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Foto	DATE	REF	FROM
79.	11 Sept.	5077/CS.	TO ACC-DIA/Sec. from C. P. Speth
80.	11 Sept.	2949	From CMC AFHQ
80-81.	10 Sept.	5077/CS.	TO DCS-R. from Col. Danone.
82-84.	11 Sept.	113/220-S.	From HQ 7 Army - Signal Office
85-95.	8 Sept.	5/12/PA	From SCAD/Enna
96-99.	13 Sept.	5077/CS.	to DCS-R. from Col. Danone.
100-103.	20 Aug. rec. Sept 16	operation in 26/1970	From HQ 15 Army Group
104-105.	15 Sept.	5077/CS.	from 77 Army CAC. Palermo
106.	19 Aug. rec. Sept.	5077/CS.	Ref. from SCAD. Scapone.
107.	16 Sept.	4400-16	(498) from Fort Belvoir
108.	17 Sept.	5077/CS.	to 441st Sig. Officer 7 Army.
109.	16 Sept.	AS 413-44-S.	from 32nd Battalion
110-111.	17 Sept.	5077/CS.	to 441st Sig. Officer 7 Army.
112-114.	18 Sept.	1003/PS	from 77 Army
115.	19 Sept.	5077/CS.	to C. S. 7 Army
116.	20 Sept.	5077/CS.	to Signal Office 7 Army
117.	20 Sept.	5077/CS.	to C. S. 15 AS from C. S. D. Fort Belvoir
118.	19 Sept.	2596/X	from 441st Sig. Officer 7 Army
119.	17 Sept.	177/26	from 441st Sig. Officer 7 Army

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TO/NO	REF NO.	DATE	FROM	SUBJECT
40	5 HQ	28 Aug	Trans C-50	Personnel of Civil
Transferred to Civil Sep. Dec 2/43.				
41.	23785/R/APP/11.2.		Transline. Della. Connoy con	Telephone Section 4th Div
42	17FN/5V.	Aug 26	10. C.S.O.	Trans. 17th Div. 7 Army.
44	5077	1 Sept.	10. Director C.S.V.R.	
45	5077	2 Sept.	10. C.S.O.	
46	5077	1 Sept	10. C.S.T.R.	Telephone
47.	5077.	29 Aug.	10. Chief Sq. Off. 8 Army Group	
48. 49.	A9386.37pc.	31 Aug.	10. HQ 7 Army.	
50.	5077.	2 Sept.	10. Commanding Gen. 7 Army.	
51.	17315(6)	10 Aug.	10. 7th HQ 8 Army.	
52	5077	2 Aug.	10. C.E.S.	
53.	5077	19 Aug.	10. C.S.O.	
54 55.	105.5/5ub	19 Aug. Cella.	10. AMGOT. Singapore	
56.	146/2	24 Aug.	10. SCAC. Callanweeth	
57.	CMT/27	25 "	10. " " Catania	
58	PR/5/12	25 "	10. " " Ragusa 57B	
59.	5077.	23 "	10. " " Ragusa.	
60.	5077.	2 Sept.	10. C.S.O.	
61.	5/12/PA	3 "	10. SCAC. Ena	
62	5077	6 "	10. C.S.O.	
63.	5077.	6 "	10. All Divisions from C.S.O.	
64.	3682/4/X	2 Sept.	10. 7th HQ 8 Army.	
65. 67.	2733/1/2.	6 Sept.	10. Chief Sq. Off. AFHQ	
68.	1545/11/2/5/14	6 Sept.	10. HQ 15 Army Group	
69. 71.	17315-1(6)	10 Aug. 1st. 2nd 3rd 4th	10. 7th HQ 8 Army.	
72	5077/C.S.	5 Sept.	10. Sq. Off. SCAC. Palermo	

Transferred from 11/14
to 5th AFSG
for 11/14

45	5077	2 Sept	10. CSO	
46	5077	1 Sept	10 CSO	Telephone
47	5077	29 Aug	10 Chief Sq. Off. 8 Army group	
48	49. AS 386.37 Dec.	31 Aug	From HQ 7 Army	
50	5077	2 Sept	10 Commanding General. 7 Army	
51	17315.1(6)	10 Aug	From 7 Jan HQ 8 Army	
52	5077	2 Aug	From CES	
53	5077	19 Aug	From CSO	
54	55. 1705.5/546	19 Aug	Cable. From AMGOT. Supacomb	
56	116/2	24 Aug	From SCAC. Callanovetter	
57	5077	25 "	" " Catania	
58	PR/5/12	25 "	" " Ragusa	
59	5077	23 "	" " Ragusa. 578	
60	5077	2 Sept	From CSO	
61	5/12/PA	3 "	From SCAC. Enna	
62	5077	6 "	" CSO	
63	5077	6 "	10. All Divisions from CSO.	
64	3682/4/2	2 Sept	From 7 Jan HQ 8 Army	
65	2733/1/2	6 Sept	From Chief Sq. Off. AFHQ	
68	1505/1005/5/16	6 Sept	From HQ 15 Army group	
69	17305-1(6)	10 Aug	Copy of letter	
73	5077/CS	5 Sept	10 Sq. Off. Sec. Palermo	
73	700 210/100	21-24 Aug	10 SCAC. (Callanovetter for 11/14)	
76	77aps			
78	5077/CS	10 Sept	10 CSO. 15 Army group.	

