,
Rome.

Lt-Col. Fred B. Crosskfinger,
Headquarters, AAC,
Rome.

Major Robert Y. Riverra,
Peninsular Base Section.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

HHS/ec

8 February 1946

T.61.75.CS

SUBJECT: Clear the Line Calls

TO : Deputy Signal Officer R.A.A.C.

1. Reference is made to your letter of 4 February 1946, ref X/24/3.

2. Inclosed Memo from Executive is forwarded you in explanation of the second call listed in your letter.

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

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO 794 US ARMY

Ref. No : X/24/3.

4 February 1946.

Subject : Clear the Line Calls.

To : Director,
Communications Sub-Commission,
AC.

1. Herewith report of 'clear the line calls' initiated by an officer of Allied Commission during week 26 Jan to 1 Feb 1946.

Date & Time.	Originating Sub.	Distant Sub.	Reason for Urgency.
30 1834	ROME 478733 Brig. LUSH.	FREEDOM 514 Gen. McCloud.	None required.
01 1725	ROME 478733 Brig. LUSH.	FREEDOM Information.	<i>for Brig. J. King</i>

2. It would appear that the second call requires investigation and some explanation.

FEL/jh.

cc Liaison
Deputy Signal Officer *4075*

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Date

4 FEB 1946

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

OFFICE OF THE HEADQUARTERS COMMANDANT

APO 394

26 January 1946

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SUBJECT: Telephone Call.

TO : Director of Communications Sub-Commission A.C.

Reference your letter T.61. ^{see} 72.CS dated 21st January 1946.

I have made inquiries re: the "Clear the Line" call to Genoa on the 16 at 16,24. I find that this call was made by a British Civilian (Mr. Russell) of the Coal Division.

I have seen this Civilian, and he assures me that this will happen again.

Dir. *gmh*
 D/D *gmh*
 Chief *gmh*
 Chief *gmh*
 H. G. *gmh*
 Asst. *gmh*
 Comm. *gmh*
 Gen. *gmh*

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A.G. Graham Lt. Col.
 A.G. GRAHAM, M.C.
 Hq. Commandant.

Date 26 GEN 1946

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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21st Jan 46

T.61.72.CS

SUBJECT. : Telephone Service.

TO. : HQ Commandant.

1. The following complaint of apparent misuse of the "Clear the line" facility has been brought to notice and it would be appreciated if the matter could be taken up with the offices concerned:

<u>Date & Time of call</u>	<u>Originator</u>	<u>Called Party</u>	<u>Reason given for "Clear the line."</u>
16. 16,24	Col. Evans 489081-143	Genoa 21344	Ship movements this evening.

2. The instructions regarding "Clear the line" calls are contained in Daily Bulletin no.9 and it is difficult to believe that the passing of a "priority" call would not have met the case.

H.B. SCUDDER
Col. Sig. C. 4673
Director.

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ITALCABLE
SERVIZI CABLE, RADIOTELEGRAFICI E RADIOELETTICI
SOCIETA PER AZIONI - CAPITALE L. 175.000.000
SEDE IN ROMA

October 23rd 1945

ROMA.
VIA CALABRIA 46-48 CASELLA POSTALE D-1384

DIREZIONE GENERALE

REPARTO COMMERCIALE PRI 1

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SUBJECT : Telegram RM574 New York 11 Oct. 1945

Lt.Col. H.M. Miller
Allied Commission Headquarters
Communications Sub-Commission

ROME.

Dear Sir,

I am returning to you the attached telegram from New York which, on investigation, results to have been received from New York on our radio-circuit at 15.00 Rome time of October 13th.

The telegram was forwarded to Caserta at 21.14 the same day and I am taking the matter up for the delay of six hours in our transit at Rome.

Nearly 48 hours' delay appears to have occurred beyond our system.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

ITALCABLE
SERVIZI CABLE, RADIOTELEGRAFICI E RADIOELETTICI
IL COMMISSARIO
DIRETTORE GENERALE

[Signature]

Enclosure

[Handwritten initials]

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INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO ITALCABLE

SUBJECT : Telegram RM574 New York 11 Oct. 1945

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Allied Commission Headquarters
Communications Sub-Commission

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SOCIETÀ ITALIANA DI CALORE E RISCALDAMENTO
N. COMISSARIO
DIRETTORE GENERALE

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Enclosure

CROSS REFS	FILE T-61
28 Nov.	

Date 28/10/45

23/10/45—

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Ref: 213/167/SC.

5 October 45.

SUBJECT: Enlisted Men for Signal Section, AC.

TO : Establishment Section.

1. Reference our 213/157/SC dated 24 September 45, and attached copy of Communication Sub-Commission letter 1.61.67/CS dated 22 September 45 to Chief Signals Officer, MTCUSA, together with letter in reply thereto, 322.08/1 dated 28 September 45.

2. The Communications Sub-Commission are doing all they possibly can to assist, but it is requested that 2675 Regiment exert continual pressure to get its requisition filled. Would you also look into the possibility of employing civilians bearing in mind, of course, the security aspect of the matter.

*F. H. C. C. C.*Chief Staff Officer,
To the Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: 2675 Regiment.

~~Communications Sub-Commission.~~

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

322.08/1

28 September 1945

SUBJECT: Replacement Personnel.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394, U. S. Army.
(Attn: Lt Col Scudder.)

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1. In the absence of General Back, I am taking this opportunity to answer your letter of 22 September, relative to replacements for the Signal Center.

2. While I am fully aware of your personnel problem, there is little which can be done at the moment. Every headquarters in the Theater is faced with the same situation.

3. It is informally stated by our G-1 that a shipment of low score replacements is due from the States about 15 October 1945. This will include some Signal specialists. The only present source of replacements has been from inactivated units within the Theater, and this source has been entirely inadequate.

4. We are very desirous of giving all the attention possible under the present circumstances. It is strongly advised, however, a requisition be submitted for required low-score specialists. It is our belief these enlisted men will have to be shipped from the United States. In the meantime we will canvass all possible sources of replacements and if any are found, will send them to you.

Kirk Buchak
KIRK BUCHAK,
Colonel, Signal Corps,
Actg Chief Signal Officer

Director	<i>MAH</i>
Chief of Staff	
Chief of Operations	
Chief of Logistics	
Chief of Communications	
Chief of Intelligence	
Chief of Training	
Chief of Administration	
Chief of Finance	
Chief of Legal Affairs	
Chief of Medical Affairs	
Chief of Dental Affairs	
Chief of Veterinary Affairs	
Chief of Chaplaincy	
Chief of Public Affairs	
Chief of Liaison	
Chief of Protocol	
Chief of Records and Communications	
Chief of Security	
Chief of Transportation	
Chief of Unassigned	

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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T.61.67.CS

22th September, 1945

SUBJECT: Signal Staff for AC Hqs.

Dear General Back,

I am enclosing copy of a Memorandum from our Hqs. Communication Officer on the need of enlisted personnel which release of high point men in the Signal Section will create.

Requisition for the needed replacements has been made by the 2675th Regiment (which is the U.S. A.C. Hqs Military unit) but with the crying need of all units remaining in the theatre for specialists I am afraid the requisition will be a long time in being filled.

There is no indication that the Signal center load of this Hqs will be reduced for several months as the A.C. is probably busier at the present moment than for some time past and the matters being treated are of the highest urgency. It would, therefor, create a very serious situation if sufficient Signal personnel is not available to man the Signal centre.

As you have always shown a sympathetic understanding of the needs of this Commission, I am taking the liberty of writing to ask if you would lend your personal assistance to insuring that the requisition for:

4 Teletype operators (MOS N° 237)

4 Signal center Clerks (MOS N° 542)

is assigned a high priority.

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Brig. General George I, Back
C.S.O. MTOUSA, AFHQ. APO 512.
U.S. ARMY

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

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE HEADQUARTERS COMMANDANT
APO 394

(66)

13 September 1945

HQC/5/2

SUBJECT: Misuse of Military Circuits.

TO : Director, Communications S/C.

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Reference your T.61.63.CS, dated 31 July 1945.

The delay in replying has been caused by the necessity of contacting Major Weber who was concerned in the matter and who had returned to the U. S.

A copy of the statement received from him is attached hereto.

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Date 13 SET. 1945

R. H. Robertson
 Colonel
 R. H. ROBERTSON
 Hq. Commandant.

C O P Y

30 August 1945

TO: Dr. E. C. Benn
FROM: Dr. G. W. Weber
RE: Telephone call from Esperia Hotel to Naples.

On July 18th, 1945, I received a visit at the Hotel Esperia by Dr. Pogliara, a resident of Rome, Via G. Castelloni 13. I had known Dr. Pogliara for some time, and had known his wife for many years. He came to tell me that his brother-in-law, Capt. Alexander Victor, U.S.A.M.C., had landed in Naples the day before. I have known Capt. Victor for at least 35 years. He had been in the Pacific theatre since the summer of 1942 and had been just transferred to this theatre, so that he could visit his mother, who resides in Naples.

Dr. Pogliara gave me the telephone number at which I could reach Capt. Victor in Naples and I called him from the Esperia. I talked with Capt. Victor for a minute or two, exchanging the usual greetings that two men would exchange after not seeing each other for four years.

As Dr. Pogliara was in the booth with me, I invited him to say "hello" to his brother-in-law. The conversation was immediately interrupted by the censor and I can certify that no words were exchanged which could be considered as against regulations.

This was all there was to the incident.

G. W. Weber (Signed)

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Communication

Originator's Reference: TX 37663

Message Centre No: F/5040

Date/Time of Origin: AUG 23 1118B

Date Time Rec'd: AUG 24 0900B

Precedence: IMPORTANT

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED ALEXANDER CITE PHSIH

TO : TROOPERS LONDON INFO BTA MAIN FOR CSO

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Y circuit U.K. to AUSTRIA reports interference on 11610 KC.s
(from BVW 3 believed to be LEIGHTON BUZZARD).

Can you aid.

SK-994 net to TROOPERS is reference.

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Info - Chief Commissioner
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INFO-ACTION

Director	
Deputy Director	<i>Horn</i>
Chief Liaison	
Chief Postal	
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Asst. Chief Postal	
Comptroller	
Chief Clerk	

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
 APO 394
 Communications Sub-Commission

HTWM/epc

T.61.101.08

12th August, 1945

SUBJECT: Message Traffic
 TO: Executive Commissioner

1. There appears to be no reference in the Daily Bulletin to late submission of Messages for at least three months. A check has not been made farther back.

2. It is suggested that a notice be placed in the Bulletin for a week as shown below, and if this has no appreciable result, the matter will be raised at the Executive Commissioner's meeting.

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

Message Delays

1. 75% of the messages originated at this HQ. are handed in between 1600 and 1900 hours for outward transmission. This causes severe congestion and unnecessary delay. Please hand in messages in the morning where possible.

2. Messages marked "Priority" are being checked for misuse in view of the large volume of traffic marked (fixed) thus unnecessarily.

3. The volume of message traffic is too great. Many messages could have been sent by ADLS. If Memos. are handed in before 1700 hours they will be received in Bologna, Milano, Torino, Venezia, or Naples the next day.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

HTW/epc

T. 61.63.08

31st July, 1945

SUBJECT: Misuse of Military Circuits

TO: Hq. Commandant, A.C.

1. Please see attached Memo.
2. Would you kindly take suitable action against Mr. Pagliacci.
3. R.A.A.C., regards such cases very seriously and any civilian subscriber concerned has his telephone disconnected.
4. In this case such disconnection is not of course possible, but it is considered essential that Mr. Pagliacci should be warned of the seriousness of making use of military lines.

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

Incl: Copy of letter of 28th July, 1945.

attached

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO 794, US ARMY.

To : Director, Communicat. Sub-Comm. A.C.

Sub: Misuse of military circuits.

Ref: Comms. Tp.20/4 (a) 3.

28 July, 1945.

1. Below are shown details of an attempt to make a private call over the military network:-

Date Time	Language	Calling sub.	Called sub.	Result of challenge.
18/7 19.50	Italian	Rome 478441 (Mr. Pagliani)	Naples 17350	A Maj. Weber was brought to the telephone and stated Mr. Pagliani was calling his brother-in-law. Call disconnected. (A.C.)

2. Telephone 478441 is located in Albergo Esperia and the Signal Officer requests that action be taken against Mr. Pagliani.

Director	
D/Deputy	
Chief Telecoms	
Chief Postal	
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Asst Chief Postal	
Censorship	
Chief Clerk	

L.G. Hawker, Major,
Liaison Officer A.C.
Office of the Signal Officer RAAC.

Chf. S.	
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Date 31 JUL 1945

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LOMBARDIA REGION
APO 394

Tel. Milano 12641
Ext. 2191

26 June 1945

CMS/1

SUBJECT : Delayed transmission of message.

TO : HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
att : Communications Sub Commission

1. Message No 9692. Received 59 Area Signals 14 June 1425 hrs. Collected by A.M.G. 15 June 1100 hrs. Delivered to addressee 16 June 0930 hrs. Truly, a bad show.