Date	Ref.	To/From	Where	Contents
10 Aug 65	-	To Col. Robert L. Bishop	AF HQ	Handwritten: 200/17
"	-	"	all C.A.O.s.	Handwritten: 200/17
2 Aug	CP/FA	Chief of Staff, Second Army		Handwritten: 200/17
3 "		From A.C. of L. G. 2.		Handwritten: 200/17
10 Aug	8/HQ	To Col. Robert L. Bishop		Handwritten: 200/17
5	8/HQ	To Chief of Staff Officer		Handwritten: 200/17
6-7	7 Aug	To C.C.F.A.O.		Handwritten: 200/17
8	many	amp/8/HQ	To S.C. 40	Handwritten: 200/17
9-10	6 Aug	0.5.9/12	Forward Intelligence Control	Handwritten: 200/17
11-14	9 "	B-257	To Military Gov. Saigon	Handwritten: 200/17
15	13 "	8/HQ	To Lt. Col. S.E. Stary	Handwritten: 200/17
14-15	15 "	000/14	From: Fortness. Sigco.	Handwritten: 200/17
16	12 "	-	From C.A.O. Lapiga	Handwritten: 200/17
17	2 "	-	15 Army Gp.	Handwritten: 200/17
18-21	18 "	8/HQ	To C.G. 7 Army	Handwritten: 200/17
22	17 "	8/HQ	To S.C. 40 Palumbo.	Handwritten: 200/17
23	19 "	8/HQ	To Col. D. D. D. D.	Handwritten: 200/17
24		8/HQ	To C.C. for Col. S. S.	Handwritten: 200/17
25	13 "	8/HQ	Minutes of a meeting held at H.A. Fortness	Handwritten: 200/17
26	15 "	2592 X	H. Chief Sig. Off. Fortness Communications - Line - Policy	Handwritten: 200/17
27-8	13 "	8/HQ	To - - - 15 A.G.	Handwritten: 200/17
29	17 "	X 7153	From Main 8 Army	Handwritten: 200/17
30	20 "	8/HQ	To: S.C. 40 (4)	Handwritten: 200/17

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Subject: Telephone Communications. 21 SEP 1943 Hq. PORTHASE

To: CC 15 L of C A goals.

CC 15 L of C A goals.
Capt. Davis, US Signal Corps, AMGO
Col. A/G, No. 1 District.
103 Sub Area.
AMGO, Syracuse.
"G" Portbase.



1. I have agreed with Capt Davis, Telephone Engineer of AMGO Hq, who is reopening the civil telephone system of Sicily, that for financial purposes the 4 Sep 43 shall be the date on which the S.E.T. took control of Syracuse Auto Switchboard and its local subscribers' lines and instruments. The funds with which AMGO pay the Italians employed by you at Syracuse Auto Exchange are being provided by the S.E.T. from 4 Sep.

2. Please forward as soon as possible a list of all local subscribers at Syracuse with their addresses and details of service provided (i.e. ext phones etc) as at 4 Sep, together with additions or deletions since then up to date of receipt of this letter.

3. From date of receipt of this letter all additions, deletions and alterations to local telephone services must be sanctioned by me. I am informing all concerned. I shall correspond direct with the Director of the S.E.T. (Ing. Pagliarini) regarding all additions, deletions and alterations to telephone facilities provided by his Company for British Military purposes in that portion of Sicily now under command Porthase. Copies of all such correspondence will be sent to Capt Davis.

4. The remaining two S.E.T. systems being used by us are at Catania and Augusta. I intend issuing orders at a later date handing them back to the S.E.T.

5. 15 L of C Sign will continue to render assistance to the S.E.T. including assistance in rapid restoration of important military connections.

Colonel,
Chief Signal Officer,
Portbase.