2. Collection by us from the Signal Office is subject to the availability of an orderly and Signals will not deliver to a civilian. Sometimes telegrams were collected only once or twice daily. That still leaves 22 1/2 hours to be accounted for and the only explanation is that telegrams were treated at that time similarly to correspondence.

3. The question of delays on telegrams had been taken up prior to receipt of your letter and a separate part of the Message Center now deals with telegrams, where they are dealt with immediately on receipt. More frequent collections are also made from the Signal Office. This arrangement started only a few days and any repetition of the above should be impossible.

For Regional Commissioner

G.W. CUMMING

Lt.Col. R. Signals.

Communications Officer.

Director *amh*

U/Director

Chief Telecoms

Chief Postal

H Q Coms O

Asst Chief Postal

Censorship

Chief Clerk

Copy to: Message Center.

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Date 27 June 1945

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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T.61. .CS

22nd June, 1945

SUBJECT: Delayed Transmission of Message

TO: Regional Commissioner, Lombardia Region
Att: Telecomms Officer

1. Message 9692 addressed to Alcom Lombardia Region was sent from here on June 14th at 14.25 by teletype to 59 Area.

2. 59 Area and Lombardia Region together are reported to have taken from June 14 at 14.25 until 16th June at 10.00 to deliver message to addressee. This would seem to merit investigation and it would be appreciated if you would have a report made to us.

H.H. SCUDDER
Lt. Colonel, Sig.O.
Director.

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T.61.60.CS

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COMMUNICATIONS SUB-COMMISSION, Allied Commission 23rd June, 1945

TO: Transportation Sub-Commission

1. Message was delivered to 59 Area in Milan on June 14th at 14.25 having been filed here on June 13th at 16.48. 21 hours and 37 minutes elapsed time for a routine message is not discreditable in view of line congestion.

2. 59 Area and Lombardia Region took from June 14 at 14.25 to June 16th at 10.00 to deliver message in Milan which delay is inexcusable. 59 Area and Lombardia Region have been asked for explanation.

3. "Routine" should suffice to insure delivery the next day which would have been the case in this instance had it not been for the unconscionable delay at 59 Area.

H.H. SOUDDER
Lt. Colonel, Sig.C.
Director.

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File

Incl: Teleprinter copy of msg 9692
for MAAZ. Time of delivery
is 141425, as shown by our logs.

59-1

22 June 1945

Col. Scudder:

Reference attached correspondence on msg.
9692, I should like to submit the following:

9692 - Routine - clear text

Received by Signal Center at 131648Cleared to MAAZ (59 area) at 141425 by TGP

It took 21 hours and 37 min to clear on
a day when we handled 220 teleprinter
messages ~~of~~ over the ckt.

From 141425 to 161000 hours (as ⁴⁶⁵⁹ mentioned
in original correspondence) is 43 hours
and 35 minutes the message took to reach
addressee after delivery to 59 area. Had
it been handled properly ^{there}, the msg would
have been delivered next day after origination
H. Simmons

2304

Rx'd 131648
Cleared 14 1425 59-2

TO: FBI
FROM:

MAZ V LRM ON 3 171
MAZ OV -1-
FROM LRM 121648
TO ALCON LOMBARDIA REGION
INFO ALCON PIRACELLI REGION
SH 04 01

REF NR 8692 (.) IN CLERK PD FORA ONE PD FOR S'GONS PD PAREN TO
ALCON LOMBARDIA REGION FOR HAN TALEOF TRANSPORTATION FOR COMMISSION
FOR ACTION TO ALCON PIRACELLI REGION FOR TRANSPORTATION OFFICER TO
FOR INFO FROM NO ALCON WITH ACTIVE PAREN SIGNAL PROGRESS ROAD TRAFFIC
CONTROL FORCE PD HAVE FORON REGIONAL COMMANDERS REPORTED TO REGIONAL
TRANSPORTATION OFFICERS PD IS SUDGE UP TO STRENGTH PD WHEN WILL IT
POSSIBLE TO FUNCTION PD SAMPLES REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION OFFICER
PIRACELLI AWAITING TO HEAR FROM YOU PLEASE PHONE HIS PD

4658

3-5-55 "JUL"-----"3"

RECD 1425 WH AM NY

VA PAREN SIGNAL 4TH LINE

2303

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LOMBARDIA REGION
APO 394

Tel. Milano 12481.
Ext. 2191.

12 June 1945.

CMS/1.

SUBJECT : DELAY IN TELEGRAMS.

TO : HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
att: Communications Sub Commission.

1. I have been investigating the delay in the receipt of telegrams at this end with a view to reducing the period between receipt of the telegram in the Signal Office here and delivery to the officer in this Headquarters. Today's bag included the attached.

2. You will note that the date-time of origin of both is 081550B but the Signals serial (time of receipt in the A.C. Signal Office or at the set, after enciphering ?) is 111038 i.e. nearly three days delay at your end.

For Regional Commissioner.

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

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FILE	B/Fwd.
Date 14 JUN 1945	

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

These telegrams arrived at the same time as a letter of yours dated 10th. As you so tritely remark "a triumph of modern science"

C O P Y

IMPORTANT

SIGS SERIAL 111038
CIPHER NO. D750

TO. ACTION. ALCOM LOMBARDIA REGION FOR CUMMING.

FROM. ALCOM HQ CITE ACCMN 9448 081550B

RESTRICTED.

REFERENCE 9079 OF 4 JUNE SUBJECT CABLE. GOVERNMENT
HAVE INSTRUCTED STIPEL COLLECT AND STORE CABLE PEN-
DING ESTABLISHMENT OF OWNERSHIP.

C O P Y

IMPORTANT

SIGS SERIAL 111038
CIPHER MESSAGE D750

TO. ACTION. ALCOM LOMBARDIA REGION FOR CUMMING.

FROM. HQ ALCOM CITE ACCMN 9432 081550B

RESTRICTED

ROME MILAN VOICE FREQUENCY TELEGRAPH. CHIEF SIGNAL
OFFICER LINES OF COMMUNICATIONS ENQUIRES IF 4 CORPS
HAVE APPROVED TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

*Received Signals Milan 11 June
Delivered A.C. am. 12 June.*

To. Simmons :

Telegram 9432 of June
1545 addressed to Lombard Region
for Cumming was received by addressee
on ~~July~~ June 12

Please investigate and report.

June 13, 1945.

91 17 Simons
to Col.

14 June 1965

Col Adder:

1. Ref cable 9432, Routine, of 9 June, I should like to submit the following traffic situation:

9432 received by Sig Center at 091405

9432 cleared our Radio ckt at 111130

Therefore, if Col Cumming did not receive message until 12 June, there must have been 12-15 hour delay at his end for deciphering and delivery. Delay this end unavoidable.

2. Reason for delay, this end: 4654

From 091405 to 100001 this sta handled to the net:

3 incoming OP msg

13 in + out P msg

2 " " R msg (older than 9432)

Total Groups 4689 for the day
off the air 2 hrs, 15 min, interference

From 100001 - 110001 handled to net:

2 incoming OP msgs
4 outgoing OP msgs
35 priority msgs
no routine msgs

Total groups for day: 6250
off the air 4:29; interference, etc.

From 110001 - *111130 handled to net:

* time of delivery of 9432

1 incoming OP msg
20 in & out P msgs
no — R msgs

Total groups from 110001 to 111130, 20853

3. only by boosting 9432 to "P" within the Signal Center were we able to clear ahead of "P" traffic on hand. Everyone, or most everyone who sends cables uses "P" classification so much that "P" is now no better than a Routine classification. Also, since I last reported

the traffic situation on this net to you, we have had a rather marked increase in traffic to these regions.

4. However the situation is well under control now. on 12th June we made our first teletype contact with Milan Switchboard and we have, since that date, been able to clear traffic to Liguria Region, Piemonte Region and Lombardia Region by calling the following stations direct (TWX) through MILN Swdbd:

Genoa - MAPO - 57 area

Milan - MEAU - 2 Dist 4652

" - MAAZ - 59 area

Jurin - MELG - 151 Pub Area.

We have no delayed traffic on hand for these stations now. Average Clearance on TTP runs 2-4 hours for "O" and "OP", 4-8 hours for "P" and 8-18 hours for Routine.

Lt. Simmons

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

HHS/ra

T.61.57.03

10th June 1945.

SUBJECT: Delay in Telegrams.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Lombardia Region.
(Att: Telecommunications Officer.)

1. Investigations of delay in your telegram copy attached shows the following.
2. Telegram was received through Army Express letter Service by M.M.I.A.
3. Looks as if District is using ELS for routine messages. This indicates overload on circuit. If it is overloaded then routine telegrams can be handled much quicker thru' your Regional Air Mail which only takes one day for letters.
4. Will be interested in result of your investigation.

H.H. SCUDDER,
Lt. Colonel, Sig. O.
Director.

1 Enclosure: Copy of telegram.

See 55

9 June 1945

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Col Reudder
This message was received through
Army Express Letter Service by
MMIA and passed to us. I have checked
with our Radio log for 5 June and there
were quite a number of messages transmitted
over the net for that date. I believe ELS
for routine traffic was warranted 5 June.
All SS, 57 Lt Semprons
1650

INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Com Trip 55

Originator's Reference: 1113

Message Centre No: 3/4131

Date/Time of Origin: JUNE 05 1600Z

Date Time Rec'd: JUNE 08 1020Z

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: BOMBARDIA REGION SIGNED CUM LING

TO: ALCOH BENE AGENT

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1. Brig LUSH wishes you to pursue question of having one of Army MILAN BOLICWA telephone circuits extended to HOME for exclusive ALG use.

2. Also to report 48 hours delay on wirelens. Am following up both of above with TWO DIST.

Dist

Action - Communications SC

Info - Chief Commissioner

Exec Comm

File 2

Float

ACTION

Copy in T. 35.

Director
D/Director
Chief Telecoms
Chief Plans
Chief Coms G
Chief Intel Post
Chief Staff
Chief Clerk



See 56, 57

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FILE	3/Two
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Date: 8.0.1945

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
COMMERCE SUB COMMISSION
COAL DIVISION

Tel: 327

Ref. AC/CD/174/Commerce

FWJ/dut

10 May 1945

SUBJECT : Misuse of Military Circuit.

TO : Communications Sub-Commission.

see 53

1. Reference your T.61.54.CS. dated 5th inst.

2. The call in question was originated by an Italian civilian, an official of the Ministry of Transport who is attached to this division as a Liaison Official. The purpose of the call was to obtain from Agenzia Marittima, Catania, certain particulars required by this Division concerning discharge of colliers.

3. In view of the fact that the call was being made on behalf of Allied Commission, no disciplinary action appears necessary.

[Signature]
P.R. EVANS
Colonel,
Coal Division.

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

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Date 11 May 1945

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission LH/epc

T.61.54.CS

5th May, 1945

SUBJECT: Misuse of Military Circuits

TO: Director, Coal Sub-Commission, A.C.

1. Below are shown details of an attempt by a civilian employee to make a private call over the military network:

ANALYSIS CIVILIAN CALLS - 21.4.45 to 27.4.45

<u>Date</u>	<u>LANGUAGE</u>	<u>ROME SUB.</u>	<u>DISTANT SUB.</u>	<u>RESULT OF CHALLENGE</u>
27.4.45	English	AC x 332	Catania 10815	Call not connected.

REMARKS.

Originator admitted it was a civilian private call.

ROME L/D 27.4.45.

2. The Signal Officer R.A.A.C. states that the originator of the call was an English speaking Italian civilian.

3. It is requested that the matter be investigated and the necessary disciplinary action taken against the offender.

J.L.HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

Copy to: A.C. Communications Liaison Officer, R.A.A.C.

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QUARTIERE GENERALE
COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
APO 398

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Rif. : T.4 CS.

Oggetto : Rso telefono privato.

Alla : Sig.ra Ida Galli de Angello
Presidente Diocetana dell'Ascolato della Preghiera.
Via Vittorio Bocchi No. 6. Roma.

Gentile Signora,

È pervenuta a questa Commissione Alleata la sua cortese lettera del 9 aprile u.s. indirizzata all'Amiraglio S. V. Stone, con la quale viene richiesto l'assunto della tassa di L.2 al quale sono soggette le telefonate che superino il numero giornaliero di quattro.

L'Amiraglio peraltro mi incarica di comunicarle che, pur comprendendo le benigne ragioni che moti uno la di lei richiesta, non è di sua competenza darle corso in quanto tale materia è di esclusiva competenza della Società telefonica esercente il servizio a Roma.

Con ossequio.

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H. N. GORDON
T. Colonnello
V. Direttore S/O Commissioni.

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 Pregno Sig. Emmezaglio - Roma 9.4.45

T. 64 ha sottoscritta Presi-
 dente Diocesana dell'Apostolato
 della Pregbiera - Presidente della Parroc-
 chia St. Pietro Bellarmino. Si spen-
 se ospedaliere il 12. 8. 44 fece
 istanza presso la S. V. Ill. per aver
 l'uso giornaliero del telefono o
 almeno aumentare, in quanto fosse
 possibile, il numero di dette telefo-
 nate per le numerose esigenze
 del suo lavoro ed ebbe gentilmente
 concessa. Salvo S. V. Ill. Si c'è

telefonate giornaliere. - Dopo
le ultime disposizioni emanate
dalla Beti, chiese all'Ufficio
controllo telefonate se la sotto-
scritta potera usufruire tuttora
della suddetta concessione: ma
si senti rispondere che solo per
le telefonate non pagate: ma
per le rimanenti. O dovera pagar
lire due a telefonata! Essendo
il mio lavoro fatto unicamente
a scopo di beneficenza e di opere
spirituali non puo la sottoscritta

son accaricarsi di una spesa bi-
mensuale di £ 1080 che nessuno le
rimborserà! Perciò faccio appello
ai sensi di umanità e di compres-
sione della S. V. M. affinché voglia
esonerarmi da simile gravosa
spesa e ottenere dalla Direzione
dei Telefoni detti che la sottoscritta
possa continuare ad aver le 10 tele-
fonate giornaliere senza pagamento
concorrendo a suo tempo sempre per l'organi-
mento normale delle sue numerose mansioni.
Gradirei una sollecita risposta e con ossequio
distinto di cordia! Tola Gelli De Angelis
Via Vittorio Veneto, Presidente diocesana di
tel. 871.324 Roma

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO

394

Communications Sub-Commission

JLH/epc

T.61.51.09

6th April, 1945

SUBJECT: Signal Complaints

TO: Colonel Parkin, Establishment Section.

Suggest notice in orders to following effect:

"TELEPHONE CALLS TO AFHQ

"Complaints are being received from offices at A.F.H.Q. that officers there are frequently called to the telephone from this H.Q. but that the caller cannot then be located. This not only wastes valuable long-distance circuit time but creates a bad impression.

"If delay working is not being used, officers will wait until the call is completed. If delay working is being used, callers will note the ticket number of the booking, and, if leaving the office before the call has been completed, will call the booking clerk and cancel the booking. The booking clerk will state the delay to be anticipated, but it must be remembered that he can only know the circuit delay, not whether the required extension will actually be free at the time the long-distance circuit is available, and that the stated delay time cannot be relied upon with accuracy".

I suggest that a copy of this order be sent to Brigadier General Spofford in reply to his letter.

J. L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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4 April 1945

Dear Norman:

I would be grateful if you could help me on the following point with regard to long distance telephone calls from your HQ to Caserta.

My officers are complaining that it frequently happens that when the telephone operator here rings to notify them of an incoming call from Rome, they then have to wait as much as ten minutes whilst the Rome operator searches, sometimes in vain, for the officer in HQ Allied Commission who originated the call. This practice not only blocks long distance wires unnecessarily but wastes valuable time at this end and does not improve the tempers of the officers concerned.

Would you consider whether some procedure could be introduced whereby an officer originating a long distance call holds the receiver while it is completed or some other means of ensuring that he sees the call through.

Sincerely yours


CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Brigadier General, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

Col. Norman E. Fiske
Acting Executive Commissioner
Headquarters, Allied Commission
APO 394.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

AFC 394

Communications Sub-Commission

HHS/epc

T.61.49.CS

24th March, 1945

SUBJECT: Telephone Calls

TO: Adjutants Office

1. It is requested that a notice along the following lines be published in the Daily Bulletin for at least four days:

"It has been brought to the attention of this Headquarters that Officers of the Allied Commission have been using military long-distance telephone circuits for calls dealing entirely with personal matters. The Chief Signal Officer, A.F.H.Q. has requested that it be brought to the attention of all members of the Allied Commission that use of military long-distance circuits for calls of an entirely personal nature is forbidden"

J.L.HENDERSON

Colonel,
Director.

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Subject:- Telephone Calls.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
X500/8

20 Mar 45

Communications Sub Commission A.C.

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Reference your T.61.45.CS of 19 Mar.

The incident in question had already come to the notice of the Signal Officer this Sub Commission. On investigation it was shown that the use of "Urgent" was unintentional and was not intended. The remark made was "It is urgent".

The attention of all Officers and the particular Officer in question has been drawn to this possible abuse through ignorance.

Director	
Chief of Staff	
Chief of Telecomm	
Chief Postal	
M. G. Comm. O.	
Asst. Chief Postal	
Censorship	
Chief Clerk	

W. Calvey
W. CALVEY, Major,
for Major General,
M. M. I. A. 4640

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Date 24 MAR 1945

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

JLP/epc

T.61.47.08

20th March, 1945

SUBJECT: Vatican Traffic

TO: Cable and Wireless Ltd.
Rome.

1. The Vatican authorities have requested that the old procedure for delivery of cablegrams to the Vatican be restored, that is, forwarded by telegraph from the Rome telegraph office instead of delivery by hand.

2. There is no objection to this procedure being adopted at any time convenient to you.

J.L.HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

Copy to: Civil Censorship
Liaison Division, Allied Commission
(ref 397.1/EC (L) dated 17th March)

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Major Allman

No objection from a Crossed 46
standpoint. Cable & Radio Substation
PRA

No objection Rk. Allman
Maj
Landmark Section.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner
Liaison Division

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Ref: 397.1/EC(L)

17 March 1945

MEMO TO : Communications Sub-Commission

1. The Secretariat of State of the Vatican has called our attention to a problem arising in the delivery of telegrams transmitted by the Cable and Wireless Ltd. to the Vatican. It appears that formerly the procedure had been for such telegrams to be relayed telegraphically from the Rome Telegraph Office directly to the Vatican Telegraph Office, whereas recently a large number of these messages have been received at the Rome Office of the Cable and Wireless Ltd. and forwarded by hand to the Vatican. It is pointed out that frequently replies are involved and the method now used increases the burden of the work of the Vatican Telegraph Office and it would be desirable to revert to the previous procedure, i.e. relaying telegraphically from the Rome Office of the Cable and Wireless Ltd. to the Vatican Telegraph Office.

2. It would be appreciated if you would bring this matter to the attention of Cable and Wireless Ltd. with a view to obtaining their co-operation, and inform this office what reply may be given to the Secretariat of State of the Vatican.

J. H. Kennedy
Officer-in-Charge
Liaison Division

Director	
D/Director	
Chief Telecoms	
Chief Post	
H. Q. Comm. O	
Asst. Chief Post	
Censorship	
Chief Clerk	

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Date 17 MAR 1945

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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T.61.45.05

19th March, 1945

SUBJECT: "Urgent" Telephone Calls

TO: Land Forces Sub-Commission

1. Your attention is drawn to the attached, and it is requested that the officers concerned be clearly instructed on the gravity of the offence.

2. It is possible that the American use of the word 'URGENT' in this technical sense is not fully appreciated. 'URGENT' is the highest priority classification, above 'PRIORITY' or even 'OPERATIONAL PRIORITY', and its use is not allowed in any circumstances to any member of the Allied Commission.

Very serious and immediate attention is paid to calls classified 'URGENT'

3. Arrangements have been made by this office for republication of the instructions on the subject;

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J.L.HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

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Incl: Copy of letter from A.F.H.Q., C.S.O. dated 14th March, 1945 reference No.311.3/2.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

WPS/lr

AG/161/17/TN.1

17 March 1945

MEMORANDUM

TO : Director, Communications Sub-Commission,
HQ., AG.

1. The attached letter your office, Ref. T.61 .CS, *attached*
dated 16 March 1945, subject, "Urgent" Telephone Calls,
was apparently sent to this Sub-Commission in error as
the personnel concerned are not connected with the
Transportation Sub-Commission. *see 44*

2. It is believed that the personnel concerned
are connected with the Land Forces Sub-Commission.

For the Director :

Walter P. Higgins
WALTER P. HIGGINS
Lt. Colonel, GMC,
Chief, Admin. Div.

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Ltr with incl.

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FILE T-61	B/Fwd.

Date 18/3/45

Direct	
D/O	
Chie	
Chie	
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Ass.	
Comm.	
Chief	

*Resp. to
message as
advised, &
advise HQ
Action Memo.*

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17 March 1945

TO: Adjutant's Office

It is requested that the following notice be published in the Daily Bulletin for at least four days:

PRECEDENCE OF LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALLS

It has been forcibly brought to the attention of this office that many officers of Allied Commission have been classifying long distance telephone calls "Urgent" in order to be connected through in a short time. Under orders received from the Chief Signal Officer, AFHQ, this practice will cease immediately. It is pointed out that the highest ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ precedence classification that can be assigned an administrative long distance telephone call is "Priority" and officers using the Home Long Distance Facilities from this headquarters are expected to comply.

The classification of a long distance telephone call as "Urgent" causes "Operational Priority" and other "Priority" calls to be immediately disconnected through the switchboards concerned, and officers originating such calls are liable to severe disciplinary action.

(Sig O)

seen by JLT ¹⁶/₃ 45Lt Guinnans
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

JLH/epc

T.61. .CS

16th March, 1945

SUBJECT: "Urgent" Telephone Calls
TO: Transportation Sub-Commission

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1. Your attention is drawn to the attached, and it is requested that the officers concerned be clearly instructed on the gravity of the offence.

2. It is likely that the American use of the word 'URGENT' in this technical sense is not fully appreciated. 'URGENT' is the highest priority classification, above 'PRIORITY' or even 'OPERATIONAL PRIORITY', and its use is not allowed in any circumstances to any member of the Allied Commission.

Very serious and immediate attention is paid to calls classified 'URGENT'

3. Arrangements will be made by this office for republication of the instructions on the subject.

J.L.HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

Incl: Copy of letter from A.F.H.Q.C.S.O. dated 14th March, 1945 reference no. 311.3/2.

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Copy to: Leslie Simmons.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Chief Signal OfficerAPO 512, U. S. Army
14 March 1945

311.3/2

SUBJECT: "Urgent" Telephone Calls.

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

1. Several cases have been brought to the attention of this office where "urgent" long distance calls have been placed over the military wire network which, when monitored, cannot be considered to warrant a precedence of "urgent".

2. Specific reference is made to the following call:

a. Telephone call placed by Captain CRAIG, Allied Commission, Supply and Transportation Liaison, Naples 53878, to Captain MILES, Rome 489081, Ext. 526, on 12 March 1945 at 1656 hours, relative to stock records on military vehicles and availability of Italian truck drivers.

3. It should be realized that telephone operators are required to interrupt established connections which may have a precedence of "operational priority" or "priority", where necessary, in order to complete an "urgent" call. As the highest precedence which can be given an administrative call is "priority", it is evident that the call referred to in 2 a above cannot properly be considered as "urgent".

4. It is requested that necessary action be initiated to prevent any recurrence in the assignment of excessive precedence to long distance telephone calls by personnel of the Allied Commission.

For the Chief Signal Officer:


DONALD H. NELSON,
Colonel, Signal Corps.

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MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI
DIREZIONE GENERALE PP. TT.

Rome, 10. II. 1945

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Col Henderson may wish to see.
S. J. ... has pushed.
M. J. ... a list.
H. J. ...
12/2

Dear Colonel

N.
Risposta al N

OGGETTO:

Herewith enclosed, a list of the telegrams of the
A. C., sent from London, to Italy, in the last week -
The time required, seems to me, not to long, in view
of the fact that most of the telegrams are ciphered and
very long.

With my best regards

Anton Hill 4632

Nr.	Parole Origine	Destinatario	Ora e data di accettazione	Ora e data ricev.
0240	98 Cagliari	Allied C.C.	2/2 10.15	2/2 12.20
02/11	I30 Cagliari	"	2/2 10.15	13
1	I39	"	2/2 12.50	14.05
2	76	"	2/2 16.10	17
67	72	"	3/2 15.20	16
7	I63	"	3/2 17.10	19.30
8	I34	"	3/2 17.10	19.45
9	I28	"	4/2 10.35	14.35
10	I43	"	4/2 10.35	14.50
11	332	"	4/2 12	16.45
12	52	"	5/2 9.50	10.10
13	I40	"	5/2 11.10	13.20
19	398	"	7/2 10.15	12.5
21	253	"	7/2 10.15	13.40
20	210	"	7/2 10.15	14.20
22	170	"	7/2 10.20	14.45
23	289	"	7/2 11.5	15.20
1295	14111 ROMA	"	10/2 10.10	12.15
24	321 Cagliari	A.C.C.	8/2 11.50	15
26	99	"	8/2 13.55	17.25
27	311	"	8/2 13.55	18
28	I28	"	8/2 17.50	19.15
25	I93	"	8/2 13.55	19.30
30	270	"	9/2 14.10	16.40
29	305	"	9/2 14.	17.50
31	78	"	9/2 16.45	19.25

10/2/45
Thyphus
D. J. J. J.