10/20/2017/05
ADULT RE-ENTRY
NO EMPLOYER ID

Keywords: Restoration of Civil Liberties Service to Civilian the

TO : C. S. O., 15th Army Group
(THRU: C.S.O., Postbase)

1. In accordance with verbal agreement of 19 Sept. 43 between Col. Clapp, C.S.O. Fortness and Capt. Davis, Signal Section AMBOT Ho, all S.E.T. Telephone exchanges in the provinces of Amara, Ombasa, Bess, Sirohia, and Rayhan, with the exception of those located in the address of Campina and Lusaka, are now free to be operated autonomously (local service only) by civilian employees and management under the supervision of AMBOT.
2. Such exchanges are in a position to render local telephone service to subscribers for which the present autonomous commercial rates will be charged.
3. Allied Military units rendering commercial telephone service will receive priority on all installation and maintenance orders.
4. No other priority on telephone service will be imposed unless shortage of equipment and facilities make such action necessary.
5. All trunk facilities will continue to be operated and maintained by Allied Military personnel only until further instructions regarding the are issued.
6. In the automatic telephone exchanges, the S.E.T. and military Signal units will take such steps as are necessary to prevent civilian telephone users from dialing and preventing trunk facilities--this can be done by noting and a number of line facilities for exclusive military use and reserving the wire stringings for O level connections on all other lines.
7. It is suggested and has been tentatively agreed to by Col. Clapp, C.S.O. Fortness that billing by the S.E.T. for commercial telephone services rendered to military units in the VIII Army area will be based on the advances in effect on 4 Sept. 1943.
8. Turnover and conversion of telephone exchanges from military to civilian operation has been arranged and S.E.T. employees have been sent for and with Signal units over a period during which some were paid by S.E.T. and some by Signal.

It is thought that a definite aim is made for a complete break and round-trip ticket or ticket on a conventional basis is the simplest for all.

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3. Allied Military units engaged in commercial telephone service will receive priority on all installation and maintenance orders.
4. No other priority on telephone service will be imposed unless shortage of equipment and facilities take such action necessary.
5. All trunk facilities will continue to be operated and maintained by Allied Military personnel only until further instructions regarding the are issued.
6. In the automatic telephone exchanges, the S.E.F. and military Signal units will take such steps as are necessary to prevent civilian telephones users from dialing, and procuring trunk facilities--this can be done by setting aside a number of line facilities for exclusive military use and removing the wire connections for O Level connections on all other lines.
7. It is suggested and has been tentatively agreed to by Col. Olcott, C.S.A. Portmore that billing by the S.E.F. for commercial telephone service rendered to military units in the VIII Army Area will be based on the advice in effect on 4 Sept. 1943.
8. However, the conversion of telephone exchanges from military to civilian operation has been suggested and S.E.F. employees have desisted for and with Signal units over a period during which some were paid by S.E.F. and some by Signal.
9. It is thought that a definite single date for a complete break and reestablishment of billing on a commercial basis in the shortest for all connected and in also as far as adjustment as far reasonably to make under the circumstances.
10. This date, 4 Sept. 43, is the date on which S.E.F. employees working for Signal were to be taken from the payroll of Royal Signals and returned to the payroll of S.E.F.
11. Requests for commercial telephone service by all military units in VIII Army Territory will, until further notice, be routed to the S.E.F. Messing Director thru C.S.A. Portmore in accordance with request of Col. Olcott.
12. It is requested that the above procedure be approved by C.S.A. Portmore.

JTB/jkl For Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

Distribution:

1-CSC Portmore

1-30, IEB

9-SCLO's

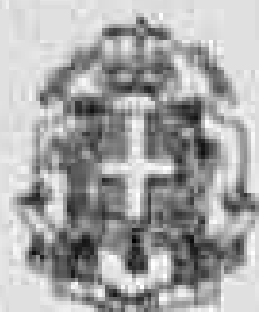
CHARLES H. GREGORY

Colonel, S. E. F.

Chief Staff Officer

21 SEP 1943

Mod. 187-A (PA)



AMMINISTRAZIONE

delle Poste e dei Telegrafi

Al COMANDO FORZE ALLEATE

SERVIZIO TELEGRAFICO

Direzione Prov. di Palermo

Ufficio II° Reparto

Prot. N. 177/26

Allegati

PALERMO

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Risposta al foglio N.

Del

HEADQUARTERS

C.S.
70 SEP 1943

AMGOT

OGGETTO: Trasferimento ufficio telegrafico di Bologneta

S'informa che la ricevitoria postale di Bologneta è stata
trasferita in ^{nuovo} ~~altri~~ locali.

In conseguenza si prega di volere autorizzare anche il
trasferimento del telegrafo e lo spostamento dei fili telegrafici.

L'ISPETTORE SUPERIORE

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We beg to inform that the post office
of Bologneta has been transferred to
new premises.

We therefore beg to authorize also
the transfer of the telegraph and the
displacement of the telegraphic wires.

Reg. Bollette, Firenze - Ed. 73 - 30.7.34 - 651.000

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J. Kew

Reconnection of Civilian Telephones,
Palermo.
Signal Officer, Seventh Army.

ASGOF/5071/CS

21 Sept. 3

1. The following civilian firm has requested reconnection of its telephone service:

S. Tagliavini & Co., Via Palermo, 1, 1st Floor,
Palermo, Tel: 15002 - 15003.

2. This Company is going to operate a coastal freight service under the direction of ASGOF.

3. It is recommended that the S.P.T. be instructed to re-establish telephone service to this subscriber.

gdp
SEP/500.

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L. P. DEWANE
Lt. Col., S. O.
Director of Transportation,
Communications and Utilities
Division.

P 573
21/9/50

SUBJECT: Fire Service Telephone.

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RACOR/5077/CA
ASST IN STAFF
19 September 43.

TO: G. S. C., Seventh Army.

1. Attached is application for civilian telephone service Comandante of the 56 Corps Vigili Del Fuoco.
2. Also request of ASST Commissioner of Public Safety requesting that above application be granted.
3. Can you take care of this ?

HSB/MS.

L. B. DESSAINE
Lt. Col., S. G.
Chief I & R Section,
Civilian Supply Division.

*folded 112 113 114 572
to Seventh Army*

ARGOT. R.C., Sicily.

Public Safety Division
(Registration & Licensing).

17 September, 1943.

To/ Signals Section.

Subject. Private telephone connection No. 18124 at Via Dante
36, Palermo.

1. Cav. Uff. Francesco d'Amico, Direttore, Reali Automobile Club d'Italia, is working closely with this R.C. and the Prefettura, and it would be an advantage if telephone connection No. 18124 at his office and home, Via Dante 36, were reconnected.
2. I recommend that arrangements be made to reconnect this line if it can be done without an excessive amount of work on the part of the engineers.

W.C. Ballance Capt.
for Col. L.L. Bolles,
Commissioner, Public
Safety Division.

*Copy sent to Chief Signal
Office 17/9/43*

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18 SEP 1943

HEADQUARTERS SEVENTH ARMY
A.F.C. 7758

HQ AMGOT

AG 413.44 - S

SUBJECT: Wire Lines.

TO : See Distribution.

1. Allocation.

a. The assignment of permanent wire lines and communication cables will be made by this headquarters.

b. Units desiring use of such facilities will submit requests through command channels.

c. Permanent wire lines will not be appropriated for local use until approved by Seventh Army.

2. Damage to Wire Lines.

a. Immediate written reports will be submitted of observed damage or interference with permanent wire lines.

b. Reports will include following:

- (1) Location of trouble.
- (2) Nature of trouble.
- (3) Date and time of observation.
- (4) Circumstances.
- (5) Identification of parties causing damage.
- (6) Corrective action taken.
- (7) Identification of party making report.

By command of Lieutenant General PATTON:

W. G. Caldwell
W. G. CALDWELL, Jr.
Lt. Col., A.G.D.,
Adjutant General.

DISTRIBUTION:

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3rd Inf Div	-6 51st Sig Bn	-1
9th Inf Div	-6 229th Sig Opr Co	-1
45th Inf Div	-6 128th Sig Rl Co	-1
1st Engr Spec Brig	-2 1st Air Def Wing	-1
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SEP 1943

1642 USA - URGENT IMPORTANT GR 18 E
TO AMGOT PALERMO
FROM FORTBASE

X 400 16 ---

FOR COL. DENSMORE

CAN YOU NOW TAKE OVER SYRACUSE AUTO
EXCHANGE

TOD 161800 Z THU 1915

~~RPTN 1693 X 400 16 COL DENSHORE OVER STRAGUS 151800~~

~~1945-4~~

~~OKTO K Y YES I GOT THE MSG YOU JUST SENT~~

HEADQUARTERS
C.S.
17 SEP 1943
AMC

Sept 15
Sent Capt Davis
to Columbia this morn
to handle with
Gen. Bacon
The following
are the

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5 copies.

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Subject: Reconnection Civilian Telephones

AMCZ/5071/CS
ASST Hq. SECDEF
17 September 43

Chief
To: Signal Officer, 7th Army

1. The following civilians have requested reconnection of their telephones because of their numerous contacts with military units.

- a. A. Iago Rakondo, Via Napoli, Palermo, Tel. 15343 - 15349.
- b. Chief Director of Prisons, Palermo, Tel. 15344.

2. It is recommended that the S.E.C. be permitted to reestablish telephone service to these customers.

DMY/jl

at
Lt. Col., S. A. S. C.
Deputy Director Civilian
Supply and Resources

P. W. H.

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16 SEP 1943

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Subject: Restoration of civil telephone and telegraph services in SICILY.