1	I39	"	"	2/2	I2.50	2/2	I4.00
2	76	"	"	2/2	I6.10	2/2	I7
67	72	"	"	3/2	I5.20	3/2	I6
7	I63	"	"	3/2	I7.10	3/2	I9.30
8	I34	"	"	3/2	I7.10	3/2	I9.45
9	I28	"	"	4/2	I0.35	4/2	I4.35
10	I43	"	"	4/2	I0.35	4/2	I4.50
11	332	"	"	4/2	12	4/2	I6.45
12	52	"	"	5/2	9.50	5/2	10.10
13	I40	"	"	5/2	11.10	5/2	I3.20
19	398	"	"	7/2	I6.15	7/2	12.5
21	253	"	"	7/2	10.15	7/2	13.40
20	210	"	"	7/2	10.15	7/2	14.20
22	170	"	"	7/2	10.20	7/2	14.45
23	289	"	"	7/2	11.5	7/2	I5.20
1295	1414	ROME	"	10/2	1021001	18/21	12151
24	321	Cagliari	A.C.C.	8/2	11.50	8/2	15
26	99	"	"	8/2	13.55	8/2	17.25
27	311	"	"	8/2	13.55	8/2	I8
28	I28	"	"	8/2	I7.50	8/2	I9.15
25	I93	"	"	8/2	I3.55	48/21	I9.30
30	270	"	"	9/2	I4.10	48/21	I6.40
29	305	"	"	9/2	I4.	9/2	I7.50
31	78	"	"	9/2	I6.45	9/2	I9.25

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T.61.38.CS

SUBJECT: Sicily Disturbances

TO: Chief Staff Officer

Reference your 3618/223/COS dated 9th Feb. 45.

1. It is considered that the communication facilities in Sicily are adequate, qualified by the condition that facilities in this poorly developed island never were on a lavish scale. This does not mean that communications are properly organized to deal efficiently with such disturbances as took place, as this general requirement needs standards of civil official and police staff organizations which may not be sufficiently high.

2. The latest figures available on the restoration of pre-war services in Sicily are at the end of November 1944. These are as follows:

Province	Telegraph Stations		Telephone Exchanges	
	Pre-war	Now in Service	Pre-war	Now in Service
Agrigento	47	45	31	17
Caltanissetta	22	22	13	6
Catania	82	59	60	18
Enna	23	21	17	8
Messina	159	150	43	9
Palermo	93	89	45	14
Ragusa	18	18	9	5
Siracusa	24	17	15	5
Trapani	46	41	20	5
	514 (90%)	462	253 (34%)	87

Matters have improved since that time, the telephone exchanges now in service being approximately 50% of pre-war. The situation is also really considerably better than that given by the percentage figure as the stations restored to service include all the more important localities.

3. Of course the Italian authorities are labouring under the well-known difficulties of shortages of transport and stores and low wages and bad living conditions of the personnel, and no doubt circuits are out of action for one reason or another for periods that would not be tolerated in normal times and circumstances.

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4. I do not think much good can result from simply telling the Posts and Telegraphs Dept. that there is a generally unsatisfactory state of communications in Sicily as, firstly, they aren't bad all things considered and, secondly, they will only produce the usual good excuses for short-comings. Of course any particular case of a definite shortage of facilities will be willingly investigated.

5. I understand that one of the chief causes of communication difficulties was that all circuits out of Ragusa were out. This is hardly the fault of the Posts and Telegraphs Ministry. Actually I feel that the fault probably lies more in the efficiency of the use made of the existing facilities i.e. the organization and competence of local police and civil official bodies.

Tel: 489081
Ext: 400

13th February, 1945

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Chief of Staff

Ref: 3618/223/cas
223/3618/cas

Subject: Sicily Disturbances.

To: Col. J.I. HENDERSON,
Communications Sub Commission.

Director	
D/Director	
Chief, Telecoms	
Chief, Postal	
H Q. Coms O	9 February 1945.
Asst Chief Postal	
Censorship	
Chief Clerk	

At our conference today, convened by Land Forces Sub Commission (LMIA) on the subject of the Sicilian disturbances, it was agreed to ask your Sub Commission to approach the Italian Government to see how the communications in the island could be improved, since it was thought that one of the reasons for the bad handling of the disturbances was the inadequacy of the communications.

The writer will come and see you on this matter if you so desire.

Sigbee
Colonel,
Chief Staff Officer.
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Copy to: Land Forces S/C (LMIA).

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Date 11/2/45

CONFIDENTIAL.

SUBJECT:- Misuse of L.D. Telephone Circuits.

From:- CSO L OF C ITALY (MAIN)

To:-

CSO 1 District.
 CSO 2 District.
 CSO 3 District.
 CSO 3 District (East)
 Sig.O. P.B.S.
 Sig.O. P.B.S. (South)
 Sig.O. RAC.
 Traffic Offr NAPLES LD.

311.2/2

Date: FEB 1945

Director	
D/Director	
Chief Telecoms	
Chief Postal	
M. O. C. O.	
Asst Chief Postal	
Chief Ship	
Chief Clerk	

CROSS.
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1. It has come to notice that some Italian civilians, who have no authority to use the military network, have been holding private conversations over military L.D. circuits. These calls are set up -

- (a) by civilians who can speak English sufficiently well to avoid challenge by the operator, or
- (b) by members of the Allied Forces who subsequently allow civilians access to the line.

2. While it is desired to prevent calls of the type described above being passed, it is not intended to obstruct the passing of calls by authorised civilians or by A.C. officials who from time to time find it necessary to conduct their business in Italian.

3. The following instructions will therefore be issued to operators at all main exchanges under your command.

- (a) Except where a call has been set up on a reversed basis to an authorised civilian number, on any occasion that an operator encounters a conversation in Italian, he or she will challenge and demand the names and telephone numbers of the talking parties.
- (b) Where it is established that the call is official and from a member of A.C. or A.M.G., no further action will be taken.
- (c) Where there is doubt as to the legitimacy of the call a report giving all details will be furnished by the O i/c the exchange concerned to the CSO or Sig. O. responsible for the operation of the exchange. (Traffic Officer, NAPLES LD will report direct to this office).
- (d) Where the subscribers refuse to give their identity and telephone number, or are unable to do so in English, and a local automatic telephone is involved, the call will be broken down on the 'trunk side' but the local party held while a physical check of the number is made in the automatic exchange. Reports will be furnished as in para. 3 (c).

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 Sig.O. P.B.S.
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Asst. Chief Postal *WJH*
 Liaison Offr
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1 Feb 45.
 JCB/HWP.

Copy to:- CSO AFHQ.
 CSO 15 Army Gp.
 Director Comm Sub-Comm. AC. CSO L OF C ITALY (ADV)
 War Diary (2)

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

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2nd. February, 1945.

Cable & Wireless Ltd.,

TELECOM,

H.O. Public Relations,

C.M.F.

Lt. Col. H.H. Scudder,

Deputy Director,

Communications Sub-Commission,

Allied Commission.

Dear Sir,

REF. T.61 CS.

We regret to learn that Colonel Nelson Monfort has
cause for complaint about the delay on personal telegrams
arriving for him.

Such personal telegrams from the United States
are delivered by our Naples Branch to the U.S. Postal
Directorate, and we are forwarding your letter to our
Manager, Naples, for action.

Yours truly,

W.D. Smith

Manager, Rome Branch.

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Chief Telecoms	
Chief Postal	
Asst. Chief Postal	
Censorship	

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Allied Commission.

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Asst. Director	
Chief, Telecoms	
Chief, Postal	
Chief, O. & A.	
Chief, Chief Postal	
Chief, Prisoners	
Chief, Clerk	
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Date *4/2/45*

HHS/rm

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
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Communications Sub-Commission
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In reply refer
to: T.61. CS.

1st February 1945.

Subject: Telegrams for Colonel Nelson Monfort.

To: Cable and Wireless, INA Building, Rome.

1. Colonel Nelson Monfort has complained about delays in delivery of personal telegrams sent to him from the U.S.A. He has cited the case of a telegram sent to him from New York on 6th January 1945 not yet received by him altho he has received a letter from his correspondent giving the information sent by telegram.

2. Colonel Monfort has arranged with R.C.A. that any personal telegrams received will be telephoned to him at Filpot .
3. May the same arrangement please be made by Cable and Wireless.

H.H. SCUDDER,
Lt. Colonel, S.O.
Deputy Director.

HTWM/epc

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

2nd February, 1945

In reply
refer to: T.61.33.08

Subject : Delay on Cablegram

To : British Army Base Post Office, Naples.

To see the attached complaint. As the matter does not concern this Headquarters, could you kindly take up the matter directly with Lt.Col. Quin Smith.

H.T.W. MILLAR
Lt. Colonel,
Chief Telecommunications
Officer.

Incl: Original correspondence

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P.61.50.03

1st February, 1945

Dear Mr. Prime Minister,

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With your letter of January 27th, 1945 No. 84/XIV/9a you sent me a copy of a letter addressed by the Minister of Posts and Telecommunications to the Communications Sub-Commission A.C. In his letter the Minister drew attention to a report that Allied Military personnel had, in constructing military lines, failed to conserve existing material and had in fact destroyed lines recently repaired by the Circolo Costruzioni.

The Communications Sub-Commission had already requested a full investigation by the Military authorities but the inquiry is not yet completed. Result of the investigation will be communicated to the Minister of Posts and Telecommunications as soon as available. You may rest assured that every effort will be made to insure that construction of military communication facilities is carried out with the least possible disturbance to civilian plant.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral USNR.
Chief Commissioner

To: H.E. G.I. Bonomi
President of the Council of Ministers.
Rome.

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The President of the Council of Ministers
n. 84/KIV/9a

Rome, 27 January 1945

Dear Admiral,

The Minister of Posts and Telecommunications
sent the enclosed letter to the Allied Commission, in re-
lation with a very serious incident which took place in the
Perugia area, about telegraph and telephone liaisons.

I want to draw your personal attention on this fact
which seems very serious to me.

I remain,

Truly yours,

S. I. Ponomi

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief of the Allied Commission
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Ministry of Communications

Posts and Telecommunications.

n. 3/ 8.5/30.26

Rome, 17 January 1949

To the Allied Commission
Posts and Telecommunications Sub-Commission

R o m e

We have received a report from the Director of the Circolo Costruzioni Telegrafiche e Telefoniche of Foligno, of which we transmit the following message:

'The interior communications of the Foligno office have been re-established and we have started to repair the Terni office where the general switchboard and the switchboards for the sets are being repaired.

The Foligno Bevagna line which has three wires has been completely repaired.

The repairs to the line which follows the Foligno Perugia railway were begun. This line, which has a double set of posts, has 22 to 25 wires, three of which are of bronze, and had been seriously injured by the bombardments on several places. These injuries could have been repaired in about 8 or 10 weeks of work.

But on the 6th of this month, allied soldiers began to dismantle all the wires of this line, except the two telephone bights which are at the beginning of the set of poles. This dismantling took place without previous notice to this 'Circolo', and in spite of the Foligno 'SIGNAL OFFICE' having previously authorized the repair works to be started.

The dismantling is being done in such a way that the wires cannot be used again for they are being cut at every pole, and according to a declaration of the C.S.O. the work is already finished.

I tried to obtain from the C.S.O. that only the number of wires strictly necessary to make room for the wires the C.S.O. wanted to establish, should be demolished; in this way the other wires would have remained on the line for civilian uses of this Circolo; I also asked that the demolition should be made by agents of this Circolo to recuperate the material, but my request wasn't granted.

It seems that the material has been lost.

Communications are therefore impossible between Perugia-Ponte S. Giovanni-Bastia-Assisi-S. Maria degli Angeli-Spello and Foligno.

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Other demolitions of the same kind have been made inside Perugia and on the Cerreto di Spoleto-Spoleto line.

I do not need to stress the importance of these facts, especially in what concerns this Ministry.

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As the SIGNAL OFFICE of Foligno had authorized the repair works, we really couldn't expect that the lines which had just been repaired should be demolished.

We feel very badly about the fact that the demolition was made in such a way as makes it impossible for us to use the material again. Considering the present shortage, the fact that the wires have been cut at every pole, that the insulators have been broken, that our agents were not allowed to do the demolition themselves, caused us a serious loss.

Besides, we cannot understand why our request to demolish only the number of wires strictly necessary to make room for those which the C.S.G. had to put up, wasn't granted; the other wires would have remained on the line for civilian uses. Anyhow, we don't want to discuss a question which isn't in our sphere of decision. It is possible that for superior reasons connected with the state of war, that which was done answers an absolute necessity before which there is nothing to be said.

We do not believe that this was done without strong motives and without keeping in mind our needs and the opportunity not to make worse the situation in which we find ourselves because of the war.

Nevertheless, we hope that the Allied Authorities will keep in mind our needs, and considering what happened, supply us the means to repair what we lost and reestablish the public services which are indispensable for the rehabilitation of national life.

Hoping that your answer will be such as to enable us to resume the hard work we started with trust and tranquillity, we remain,

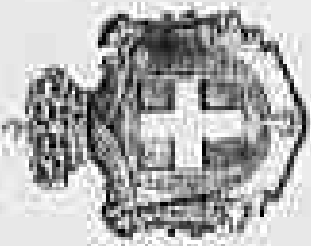
Truly yours,

The Minister

Cavalotto

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*Al Presidente
del Consiglio dei Ministri
N. 82/1117 ga*

JAN 29 1945

Roma, 27 GEN. 1945

Caro Ammiraglio,

il Ministro delle Poste e delle
Telecomunicazioni ha indirizzato alla Commissione Al-
leata l'acclusa lettera, relativa ad un gravissimo inci-
dente verificatosi nella zona di Perugia in merito a colle-
gamenti telegrafonici.

Desidero richiamare la Sua personale attenzione sulla
questione che a me pare rivestire particolare importanza.

Cordiali saluti.

W. Stone

Al sig. Ammiraglio

Ellery W. Stone

Capo della Commissione Alleate

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JAN 29 1945

MINISTERO COMUNICAZIONI
DELLE POSTE E DELLE TELECOMUNICAZIONI

Prot. n° 578.5/30256

Roma, lì 17 gennaio 1945

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
Posts And Telecommunications Sub-Commission

R O M A

Dal Direttore del Circolo Costruzioni Telegrafiche e Telefoniche di Poligno, riceviamo una relazione dalla quale riportiamo il brano seguente:

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Tale smantellamento è avvenuto senza nessun preavviso a questo Circolo e nonostante che in precedenza il "SIGNAL OFFICE" di Poligno avesse dato autorizzazione per l'inizio dei lavori di riparazione.

Lo smantellamento viene condotto in modo che i fili tolti d'opera non sono riutilizzabili perchè vengono tagliati campata per campata e parte, per dichiarazione del C.S.O. che sia stato già ultimato.

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Il materiale di risulta è stato disperso.

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Non occorre che rileviamo l'importanza dei fatti esposti, specialmente per ciò che riguarda questo Ministero.

Poichè il "SIGNAL OFFICE" di Foligno aveva dato l'autorizzazione per i lavori di riparazione, proprio non potevamo aspettarci che le linee già

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riparate fossero poi smantellate.

Grande è il nostro dispiacere per il fatto che lo smantellamento è stato condotto in modo da toglierci la possibilità di riutilizzare il materiale demolito. Nella nostra penuria estrema, la circostanza che i fili siano stati tagliati campata per campata, che gli isolatori siano stati spezzati, che non si sia permesso ai nostri agenti di eseguire essi le demolizioni in modo da recuperare il materiale, ci ha recato un danno gravissimo.

Non comprendiamo poi perchè non sia stata accettata la nostra proposta di demolire solo il numero di fili strattamente necessario a far posto per quelli che il C.S.O. doveva posare, lasciando gli altri sulla linea per gli usi civili. Comunque non vogliamo entrare in questioni che sfuggono alla nostra sfera di decisione. Può ben darsi che per ragioni superiori connesse con lo stato di guerra, ciò che è stato fatto risponda a necessità assolute alle quali dobbiamo inchinarci.

Nemmeno pensiamo lontanamente che si sia agito senza motivi impellenti e senza tener conto dei nostri bisogni e della opportunità di non aggravare la situazione in cui la guerra ci ha portato.

Speriamo però che le Autorità Alleate vorranno avere presenti le nostre difficoltà e, dato ciò che è successo, fornirci almeno i mezzi per ripartire a ciò che abbiamo perduto e per poter attuare quei servizi pubblici che sono indispensabili alla ripresa della vita nazionale.

Nella speranza di poter ricevere delle assicurazioni in proposito che ci permettano di riprendere il lavoro faticoso a cui ci siamo accinti con tranquillità e con fiducia, inviamo distinti saluti.

IL MINISTRO
Fito Cavalotto

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The President of the Council of Ministers
n. 34/XIV/5a

Rome, 27 January 1945

Dear Admiral,

The Minister of Posts and Telecommunications
sent the enclosed letter to the Allied Commission, in re-
lation with a very serious incident which took place in the
Perugia area, about telegraph and telephone liaisons.

I want to draw your personal attention on this fact
which seems very serious to me.

I remain,

Truly yours,

e. i. Bonomi

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief of the Allied Commission
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Translation

Ministry of Communications

Posts and Telecommunications.

n. 3/ 8.5/30.26

Rome, 17 January 1945

To the Allied Commission
 Posts and Telecommunications Sub-Commission
R o m e

We have received a report from the Director of the Circolo Costruzioni Telegrafiche e Telefoniche of Foligno, of which we transmit the following message:

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But on the 6th of this month, allied soldiers began to dismantle all the wires of this line, except the two telephone bights which are at the beginning of the set of poles. This dismantling took place without previous notice to this 'Circolo', and in spite of the Foligno 'SIGNAL OFFICE' having previously authorized the repair work to be started.

The dismantling is being done in such a way that the wires cannot be used again for they are being cut at every pole, and according to a declaration of the C.S.O. the work is already finished.

I tried to obtain from the C.S.O. that only the number of wires strictly necessary to make room for the wires the C.S.O. wanted to establish, should be demolished; in this way the other wires would have remained on the line for civilian uses of this Circolo; I also asked that the demolition should be made by Agents of this Circolo to recuperate the material, but my request wasn't granted.

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As the SIGNAL OFFICE of Foligno had authorized the repair works, we
really couldn't expect that the lines which had just been repaired would
be demolished.

We feel very badly about the fact that the demolition was made in
such a way as makes it impossible for us to use the material again. Consider-
ing the present shortage, the fact that the wires have been cut at every
pole, that the insulators have been broken, that our agents were not allow-
ed to do the demolition themselves, caused us a serious loss.

Besides, we cannot understand why our request to demolish only the number of wires strictly necessary to make room for those which the C.S.C. had to put up, wasn't granted, the other wires would have remained on the line for civilian uses. Anyway, we don't want to discuss a question which isn't in our sphere of decision. It is possible that for superior reasons connected with the state of war, that which was done answers an absolute necessity before which there is nothing to be said.

We do not believe that this was done without strong motives and without keeping in mind our needs and the opportunity not to make worse the situation in which we find ourselves because of the war.

Nevertheless, we hope that the Allied Authorities will keep in mind our needs, and considering what happened, supply us the means to repair what we lost and reestablish the public services which are indispensable for the rehabilitation of national life.

Hoping that your answer will be such as to enable us to resume the hard work we started with trust and tranquillity, we remain,

Truly yours,

The Minister

Cavalotto

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
SARDINIA REGION

10 January 1945

REFERENCE: HQ/1004

SUBJECT: Signal Communications

TO: Headquarters, Allied Commission

1. With reference to your Adj. 511 of the 4th January 1945, the signal communications of this Region to cope with Allied Garrison work and A.C. messages have been the subject of concern. Messages from A.C.H.Q. are very slow coming through. I attach as an example a copy of a letter dated 9th January from the Mining Division. It shows that a signal sent by these Headquarters on the 30th December 1944 was not answered until the 8th of January 1945 and as a result a ship was delayed awaiting loading instructions.

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3. As stated in my signal 343 of the 9th January 1945, the Italian cipher team and the civil telegraph system are now being used for all messages to Allied Commission Headquarters from this Region, including the daily returns of shipping which are referred to in your letter. This last signal is addressed "ALCOM repeated APRQ". It has been assumed by this Headquarters that these signals are transmitted onwards by Allied Commission Headquarters Signal Centre to A.P.H.Q. The A.P.H.Q. copy of these signals is at present being forwarded from here to A.P.H.Q. via Air Despatch Letter Service.

4. In my letter HQ/1004 of the 27th December 1944 I drew attention to the number of messages we have to deal with and to the shortage of signal staff allotted to Regional or Garrison Headquarters.

5. For your information I forward a copy of a letter TRC/ATS/rml dated 30th December 1944 from O.C. Traffic Division to Allied Garrison Commander, attention Signal Officer. We have no Signal Officer but it will be observed that from Para.4 of this letter O.C. Traffic Division considers delivery times of messages to be satisfactory. Every endeavour will be made to avoid delays in messages from these headquarters but the means of despatch are very limited in case of emergency.

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J. A. C. PENNYQUICK,
Colonel,
Regional Commissioner.

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Date

13 JAN 1945

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HEADQUARTERS
REGIONAL MINING DIVISION
ALLIED COMMISSION REGION VI
APO 397

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Ref: 131.4

9 January 1945

Subject: Communications

To: Regional Allied Commissioner, Sardinia Region.
Hq Alcom, Ind Sub-Commission, Mining Div., APO 394.

1. Reference is made to letter Hq Regional Mining Division, file 131.4, dated 22 Dec 1944 Subject: Communications.

2. On 29 Dec 1944 MWT Representative Mr Thomas notified Regional Mining Division that S.S. SCHIAPPINO was enroute to Sant' Antioco. Since no loading instructions had been received as of 30 Dec 1944 our signal AGU-24, dated 30 Dec 1944 was sent to AFHQ for Quartermaster (Coal Section), with an info copy to Hq Alcom Mining Division, requesting loading instructions. The S.S. SCHIAPPINO arrived at Sant' Antioco at 1400 hrs 31 Dec 1944. Reply to our signal AGU-24 was received 8 Jan 45.

3. The S.S. SCHIAPPINO was moored at Sant' Antioco from 31 Dec 1944 to 8 Jan 1944 awaiting loading instructions.

MAX A MATTHEWS
Maj - Inf
Chief, Regional Mining Div.

Copy to:

Mr Thomas, MWT Representative, Cagliari

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Signal Center

B 28-4

TRC/ATS/rml
30 December 1944

SUBJECT: Communications

TO : Allied Garrison Commander,
Attn: Signal Officer

1. Delay in answering your letter HQ/1004 dated 12 December 1944 caused by necessary study of the suggestions and points contained therein.

2. Your paragraph 2 (c), it is considered that the facilities available at the 63rd (RAF) Staging Post will, as pointed out in your letter, be able to handle any high priority traffic for ALCOM, Sardegna Region. Therefore in case of an emergency a fast medium of communication is available.

3. Previous experience, based on teleprinter service via cable from Corsica, shows that type service to be unsatisfactory. The constant maintenance, and limited transmission provided precludes entertaining serious consideration to a teleprinter service via OLBIA Cables.

4. A study of traffic 15 December 1944 thru 18 December 1944 inclusive shows a daily average of only 400 groups between Sardegna and/or thru the AFHQ Signal Center.

a. One daily message on ship positions is a routine communication. Traffic analysis shows delivery times to be satisfactory.

b. Other reviewed messages appear to lack any factor of time that might make additional communication between Sardegna and the mainland a necessity.

5. In view of the above the assignment of a radio team to your Headquarters cannot be favorably considered.

. For the Chief Signal Officer:

S. S. FURSE, 3
Lt. Col., Signal Corps,
O/C Traffic Division

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

In reply
refer to: T.61.27.CS

23rd January, 1945

Subject : Delay in Cable

To : Provincial Commissioner, Arezzo
Att: Lt. Col. Quin Smith

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1. Reference your letter No. D/O/AR/HQ/120 dated 16th January, 1945 subject as above.
2. The cable mentioned therein was not enclosed. May this please be forwarded so that investigation may be carried out.

J. L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

see 33.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
SARDEGNA REGION

3rd January 1945.

Ref. HQ/1004.

Subject : Delay in Receipt of Message.

to : H. Q., Allied Commission,
Attention Communications Sub-Commission.

Reference your letter L. 61. 24. CS.

1. The message referred to by you in your letter, was despatched by air mail on 25 December 1944. Previously these messages had been sent by air mail as on account of their complicated form many errors arose in transmission.

2. In future all messages will be sent by Cable.

*For Regional Commissioners
Alcooper and Collier*

for G. F. L. WAGSTAFF.
Captain.
Secretariat.

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D/Director	
Chief Telecoms	
Chief Postal	
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Asst Chief Postal	
Censorship	
Chief Clerk	

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Date - 8 GEN 1945

*Spoke for Comms Section
who will let me if any more delays.
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

4 January 1945

Adj: 311.

SUBJECT: Handling of Signal Communications

TO : Regional Commissioner, Sardegna Region, Allied Commission
(Attention: Adjutant)

1. During the past few weeks numerous complaints have arisen from AFHQ and Sub-Commissions of this Headquarters concerning delayed shipping reports from your headquarters.

2. Investigation of specific cases of delay reveal that in all such cases, Air Mail Dispatch was used in forwarding the cables. It is requested that when it is in operation, the Italian Cipher and Cable facilities located at your headquarters be used to the fullest capacity in forwarding your dispatches to this headquarters.

By command of Rear Admiral STONE:

Nicholas Piombino
NICHOLAS PIOMBINO
CWO, USA
Asst Adjutant

see minute 2

Director	<i>[Signature]</i>
Deputy Director	
Chief, Personnel	
Chief, Postal	
Chief, Signal	
Chief, Transport	
Chief, Communications	
Chief, Clerk	

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Date: 1-6-45

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
INDUSTRY SUB-COMMISSION
MINING DIVISION

Tel: 559

DSK/cc.

Ref: Mines-319.6

30 December 1944.

SUBJECT: Communications.

TO : Communication Sub-Commission, HQ. A.C.

1. The attached copy of a letter is forwarded for information and action by your organization.

2. May the Mining Division, Industry Sub-Commission be informed regarding action taken to remedy this situation.

W. S. Vaughan
W. S. VAUGHAN,
Director,
Industry Sub-Comm.

Incl - (1) copy ltr dtd 22 Dec. 44
Ref: 131.4 from Reg Mining Div. Sardinia

c/c - Economic Section, HQ. A.C. (1)
Reg Mining Division, Sardinia (1)
Float (1)
Files, Mining Division (1)

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Date 31/12/44

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Chief, Telecoms	
Chief, Postal	
H Q Coms O.	
Ass. Chief, Postal	
Censor	
Chief Clerk	

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C O P YHEADQUARTERS
REGIONAL MINING DIVISION
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION VI APO 397

Ref: 131.4

22 December 1944.

SUBJECT: Communications.