MOSEY SECRET

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AMGOT HQ

12 AUG 43

To:-- GENO AGHICATO
CALABRITTO
CATANIA
COTTA
PALERMO
RAGUSA
SIRACUSA
TRAPANI
Cp Capt HERRMAN
(via AMOT Liaison 15 Army Group)
Lt-Col STREY
(via Commanding General 7th Army
15th Corps for attention of Lt-Col STREY)
AMOT Liaison
15 Army Group (1 copy)

1. Copies, as set out above, of 15 Army Group Operation Instruction 5675 are forwarded for information and action as necessary.
2. Receipt will be acknowledged to this Headquarters.



CHARLES M. HOFFMAN,
Lt.-Col., U.S.A.,
Chief Staff Officer.

GWR/or

C. VIL AFFAIRES
OFFICE
COMUNE OF PALERMO

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16 SEP 1943
5077/91
Kew

15 September 1943

SUBJECT: Telegraph wires- removal

TO : Communications, AMGOT Hq.
Att. Lt. Col. Densmore

1. Reference telephone conversation today concerning removal of wires from building at Archimede and Via Liberta'.

2. Attached for your information, is statement that telegraph company needs money to do the work.

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[Signature]
GEORGE W. HALEY
Major, CMP
Civil Affairs Officer.

1- Incl.

1- Translation letter from
Ufficio del Genio Civile
di Palermo

to see

Mr. Densmore

Capt. Dames

Capt. Trevelyan

CCTT. are

18 Sept.

TRANSLATION

OR
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UFFICIO DEL GENIO CIVILE DI PALERMO

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HEAD ENGINEER

The Amoroso Company, urged by the Ufficio del Genio Civile, has called at the Ufficio costruzione Telegrafica, 1 Via Torre di Gotto and has consulted Engineer Paglisi Domenico about the removal of the post supporting the telegraph wires, which is at present walled in the attic-story of the Savona Palace; Via Liberta', at the corner of Via Archimede.

Engineer Paglisi has stated that he is inclined to have the work immediately executed, provided that money for the worker's pay will be furnished, since the Ufficio Costruzioni has actually no funds to face the least expense.

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REF. 16 SEP 1943
 H.Q. 15 ARMY CORP.
 OPER. NO. 26
 (Cancels H.Q. Para 141 Operation Instruction No. 5 dated 28 May 43)
 Copy No.
 27 Aug 43.

CONSERVATION OF FACILITIES.

PURPOSE

The object of this instruction is to lay down the policy for the Conservation of Facilities in future operations.

POLICY

1. The policy is to preserve intact, if possible, such installations as are considered essential for the needs of the Allied Forces, where this can be done without prejudice to the military situation.

GENERAL

2. In general the following facilities should be conserved :-

- Hospital, Railway Loco Depots.
- Principal Marshalling Yards, Vital Bridges.
- Installations, Quays, Break Waters.
- Shipping, Craft, Lighters, Cranes, Docks, Plants in Port Areas.
- Telephone, Radiotelegraph, Wireless Installations.
- Oil Installations.
- Main Water Supplies.
- Main Power Supplies.
- Gas Works.
- Airfield Equipment, Stores and Buildings.
- Refrigerating Installations.
- Flour Mills and Bakeries.

3. For specific operations, lists of the more important installations with details of their locations will be issued. (See Appendix 'B' attached.) Those marked IMPORTANT will require specially detailed troops for the purpose.

Note at Appendix 'B'.

Special instructions applicable to Signal Installations are given

/s/ ? ? ? ?
 Major General
 G. G. S.

1. The policy is to preserve intact, if possible, such installations as are considered essential for the needs of the Allied Forces, where this can be done without prejudice to the Military situation.

GENERAL

2. In general the following facilities should be considered :-

- Hospital. Railway Load Depots.
- Principal Manufacturing Yards. Vital Bridges.
- Installations, Caves, Break Waters.
- Shipping, Craft, Lighters, Cruisers, Docks, Plants in Port Areas.
- Telephone, Telegraph, Wireless Installations.
- Oil Installations.
- Main Water Supplies.
- Main Power Supplies.
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Note at Appendix 'A'.

Special instructions applicable to Signal Installations are given

/s/ ? ? ? ?
Major General
U. S. S.

DISTRIBUTION:
As for Operation Instruction No. 16
dated 14 Aug 43.

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NOTE:

Approved by Mr. A. A.
Issued with H.Q. 13 Army Group
Operation Instruction No. 26
dated 20 Aug 43.

SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS FOR SIGNAL INSTALLATIONS.

1. All installations in the following categories should be secured without damage if possible and safeguarded:-

- (a) Cable Rums (and terminals of submarine cables).
- (b) Telephone Exchanges.
- (c) Telegraph Offices.
- (d) Wireless Installations.
- (e) Telephony Repeater Stations.

2. Any telephone exchange, telegraph office or wireless station secured by our troops, whether listed among specific installations or not, should be safeguarded as described below.

3. When an installation is secured, all Axis personnel will be evacuated. A guard will be mounted and a signal officer will give instructions for the maintenance of the equipment.