TO : Regional Allied Commissioner, Sardinia
Hq. Alcom, Ind. S/C, Mining Division, APO 394

1. Non delivery and delayed delivery of several recent important cables is reflecting upon the efficient transaction of Allied Commission affairs in the Sardinia Region.

a. Ships are arriving at Sant'Antioco and are being delayed because of non delivery of cables covering loading.

b. Cabled reports of ship loading and other information has of late failed to reach or has been overly delayed to AFHQ.

2. The above information is forwarded for such action as may be deemed necessary.

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MAX A MATTHEWS
Major - Infantry
Chief, Reg Mining Div.Incl

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission
Tel: 489061 Ext: 555

30th December, 1944

In reply
refer to: T. 61.24.03

Subject: Delay in Receipt of Message

To: Regional Commissioner, Sardegna Region

1. A copy of the heading of a message from Sardinia is attached. You will see it has taken four days in transmission from your office to this HQ.

2. It has been checked that the Italian telegraph circuit between Sardinia and Rome was in good order and working on 24th December until 1600 hours and without interruption on 25th December, 1944.

3. Would you kindly investigate and say why the message was sent by Air Mail presumably on or about 28th December. The message was classified priority and Secret.

4. The Sub-Commission to which it is addressed states that other messages have been delayed considerably in the last few weeks.

J. L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

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Incl: Copy of message heading

Copy to: Transportation Sub-Commission
At: J/C Pearnside

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PRIORITY

ALCOM SARDINIA REGION

ALCOM RTTD AFHQ CITE BRGDM FHGEC

(Message deals with shipping position)

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RWR/gv

INTER OFFICE MEMO

19th Dec.44

REF: AC/36/IND/CD/P3

To: Communications S/C, HQ AC

From: Coal Division, Industry Sub-Commission.

Confirming conversation of this morning, we enclose herewith a copy of a priority signal despatched in Cagliari on the 12 Dec. and received by HQ, AC on the 18th Dec.

These figures are urgently required every week by latest Wednesday by AFHQ, and the delay which is occurring precludes our fulfilling our obligation.

For the Chief Commissioner:

[Signature]

W.S. VAUGHAN
Director,
Industry Sub-Commission.

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D/Director	
Chief Telecoms	
Chief Postal	
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Asst Chief Postal	
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Chief Clerk	

In investigation and report

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Date 20 DEC 1944

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PRIORITY

ALCOM SARDINIA REGION

ALCOM FOR INDUSTRY SC COAL SEC ATTN MAJ REEVE

CONFIDENTIAL.

Weekly report SARDINIAN and imported coal 9 December. Read in 5 columns. A class of consumer B consumption C on hand with consumers end of week D and E same headings as columns B and C respectively. B and C refer SARDINIAN, D and E imported coal.

<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>E</u>
Electric power	nil	2100	nil	nil
Distillation	46	342	nil	nil
Railways	121	2000	105	3627
Cement	37	782	nil	nil
Mines	49	100	nil	nil
Other industry	65	282	75	136
Gas	21.2	78	10	202

All figures in metric tons.

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Action → Industry SC (2)
 Info - Chief Commissioner
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Telephone 489021 EXT 333.

In reply refer
to: CS/32/2/22.

15th October 1944.

Subject: E.I.A.R.

To: Mr George Edman, A.D.P.W.O., P.W.B.

1. The Finance Sub-Commission A.C.C. transmitted to us the request that the results of "Lotto" drawings be broadcast by EIAR from Rome, Naples and Bari; every Saturday at 18.15 and 18.30.
2. Due to the disturbed condition of telegraph communication, telegrams announcing the results do not always arrive in time in spite of special handling accorded such telegrams by the telegraph administration.
3. As delay in receipt of results of drawings occasions a serious drop in revenue from the "Lotto" and such revenue is an important source of income to the Italian Government, it is hoped that you will be able to arrange programs so as to comply with the suggestion.
4. The matter has already been raised with EIAR by the Ministry of Communications, but EIAR has replied that permission for such broadcasts had not been accorded by P.W.B.

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

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Copy to: The Under Secretary of State for PP.TT.
Finance Sub-Commission, A.C.C.

TRANSLATION BY SEAN.

13/10/44

REF.:S/84/3091

IN REPLY TO:CS/38/2/20

TO:

THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE

General Inspectorate for the Lotto and Lotterie.

SUBJECT.:Transmission of numbers of the Lotto.

Such Inspectorate, some days ago, addressed themselves to the Allied Control Commission, in order to obtain a quicker transmission of numbers of the Lotto, drawing at the various places, and, if possible, the radio transmission of the said numbers.

With regard to the first request, we can assure you that immediate action was taken on the matter. Relevant orders were issued and quickly performed, so that, when the numbers were drawn at the various places, they were, on the same evening, at the disposal of the Inspectorate at our Offices.

Instead, with regard to the radio transmission, we are sorry to be obliged to herewith enclose a copy of the letter sent us by the EIAR on 5th October, by which it was notified that permission has not been given by the Allied Authorities on the transmission of the concerned numbers by such means.

We hope to be able to obtain the above, permission as soon as possible; and therefore take immediate action on the matter.

UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE.

in reply to your CS/38/2/20

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Date 14/10/44

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Chief Clerk	
Chief Clerk	
H. O. Coms.	
Asst. Chief Clerk	
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Chief Clerk	
Chief Clerk	



MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI

SOTTOSEGRETARIATO DI STATO ALLE POSTE E TELECOMUNICAZIONI

SEGRETERIA

13 Ottobre 1944

Prot. N° 5/84/3091

Risposta al foglio N. _____

del _____

Allegati _____

Al

MINISTERO DELLE FINANZE
Ispettorato Generale per il Lotto
e Lotterie

R O M A

OGGETTO: Trasmissione numeri del lotto.

Codesto Ispettorato si è giorni or sono rivolto alla Commissione Alleata di Controllo per le Finanze, allo scopo di ottenere la più rapida trasmissione dei numeri del lotto estratti nelle varie sedi e la possibile trasmissione radiofonica dei numeri stessi.

Per la prima parte possiamo assicurare di avere dato disposizioni immediate al riguardo, disposizioni che hanno avuto la loro matematica applicazione in quanto la sera stessa dell'estrazione tutti i numeri estratti nelle varie ruote, già erano a disposizione di codesto Ispettorato presso i nostri Uffici.

Per quanto si riferisce invece alle trasmissioni radiofoniche, siamo spiacenti dovervi trasmettere in copia, la lettera che l'E.I.A.R. in data 5 ottobre ci ha inviato, con la quale viene comunicato che le Autorità Alleate non hanno per ora autorizzata la trasmissione con tale mezzo di dette notizie.

Confidiamo di potere al più presto ottenere la revoca del divieto stesso e disporre in tal caso immediatamente al riguardo.

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

p.c. copia all'A.C.C. - Poste and Telecommunications
Sub Commission - APO 394

in esito alla lettera CS/38/2/16 del 2 corr.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Telephone 489081 Ext. 333

7th October, 1944

In reply
refer to: CS/38/2/20

Subject : Lotto

To : Finance Sub-Commission.

1. Reference is made to your memo of Sept. 16th, 1944
No. 13037/P.

2. There is quoted below letter from Under-Secretary of
State giving measures which have been taken.

"Subject: Telegrams concerning drawings of the "Lotto"

With reference to the above letter, we assure you
that we have pointed out again to the dependent offices
the existing instructions on the matter, so that the
official telegrams concerning the drawings of the
"Lotto" can be sent without delay.

Further to the request of the General Inspectorate
of the "Lotto", to transmit from home the drawings
done in various places, we inform you that the LIAR
has been entrusted with this job, which was normally
being done before".

3. Delay in giving you this information was caused
by delayed delivery of correspondence on the matter.

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

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TRANSLATION BY SELAN.

REF.: 481455/9600/4

October 6th 1944

TO:
 ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
 POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS SUB-COMMISSION.

IN ANSWER TO.: CS/38/2/18 dated 2/10/44

SUBJECT.: Delay in the transmission of telegrams. *See 18*

With reference to the above letter, we assure you that we have replied to your letter CS/38/2/15 dated September 21st, by our letter no. 481381/9600/4 dated September 29th, of which a copy is herewith enclosed.

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE.

COPY

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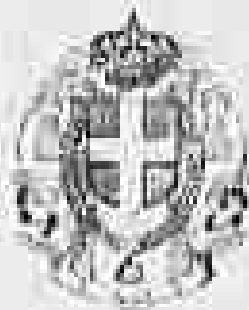
THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE.

Director	
D/Director	
Chief, Telegrams	
Chief, Postal	
H. Q. Com. C.	
Chief Postal	
Chief Clerk	
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Date 7/10/44

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A mano, per ciclista

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Roma 6 OTT. 1944

Ministero delle Comunicazioni

DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLE POSTE E DEI TELEGRAFI

Ministero delle Comunicazioni
Poste and Telecommunications
Ispettorato Generale Traffico Sub-Commission - A.P.O.
Telegrafico e Radiotelegrafico Palazzo Corporazioni

ROMA

Invia *Dir. III* *Reg.* *1*
Let. V 481455/9600/4

Risposta al *V* *CS/38/2/18*
del *2/10/1944*

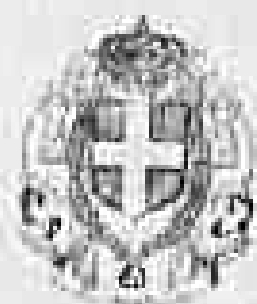
OGGETTO

Ritardo nella trasmissione dei telegrammi.

Con riferimento alla lettera sopra distinta, si assicura che al n. CS/38/2/15 del 21 settembre 1944 di codesta On. Commissione è stato risposto col foglio n. 481381/9600/4 del 29 settembre di cui, ad ogni buon fine, si unisce copia.

Il Sottosegretario di Stato

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Roma 29 settembre 1944.

Ministero delle Comunicazioni

DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLE POSTE E DEI TELEGRAFI

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED
CONTROL COMMISSION

A.P.O. 394 ROMA

Ispett. generale del traffico
Telegrafico e RadiotelegraficoServizio III
Tel. N. 481381/9600/4Dispositivo N. CS/38/2/15
del 21 settembre 1944.

OGGETTO

Telegrammi estrazioni Lotto.

Con riferimento alla lettera sopra distinta, si assicura codesta On. Commissione di avere rinnovato ai dipendenti uffici le disposizioni ^{già} esistenti affinché i telegrammi ufficiali relativi alle estrazioni del Lotto abbiano corso con la massima celerità.

In quanto alla richiesta dell' Ispettorato generale del Lotto per la radiotrasmissione da Roma dei numeri estratti nelle varie ruote, si comunica che è stato interessato l'EIAR per riprendere la radiotrasmissione stessa, la quale normalmente veniva effettuata per il passato.

Il Sottosegretario di Stato
F.to Fano

p. c. c.
V. G. G.

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HEADQUARTERS REGION VIII

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

File Ref: RWIII/34/66

Date: 21 Sep 44.

SUBJECT: Delay in Handling Cable Traffic.

TO : HQ, ACC (Attention Communications Sub-Commission).

1. Reference your CS/38/2/13 dated 15 Sep 44.
2. This HQ, TIM No. 45 dated 12 Sep 44, due to the negligence of a junior post clerk, was inadvertently despatched by normal DR on 13 Sep 44, and not thru AAT signals as was the intention.
3. The delay occasioned by the error is regretted, and whilst each member of the message centre was already aware of the facilities afforded by AAT Signals the procedure has again been explained in detail and it is hoped that there will be no recurrence.
4. It is worthy of note however that the message was despatched from this HQ on the morning of the 13th and should in any case have reached your office before 1830 hrs on 14 Sep 44 which is perhaps an indication of further delay at your end.

For the Regional Commissioner:

J. Howard Saiter
 J. HOWARD SAITER, Major, P.A.,
 Adjutant.

CM/an.

Director	
D. Director	
Chief, Telecoms	
Chief, Postal	
H. Q., Coms. O.	
Asst. Chief Postal	
Geography	
Chief Clerk	

Received 23/9/44



HHS/tjj

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Tel. 489081 : Extn. 400

2nd October, 1944.

In reply
refer to: CS/38/2/18

Subject: Delay in Transmission of Telegrams.

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

1. Reference is made to our letter of 21st September, 1944 reference CS/38/2/13 with which was transmitted letter from the Inspector General of the "Lotto".

2. We would be interested in learning of the solution decided upon.

J. L. HENDERS ON
Colonel,
Director, Communications Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Telephone 489081 Ext. 333

21st September, 1944

In reply
refer to: CS/38/2/15

Subject : Delay in Transmission of Telegrams.