4. It is of the first importance that all records, diagrams and plans found in any installation should be safeguarded and taken over by a signal officer. They should not be reserved or given to "I" personnel. Care should be taken to ensure that such records are not destroyed or reserved by the Axis personnel of the installation.

5. Strict instructions will be issued to all troops to the effect that no piece of apparatus, large or small, should be removed from any of those installations. Experience has shown that the removal of pieces of apparatus as souvenirs has seriously interfered with the use of captured installations by our own troops.

END.

See also Signal Officer's Handbook for the capture of signal installations.

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U. S. O. 15 ARMY GROUP MEMORANDUM NO. 24

COMMUNICATION, UTILIZATION AND CONTROL OF CAPTURED
ENEMY TELECOMMUNICATION INSTALLATIONS AND MATERIAL.

Issued in conjunction with H. Q. 15 Army Group
Operation Instruction No. 26

1. This memorandum is designed to ensure that the maximum use to our own forces may be made of captured enemy installations and material. It depends for its success on a high state of discipline in all ranks of the service and a general acceptance of the fact that all forms of signal equipment must be left alone since that may control men's lives. It further depends on the ability of signal officers to obtain the co-operation of their staffs and of other branches of the armed forces.

CONSERVATION OF FACILITIES.

2. Any telephone exchange, telegraph office, wireless station or telecommunication installation of any kind secured by our troops should be placed under guard and Axis personnel removed. In immediate inspection should be made by a signal officer to determine what technical personnel will be required to maintain the installation until it is required for military purposes or returned to civil use.
3. It is essential that all records, diagrams and plans found in any installation should be safe-guarded and taken over by a signal officer. Prompt action will be necessary to ensure that these records are not destroyed or damaged by Axis personnel.
4. Captured stores and dumps will be checked by a signal officer, their main contents noted, and where their importance warrants it, a guard should be provided.
5. Strict instructions to all troops are necessary to guard against souvenir hunting. No piece of apparatus, large or small, should be removed from any installation. Experience has shown that the removal of pieces of apparatus as souvenirs has seriously interfered with the use of captured installations by our own troops.
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6. Regular reminders are necessary to all ranks to prevent damage by our own troops shooting at insulators. This is often done under the impression that the insulators are on abandoned Axis pole lines, and can only be stopped by severe punishments and by educating all the troops to know that even enemy lines may be in use by our own troops.
7. Careful liaison with air forces and with anti-aircraft artillery is necessary to ensure that the poles of overhead routes are not cut down to clear an area.

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6. Regular visitations are necessary to all units to prevent damage by our own troops shooting at insulators. This is often done under the impression that the insulators are on abandoned Axis pole lines, and can only be stopped by severe punishments and by educating all the troops to know that even enemy lines may be in use by our own troops.
7. Careful liaison with air forces and with anti-aircraft artillery is necessary to ensure that the poles of overhead routes are not cut down to clear an aerodrome or A.A. gun site without prior reference to signals.
8. Sabotage of communications is usually prevalent during the early period of occupation of enemy territory. As much damage is caused by petty pilfering of cable as by deliberate cutting of lines, and equally vigorous measures are required in either case. The most effective counter-measures are
 - (a) Shooting on the spot of anyone caught in the act of cutting or removing cables or lines.
 - (b) Trial in summary courts and severe punishments in other proved cases of sabotage.

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(c) Active measures to enlist the aid of civil police.

(d) Propaganda among civil authorities, priests, local anti-fascist bodies, etc., etc.

The assistance of A.M.G. and of G.S.I. (b) (G.2) should be sought in all counter measures.

UTILIZATION AND CONTROL.

9. Initially, each Task Force commander has complete control of all telecommunication facilities in the areas occupied by his troops. This control will be exercised through his Chief Signal Officer, who will coordinate the exploitation of facilities and their allotment to the various services.

10. All existing telecommunication facilities will be closed down immediately the installations are secured and will not be resumed except under the orders of a signal officer. The operation of all installations secured will be done initially by signal personnel of the Allied Forces. Friendly enemy personnel may be employed later, provided their integrity can be established, but they should not normally work without supervision.

11. Broadcast transmitters will be taken over as military stations and will, if required, be used initially for communication purposes. They may be required also for the broadcasting of announcements by the military commander. As soon as these stations can be released from purely military use they will be handed over to P.W.B. Personnel of P.W.B., including technical officers, should accompany each Task Force. This personnel will be available in the initial period to operate broadcast stations while they are still required for military communications.