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

1. Transmitted herewith copy of letter Prot. 11604 undated from the Inspector General of the "Lotto" and Lotterie.
2. As delay in receipt of such telegrams may have a bad effect on an important source of revenue for the State. It is felt that your Excellency will wish to examine the question carefully in order to arrange that a solution may be arrived at promptly.
3. It would be appreciated if this Sub-Commission might be informed of the solution decided on.

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

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Incl: One letter.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

13037/F

15-1
18 September 1944.

SUBJECT : Lotto.

TO : Communications Section.
HQ ACC.

1. The attached copy of letter Prot. 11804 undated from the Inspector General of the "Lotto" and "Lotterie" complains of the tardy arrival of telegrams, sent out every Saturday afternoon, immediately after the draw, by each of the "wheels" to the other three, notifying the five winning numbers.
2. There are four drawing centres or "wheels", one each at Rome, Naples, Bari and Salerno. Any person may bet on all four; it is therefore necessary that each centre should advise the other of the result. Before the war this was done by priority telegram and the results were published in an official bulletin at each centre on Saturday evening. The results were not broadcast.
3. The suggestion is now made that the results might be broadcast from the four centres, each Saturday evening at 18.00, 18.15 and 18.30 hours. The alternative is for the telegraph authorities to accord absolute precedence to the telegrams, every Saturday, between approximately 14.30 and 16.00 hours.
4. The increase of revenue is of the utmost importance as every increase reduces the State deficit. Delay in publication of the results might have a dampening effect.
5. Please notify us ^{of} any arrangements you may make so that we may advise the "Lotto" officials.

A. D. Grassover
4591 Genes

Joint Director,
Finance Sub-Commission.

Director	
Asst. Director	
Chief Clerk	
Chief Postal	
Censorship	
Chief Clerk	

Recd 25/9/44

MINISTERO DELLE FINANZE

ROMA19... A. 14

Ispettorato Generale per il Lotto e le Lotterie

ALLA Commissione Alleata di
Controllo per le Finanze
V. Vittorio Veneto - ROMA -

Div. Lotto
Prot. No. 11504

OGGETTO : Estrazioni del Lotto.-

Come si è già comunicato a Cotesta Commissione di Controllo, l'è stato ripristinato il giuoco del lotto per le 4 ruote attualmente in funzione,

Questo Ispettorato Generale ha impartito, a tempo debito, le disposizioni necessarie, perche' i telegrammi estrazionali avessero la precedenza assoluta.

La stampa ha lamentato un ritardo nella pubblicazione del bollettino ufficiale dei numeri estratti, causato dal tardivo arrivo dei telegrammi.

Per evitare l'inconveniente lamentato, si prega vivamente cotesta Commissione, perche' il sabato alle ore 18, 18.15 e 18.30 siano radiotrasmessi i numeri estratti del lotto, per dar modo ai giocatori di prenderne nota, subito dopo esaurite le formalita' delle estrazioni.

Si resta in attesa di conoscere le determinazioni in merito, per potere impartire le opportune disposizioni agli uffici dipendenti.

L'ISPETTORE GENERALE RISPONDE
Pto Mosiello.

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JLH/tjj

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Tel. 489081 : Extn. 400

In reply
refer to: GS/38/2/18

15th September, 1944.

Subject: Delay in Handling Cable Traffic.

To: Headquarters, Region VIII.

1. Request an investigation of delay in handling of your #45 dated 121230B which was received by this Headquarters at 141830B by dispatch. Message was priority.
2. It should be noted that cable traffic from your Region may be handed to AAI Main for transmission by electrical means.

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

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SECTION ONE FOR CAPTAIN TREVELYAN

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3 SEPT 44

RESTRICTED
ROUTINE

COMES SUB COMMISSION

REPORT RECEIVED THAT MILITARY AUTHORITIES CANCELLED TELEGRAM NUMBER
SUGAR DASH CHARLIE DASH MONKEY DASH STROKE ONE SEVEN TWO PARENTHESIS REGIX
FOR FOR TREVELYAN FROM COMUNICATIONS SUB COMMISSION FROM HENDERSON
TAKEN FILED AT REGGIO ITALIAN TELEGRAPH OFFICE BY MASTER BOLTON OF
BIRMINGHAM CONTROL ON FOURTEEN JULY PERIOD ITALIAN OFFICIAL NUMBER OF TELEGRAM
GIVEN AS SEVEN FIVE NINE PERIOD PLEASE INVESTIGATE AND REPORT BY MAIL

FILE: Signal Complaints.

ADVANCE HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Establishment Branch

5 July 1944

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION)

NUMBER.....2)

SIGNAL PROCEDURE - CABLE PREPARATION

1. The following general rules and requirements for the preparation of outgoing signals are published for the information and guidance of all concerned. Adherence thereto is in the interest of efficient, accurate and satisfactory signal traffic emanating from this headquarters, and is therefore enjoined on all activities.
2. Outgoing signals will be prepared on the appropriate forms, which may be obtained from the Adjutant's Department. Signals prepared on other forms, or in other styles, are not acceptable, and will be returned for revision.
3. The following general rules will be followed in the preparation of messages,
 - a. All messages will be submitted to the Adjutant in a total of six (6) copies, of which one - the original - will be on the required printed blank. The remaining copies will be on ordinary thin white paper.
 - b. Opposite "TO" on the message form will be inserted the address of the unit which will actually receive the message. e. g., "AFHQ." No other information will appear there. When both action and information addressees are to be indicated, the following form will be used: AFHQ (ACTION) DISTWO (INFO). When a message is being sent for action to Allied Force Headquarters for action, and to Number Two District for information.

c. Opposite "FROM" on the message form will be inserted the ⁴⁵⁸⁷legon⁷ ADVANCE".

d. Opposite "REFERENCE NO" will be inserted the reference number of the message. Reference numbers may be obtained from the Cable Section, Adjutant's Department, by telephoning number 423. No reference numbers other than those provided by the Cable Section, Adjutant's Department, will be used, and no others will be cited in the body of the message, excepting, of course, where it is necessary to refer to a cable which is being replied to.

e. Opposite "DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN" there will be inserted the date ONLY. The time will be inserted by the Adjutant or Assistant Adjutant at the time the cable is authenticated for transmission.

f. The space opposite the legend "SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER NO" WILL BE LEFT BLANK.

g. Opposite "CLASSIFICATION" there will be inserted the security classification of the message. Messages are classified as follows:

TOP SECRET
SECRET

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 - f. The space opposite the legend "SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER NO" WILL BE LEFT BLANK.
 - g. Opposite "CLASSIFICATION" there will be inserted the security classification of the message. Messages are classified as follows:

TOP SECRET
SECRET
CONFIDENTIAL
RESTRICTED

Messages will NOT be classified as "Clear" or "BY Radio" or "Wires". Messages not properly classified will be returned for correction to the originator.

Administrative instruction Number 2 dtd 5 July 44 cont'd

h. Opposite "PRECEDENCE" will be inserted the degree of urgency of the message. Authorized precedence ratings are as follows:

URGENT
OPERATIONAL PRIORITY
PRIORITY
ROUTINE
DEFERRED

Originators of signals should bear in mind that, virtually without exception, the two highest classifications (URGENT AND OPERATIONAL PRIORITY) are reserved for combat operations, and should not be used in connection with administrative traffic. PRIORITY is the highest classification which should be given to administrative traffic. The indiscriminate use of higher classifications has been the subject of considerable attention by higher authority. Responsibility for assignment of precedence is the originator's. The authenticating officer will not, except under very unusual circumstances, alter the precedence of a message.

i. Opposite "OFFICE OF ORIGIN" will appear the title of the sub-division, staff branch, or section, from which the signal emanates, i.e., "EXECUTIVE OFFICERS".

j. In the lower left-hand corner of the message form, under "Distribution", will be included all addressees not reached by signal means, i.e., to whom copies of the signal are distributed by hand or DR. These will not appear in the top or outside address.

4. INSIDE ADDRESS: All messages originating in this headquarters will contain an inside address, which contains details of the headquarters to which the message is directed, and of the originators. Inside addressees are contained in the text of the message, and will be in substantially the following form:

PAREN TO AFHQ FOR GEORGE FIVE, FROM 400 ADVANCE PAREN

OR

400 ADVANCE PAREN

PAREN TO AFHQ FOR ACTION REFD DISTWO AND TROOPERS FOR INFO FROM

Messages will not, unless essential to the delivery thereof, contain direction either to or from individuals. Messages will be directed to offices or sections, where necessary in the opinion of the originator.

The inside address will include all addressees, including those shown under "Distribution" (See para 3 j).

5. Other rules for the preparation of messages are:

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PAREN TO AFHQ FOR GEORGE FIVE FROM ACC ADVANCE PAREN

or

PAREN TO AFHQ FOR ACTION RPID DISWO AND TROOPERS FOR INFO FROM
ACC ADVANCE PAREN

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5. Other rules for the preparation of messages are:

- a. Figures must be spelled out - thus - FIVE - not "5"
- b. Punctuation will be spelled out - thus - PD CIN USA - not (.) (:) (+)

E. L. Clough
E. L. CLOUGH
Colonel, AGD
Executive Officer

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

Ad: 311.22

10 August 1944

SUBJECT: Traffic Handling Delay.

TO : CG, FBS, APO 782, US Army

1. A priority secret cable originated at SOS MATOUKA, reference Nr. LX - 35709, date-time of origin 061755Z was received by this headquarters at 081530Z. This cable was handled through Peninsular Base Section Signals Center.

2. Investigation reveals that this cable was handled by dispatch rather than by electrical transmission. It was addressed to Commanding General, Mediterranean Base Section and must of necessity be handled electrically to them by your signals.

3. It is believed that a delay of two days is excessive in the handling of priority traffic.

4. An explanation of this delay would be appreciated, in view of the fact that the signal was directed to this Hq for action.

For the Acting Chief Commissioner:

L. T. MONTANT, Jr
1st Lt, AGD
Adjutant 4586

Copy to:

Dir Comm S/C
Sig O

DATE: 10/10/10
BY: [Signature]
S. C. 10
C. C. 10
C. C. 10
C. C. 10

Recd. 10.8.44

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

15th June 1944.

In reply refer
to: TS/33/2/9.

Subject: Message classification and precedence.

For: The Executive Commissioner, Headquarters, A.C.C.

1. I enclose an example of the most flagrant case of misuse of both classification and precedence in message traffic that has come to my notice.

2. The matter relates to the forwarding of five Italian civilians to Rome for the censorship of urban telephone traffic. It is neither "secret" nor even "confidential" though it might reasonably be classified as "restricted", nor can I believe that it is "urgent" or even "priority" in its nature.

3. Such misuse of defined terms, of course, makes any system of control of message traffic hopeless, and can only lead to serious hampering of military operations by the delay of traffic of real urgency and importance.

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

5 June 1944

Major Sudder

Enclosed you'll find
complete correspondence on
cable C1188 from Communications
Consumption Branch, AFHQ.

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J. J. Macdonald

2d Lt. Sig. C.

C. C. C.

Check who has had

the telegram per, after the
5' list on last page.

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ALL have been
sent.

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file

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BJAQ V MJDT NR 1 URGENT

TO LAG

FROM MJDT 011600

TO LAG

SR--

SVC 465 RESTRICTED REFERENCE YOUR MESSAGE RECEIVED AT PBS VIA CABLE
 NUMBERED ~~BEV417/D~~ BEV417/D RPT BEV 417/D DTG 311515Z FROM COMMUNICATIONS
 CENSORSHIP BRANCH INC AFHQ CMA C1135 RPT C1135 THE WORD NURI RPT NURI
 AMBIGUOUS TO ADDRESSEE COULD YOU MEAN NHONG CHECK YR ENTIRE
 ADDRESS AND REPEAT CITING OUR SVC NR 465 RUDK REPLY

SENT PR 1 1610 SJM

10 NR1 01/1610 LAG

This was my first
 query. - SVC 465 8-2

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Ans to sec 465

MDT V MJAQ NR 5 "P"
 FROM JDJD 011500B
 TO JJSK
 GK 2// 130 BT

V JBJD R P T A JBJD 011500B JJSK
 QYM FROM SUPT AFHQ TO HQ ACC QYM SVC 4360
 SYS NR 465 QPO RPT QPO FROM COMMUNICATIONS
 CENSORSHIP BRANCH INC AFHQ TO FIL FATIMA
 REAR SIGNED CINC TAV FOLLOWING FOR ARCHBISHOP
 PALERMO MONSIGNOR POIVELLA ARCHBISHOP CAGLIARI
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 MESSAGES V// WHICH READ ENGLISH GOVERNMENT
 FOLLOWING ACCORD REACHED PERMITS SENDING
 NUMBERED TELEGRAMS IN ENGLISH REGARDING
 ECCLESIASTICAL MATTERS FROM VATICAN CITY TO
 BISHOPS SOUTHERN AND INSULAR ITALY VIA
 VATICAN RADIO ALGIERS STOP INDICATION TAV

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WILL PROCEED TEXT STOP YOUR EXCELLENCE// EXCELLENCE CAN

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COMMUNICATE UNDER SAME CONDITIONS PLACING

INDICATOR VAT BEFORE STOP AT INITIATION THIS

SERVICE AM PLEASED COMMUNICATE THAT HOLY

FATHER IN CONSTANT REMEMBRANCE BLESSES AWAITS

NEWS YOUR EXCELLENCY AND DIOCESE SIGNED

CARDINAL MAGLIONE

BT

SENT NR 5 AT 020035B SLN BD

REF NR 5 020035 SJM

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URGENT MSG NR 1 URGENT

T JUNE

FROM WJDT 021715 Z

TO JWDJ (RESTRICTED)

TO OIC SIGNAL TRAFFIC CONTROL AFHQ

OIC SIGNAL NSC / CDM AOC MAIN

SVC 465 A YR SVC 4360 A REPLY TO OUR SVC 465 MOST UNSATISFACTORY.