12. No telegraph services will be operated except those wholly controlled by the Allied Forces. No civilians will have any access to telegraph facilities except through A.M.G. 561

13. All civil telephone services will be discontinued as such. Local telephone services may be re-opened for military purposes wherever they can be operated under adequate control. To meet military requirements, certain public services or individual civilians may be allowed access to local telephone services. Among these will be included such civilian agencies as persons, for example - hospitals and doctors, as may be nominated by A.M.G. or the military commander. Such agencies or persons will have no direct access to long distance telephone services, but may be permitted by A.M.G. to make long-distance calls, when necessary, from military offices.

14. Every opportunity will be taken to employ well-disposed civil labor, skilled and unskilled, to help operate telephone and telegraph services. Military control will be ensured by manning main frames, test points and fault controls with military personnel. Military lines should be led out from the frame room to military headquarters and should not be operated in the same room as civil circuits. Similarly, military terminal equipment should, at the earliest possible moment, be set up in a separate building.

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15. Full use should be made of the officers of A.M.G. in any unit connected with the existing civil tele-communications in occupied territory.

Main 15 Army Group,

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25 Aug 45.

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Major General,
Chief Signal Officer,
15 Army Group

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Subject: Restoration of Telephone Communications in Sicily

AMCOT/5077/CS
AMCOT HQ SICILY
13 September 43.

To: Director Civilian Supply and Resources.

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1. Reference attached recommended procedure for S. E. T. (telephone company) with respect to operations when under AMCOT control.
 2. Request approval.

LDD/EDG.

L. D. DENSMORE
Lt. Col., S. C.
Chief I & R Section,
Civilian Supply Division

Approved - except that I
think no subscriber should
be connected without
the authority of AMCOT

to see
Col. Hager
Capt. Davies
Capt. Lenz

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Subject: Restoration of Telephonic Communications in Sicily

To: Director C.S. & R.

RECOMMENDED PROCEDURES FOR S.E.T. TO FOLLOW

1. Technical

a. Inspect the telephone control offices as rapidly as conditions will permit to determine status as to use and condition.

- (1) S.E.T. will proceed with restoration of urban exchanges upon receipt of permission to do so from proper military authorities.
 - (a) Whenever deemed advisable spare parts or complete exchange switchboards may be removed from one place to restore another more important office.
 - (b) Should an automatic exchange be irreparable, manual equipment shall be substituted until new automatic centrals can be installed.

b. Inspect urban cables and lines within the towns and communes as rapidly as possible.

- (1) S.E.T. will proceed with repair of these facilities as permission is procured from military authorities.
 - (a) Repairs to damaged cables particularly underground if it exists shall be made before other outside lines are taken care of.
 - I. Signal units of the Allied Armies will cooperate and assist in this repair work in so far as practicable.
 - (b) Rapid repairs to least damaged zones will restore service to greatest number of civilian telephone subscribers in shortest time.
 - (c) Inventory of materials needed to make repairs shall be necessary to properly organize this repair program. Wherever possible material will be salvaged and repaired locally.

c. Reconstruction and use of interurban cables and lines shall be undertaken after their release from military service.

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- (2) Where telephone service has been interrupted or discontinued appropriate adjustments should be made in billing.

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(2) Control the subscribers, installations (names, addresses, amount to be paid, classification regarding taxes, etc.)

(a) If a shortage of materials makes rationing of telephone service necessary at any exchange military needs shall have first priority and other priorities shall be approved by the local military officer concerned.

b. Cash Service.

(1) Collected money will be deposited daily at a bank or in a postal account and credited at Palermo or Catania as appropriate.

(2) To meet current operating expenses the provincial directors will receive a monthly allowance from their headquarters.

c. Inventories.

(1) Make inventory of materials in warehouses.

(2) Make inventory of telephone facilities, including offices, furniture and fixtures, stationery supplies, etc.

(3) Make inventory of telephone installations.

(4) Set up bookkeeping system if required or pick up use of former system of accounting.

(5) Make an inventory of telephone stocks or equipment when they have been removed by both Allied and Axis military units or troops.

d. Personnel.

(1) Staff at each telephone office or agency to be in accordance with actual needs.

(2) Organize the preparation of payroll and paybooks (they were formerly made up and kept in General Office at Naples).

(3) Make provision for pay deductions as required by State laws now in force.

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- (3) Make agreements or contracts as required between S.M.T. and specialized construction and maintenance organizations.
- (4) Make agreements or contracts as required between S.M.T. and other pole line and wire using organizations such as telegraph and railroads.

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- (5) Arrange for S.S.T. subscribers use of government or state circuits or lines and appropriate accounting procedure after release of such circuits by military forces.
 - (6) Keep accurate record of telephone service provided by S.S.T. to allied military organizations and prepare billing in accordance with current rates.
 - (7) No new construction or appropriation of rates or terminal equipment or changes of circuits will be made by civil authorities without the consent of the Signal officer concerned.