YR ORIGINAL CABLE READS QUOTE TAV FOLLOWING FOR ARCHBISHOP PALERMO.

ARCHBISHOP CASLIARI MURRI ETC UNQUOTE YR SVC 4360 READS QUOTE TAV

FOLLOWING FOR ARCHBISHOP PALERMO MONSIGNOR POIVELLA ARCHBISHOP CASLIARI

MURRI ETC UNQUOTE INFORMATION HERE STATES MONSIGNOR POIVELLA IS ARCHBISH

OP OF CASLIARI AND NOT PALERMO AS YOUR CABLE SAYS. ~~REPLY~~ //

CLARIFY. FURTHER QUESTION WHO IS MURRI RPT MURRI. ECCLESIASTICAL REC

ORDS HERE HAVE A MURRI RPT MURRI WHO IS A LIBRARIAN. CHECK WITH ORIGIN

ATOR OF ~~REPLY~~ MESSAGE. IMMEDIATE CLARIFICATION REQUESTED

CITE OUR SVC 465 A.

TIMEOUT MSG NR 1 2/1715 B AAA AS

REC RRI 02/1715B BU AR

*This msg. 465A
was the second
reply*

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Final answers 8-6

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

APO 394

ESTABLISHMENT BRANCH

JJA/jmv

EstO/Jun-7

7 June 1944

Subject: Message Precedence.

TO : Director, Communications Sub-Commission.

1. Pursuant to your letter of 25 May 1944, file TS/38/2/7 on above subject, instructions have been issued that all messages of higher precedence than "Priority" will be authenticated by the Secretary General for the Chief Commissioner.

2. No new instructions have been issued reference Priority messages, since the heads of Sub-Commissions and Branches are the chief offenders. This was called to the attention of Heads of Sections with a request that they instruct their Sub-Commissions.

John A. Albright
JOHN A. ALBRIGHT,
Colonel, Infantry,
Establishment Officer. 4579

DIRECTOR.
D/DIRECTOR.
S O (T).
S O (P)
CENSORSHIP.
CHIEF CLERK.
Recd. 7.6.44.

JLH/epc

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

25th May, 1944

In reply
refer to: TS/38/2/7

Subject : Message Precedence.

To : Executive Commissioner, Headquarters A.C.C.

1. We are continually receiving protests from the Military Signal units that deal with A.C.C. message traffic of the high priority precedences in messages emanating from the Commission that do not appear to be warranted by the texts.
2. Two particularly flagrant cases are attached. It is understood that they are signed by Col. Fluke and Col. Legg respectively.
3. Perhaps you would care to draw the attention of the officers originating these messages to the infringement of orders incurred.
4. Notices are continually being published by the Adjutant's Office on the matter but certain offices appear to pay little attention.
5. It is suggested that no messages from the Commission should receive a precedence higher than "Priority" unless it is authenticated by the Chief Commissioner, and that "Priority" precedence should require to be authorised by heads of Sub-Commissions (or deputies, in their absence).
6. The precedence URGENT is the very highest possible, & is for use only in matters of national importance and permitting of no delay whatever.

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

Incls: Two Cables.

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CONFIDENTIAL

HQ AAI

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SUBJECT : Abuse of Message Priorities

27 May 44

Director,
 Posts and Telecommunications
 Sub-Commission,
 ACC

1. CSO 2 District has drawn attention to the priority allotted to the two messages attached. He states that previous cases have been taken up by "G" staff at 2 District but without effect.
2. It is requested that you take the matter up with the originators of these messages.

CCS/GMA

W. H. Williams
 Major General,
 Chief Signal Officer

DIRECTOR.
D. DIRECTOR.
S. O. (T).
S. O. (P).
CENSOR.
CHIEF CLERK.

Registered in 28/5/44

TS/38/2.

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MEAV V LRAR NR9485 EMERGENCY OPS

FROM ~~MEAV~~ MJDT : 131740B

TO MEAV

GR35 BT

REF NR 4913 CONFIDENTIAL

FOLLOWING FROM FREEDOM PD PAREN TO DISPER BARI FOR HEATHCOTE
SMITH FROM FATIMA PAREN PD ETA NAPLES ONE SEVEN ONE

ZERO HOURS THIRTEEN MAY

PD HARTLEY ^{DELEGATE} ~~DELEGATE~~ AMERICAN SOCIETY
OF FRIENDS

BT

REPTN NR9485 ~~EM OPS~~ MJDT 131740B

MEAV GR35 NR4913

DISPER BARI HEATHCOTE

SMITH FROM FATIMA

ONE SEVEN ONE ZERO HOURS

THIRTEEN MAY PD HARTLEY DELEGATE

TOWE.B.+

1225
5-20
R
17454576

(10)

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Emergency Ops

MEAV V LRAR NR 9548 EMERGENCY OPS

FROM MJDT 131804B

TONEAV 131745B

GR 68 BT

REF NR 4911 (ESS++RESTRICTED)

FOLLOWING SUPPLY

IES ALLOTTED FOGGIA FOR ITALIAN

REFUGEE CAMP EIGHT TONS SOUP CMA EIGHT TONS MILK

CMA FIVE TONS MIKE AND VICTOR CMA

FOUR TONS SUGAR CMA TWO TONS OLIVE OIL

FD FAREN TO DISTWO FOR ACC REGION TWO

~~JD++~~

ACC REGION TWO FOR ACC SUPPLIES BARI FROM ACC MAIN

FROM LEGG SIGNED MACFARLANE FAREN

SEND FORWARD AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT AND ADVISE FOGGIA

WHEN DESPATCHED FD D+DESIRE

IMPRESS URGENCY

REFTN 9548 C

131804B

131745B

68 4911

RESTRICTED

URGENCY

SF+



2 hours 22c
2.6
2.7 5-30

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Emergency Ops

2403

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

MJDT V MJCS NR1 P
 T AJDT
 FROM MJCS COLONEL HENDERSON
 TO MJDT SIGNALS
 GR-- BT

Civil Affairs Br
Fiske
Food S/C
Legg

SVC MSG

M/C 56/13
4913
 PLEASE FORWARD COPIES TELEGRAMS 9485 TIMED 131740 AND 4911 TIMED
 131840 BOTH EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PD SHOW OFFICE OF ORIGIN AND
 GET NAME OF OFFICER AUTHENTICATING PRECEDENCE BT

NTIME SENT NN R1 24/1116B HRA
 RCD NR 1 24/1116B RWC AR

4911 originated by Food S/C
 4913 originated by Civil Affairs

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MJDT V MJCS NR1 P
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FROM MJCS COLONEL HENDERSON
TO MJDT SIGNALS
GR-- BT

SVG MSG
PLEASE FORWARD COPIES TELEGRAMS 9435 TIMED 131740 AND 4911 TIMED
131340 BOTH EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PD SHOW OFFICE OF ORIGIN AND
GET NAME OF OFFICER AUTHENTICATING PRECEDENCE BT
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Signal Complaints file
File

22-May-1944 **H**

Sub. ACC - Telegram Delay over Civilian Telegraph -

26. : A.C. Hg Pear - Commun. Dublin -
 Attention Maj Seudder

1. Information secured from Sig. DeBenedictis, Asst to Prov-Director of Post & Telegraph was provided today concerning attached message
2. The message was received at Naples on the 9th - the day following filing.
3. The location of addressee (ACC) was unknown to telegraph personnel.
4. Naples office sent inquiry to Reggio message - stating "A.C. Hg. address insufficient. no reply can be found and presumably the 'senders' would not be available."
5. No information available - as to how it was finally determined where addressee could be located. Top officials would have known.
6. It is suggested that the ACC-address could well have been made more clear when using civilian communications ^{system} _{major}

MODULARIO C. 1941-1942		TELEGRAMMA		19 MAY Mod. 30 (1941-XIX)	
Indicazioni di urgenza		N. 482 recapito - Rimesso al fattorino ad ore Nulla è dovuta al fattorino per recapito. Il laterale riceve una ricevuta a stampa quando è incaricato di una ricezione.		a. lo c. c.	
Copie		D. acc Napoli		corrispondente al tempo medio mi interposto tra l'ufficio di Altra. affari romani, il tempo medio dopo il esente quello del telegramma, il secondo a data, l'ora e i minuti della presentazione.	
QUALIFICA	DESTINAZIONE	PROVENIENZA	NUM.	PAROLE	DATA DELLA PRESENTAZIONE
	Napoli	Reggio Calabria	84	16/15	Giorno e mese Ore e minuti
					10 h Villado
Portici - Stab. Tlp. Mail - 1-5-1941 - Ord. 398 - 15.000.000					

HT Col SHIPP AND Capt Gillett Returning
in THURSDAY ELEVEN 080916 B

FATEVI CORRENTISTI POSTALI - PAGAMENTI E RISCOSSIONI IN TUTTE LE AGENZIE DEL REGNO - PER CORRISPONDENTI
PAGAMENTI E LE RISCOSSIONI MEDIANTE POSTALINO SONO SEBULTI SENZA LIMITAZIONE DI SOMMA ED IN ESENZIONE DI QUANTO SI TROVA

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NOTE: Received in MC 270915 hrs 19 MAY
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MODULARIO
 C. 1941

Il Governo non assume alcuna responsabilità civile in conseguenza del servizio della telegrafia.
 Le tasse riscosse in meno per errore ed in seguito a rifiuto o irreperibilità del destinatario
 devono essere completate dal mittente.
 Il destinatario è invitato a firmare la ricevuta presentata dal fattorino e a segnare la data e
 l'ora della consegna del telegramma. In mancanza di tali indicazioni il destinatario perde
 il diritto di reclutare in caso di ritardo della consegna.

Indicazioni di urgenza

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Ricevuto il 19 ore
 Ricevente

Pel circuito N.



Le ore si contano sul meridiano corrispondente al tempo medio
 dell'Europa centrale, e per telegrammi internazionali di seguito da una mezzanotte all'altra.
 Nei telegrammi impressi in caratteri romani, il primo numero dopo il
 nome del luogo d'origine rappresenta quello del telegramma; il secondo
 quello delle parole, gli altri la data, l'ora e i minuti della presentazione.

QUALIFICA	DESTINAZIONE	PROVENIENZA	NUM.	PAROLE	DATA DELLA PRESENTAZIONE		VIA E INDICAZIONI EVENTUALI D'UFFICIO
					Ora e mese	Ore e minuti	
	Napoli	Reggio Emilia	84	16	19	10	Villado

Portici - Stab. Tip. Mast. - 1-5-1941 - Ord. 398 - 15.600.000

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 in THURSDAY ELEVEN 080916 B

FATEVI CORRENTISTI POSTALI - PAGAMENTI E RISCOSSI IN TUTTE LE LOCALITÀ DEL REGNO - PER CORRISPONDENTI
 PAGAMENTI E LE RISCOSSIONI MEDIANTE PRESTABILITE ED ESISTENTE SENZA LIMITAZIONE DI SOMMA ED IN ESSENZA DI QUALSIASI TASSA

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
AFC 394

22 May, 1944

In reply
refer to: TS/38/2/3

Subject : Signal Complaints.

To : R.C. & M.G. Section.

1. Reference attached, the cause of delay was insufficient address.

2. The message was handed in to the civil post office addressed "A.C.C. Naples". On arrival at Naples the address was unknown, and a service telegram sent to Reggio asking for fuller address. By that time the originators of the telegram had left. How it finally came to be delivered is not known.

3. I think the fault really lies with the sender; interpretation of the military alphabet is quite difficult enough for Allied Military offices and cannot be expected of Italian civil offices. Had the message been addressed "Provincia Building" it would have been delivered. In this particular town Reggio there is in any case a military office with military circuits, which it would have been preferable to use if it could have been located.

J.L.HENDERSON
Colonel

Director, Communications Sub-Commission

Incl: One telegram.

Subject:- Message Priorities.

C.S.O.
Allied Control Commission.

1. A number of "Most Immediate" and "Emergency Ops" messages originated at H.Q. A.C.C. at SALERNO and which did not justify the priority which they bore, have recently been passed over L of C circuits.
2. It is felt that this misuse of priorities is largely due to ignorance on the part of originators, and I should be obliged if you would look into the matter.

Recd. 12th April 44.

DLC/RTJ.
In the field.

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Telecom. Posto
(Rear HQ)

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2 Apr 44

Seen: Col. H. W.

Wm. C. Schindler

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