L. D. DeRemore

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SOCIETA' ESERCIZI TELEFONICI
Agenzia di Roma

Roma 11.31-8-1943

Per il Sig. Ten. Colonnello
KENNEL OF RODD

Comandante la Commissione Militare Alleata
Anglo-Americana -

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Rete Telefonica urbana ed interurbana
Roma e provincia
Rete urbana-

Tutti i cavi che partono dalla Ms. centrale telefonica 1 cui centralini non hanno subito alcun danno, e che vanno verso la parte bassa della città (da piazza Municipio per piazza S. Francescovia Roma fino al Monte) e verso S. Agata (ingresso della città) sono tutti intasamente fuori servizio perché in moltissimi punti nettamente tagliati da schegge di bomba lungo tutto il tracciato; oltre ad una infinità di bucatore per cui gli abbonati di queste zone sono tutti inattività ad eccezione di 3 o 4 che momentaneamente possono parlare ma che certamente alle prime piogge si isoleranno e non potranno funzionare.

Tra il palazzo Savoia (Caffè Rosso) ed il prospiciente palazzo dell'ex Armata mancano completamente traversate di cavi che alimentavano cassette di distribuzioni posate nel palazzo dell'Armata ed a piazza S. Francesco - così in via Roma all'altezza del vicolo Malisotto manca anche qui completamente una traversata di cavo che alimentava i distributori posati dal palazzo Miccichè fino al Monte - in via Roma sulla facciata del palazzo Miccichè manca completamente un distributore a 10 piani: anche questo esportato da schegge di bombe - quasi tutte le linee aeree di questa zona, che dal distributore vanno fino agli abbonati sono quasi tutte, se non tutte, - completamente danneggiate con parte di filo mancante.

I cavi che dalla centrale vanno verso la parte alta della città (piazza Municipio - Castello di Lombardia) funzionano tutti fino al distributore installato in via Roma palazzo dell'Istituto Tecnico - Gli altri due distributori verso il Castello non funzionano perché il cavo posato lungo il cornicione delle Cattedrale è tagliato da schegge in diverse parti. Anche in questa zona le linee aeree verso gli abbonati sono nelle stesse condizioni di quelle dell'altra.

Lo stato di efficienza dei cavi, per poterne valutare la convenienza di ripararli o di sostituirli in parte, è tale, che questo o quella possibilità, può essere data da una prova di ogni singolo cavo o spez-

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 (banche, Ospedale, Carceri, CC.RR.,) situati nella parte bassa della
 Città verso il Monte, stiamo provvedendo alle posa di un fascio di
 fili volanti provvisori che vanno dalla Ms. centrale ad ogni singolo
 abbonato, usufruendo per questo delle linee volanti posati dall'ex
 Armata e che abbiamo smantellato previo autorizzazione di codesto
 Comando, ma che pur troppo non abbiamo potuto recuperare. La
 necessità perche' di prima da altri smantellate e che anche privi di
 mezzi di trasporto per poter smantellare e trasportare, e quella più
 lontane della Città.

Rete Interurbana =

La rete interurbana della Provincia di Enna è in parte in manutenzione della Ms. Società ed in parte del Telegrafo.

Abbiamo i seguenti circuiti interurbani: - Enna-Velguarnara/Piazza Armerina/Caltanissetta/Villarosa/Caltanissetta; la quale è poi collegata con Palermo e Agrigento - Catania collegata con Siracusa e Messina.

Della centrale telefonica partono, un cavo bicippie ed un fascio di fili su palificazione che vanno fino al distributore alla casa dei Ferroviari di Enna-Scalo e che servono per collegare Catania - Leonforte-Caltanissetta e Piazza Armerina.

Questa palificazione fino alla polveriera è in efficienza: salvo le prove di misure per il cavo: dalla polveriera al distributore anzidetto 6 campate di cavo bicippie sono rotte mancando circa 150 metri di cavo, 6 campate di filo Hachetel (350 metri di linea) in parte mancante in parte rotte 2 pali completamente abbattuti e rotti da doverli sostituire - 10 pali da sistemare e di cui alcuni anche eventualmente da sostituire.

La manutenzione e la riparazione del tratto di cavo da Enna ad Enna-Scalo e per la linea in filo da Enna a Leonforte sono di Ms. pertinenza. Mentre coi Ms. soli mezzi e con la Ms. sole possibilità di materiali e operai specializzati non possiamo riparare il cavo; potremmo usufruendo di una maggiore mano d'opera avventizia - riprestinare il servizio fra Enna-Leonforte, e per il centralino e lo Scalo Ferroviario di Enna mettendo in opera in questi tratti mancanti materiale di linee volanti posate sulla ne/ palificazione dalle ex Armate.

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Un altro fascio di fili su palificazione collegano Enna con Caltanissetta-Caltanissetta-Villarosa - fino al bivio Ramut (posto di blocco verso lo Scalo) sono in manutenzione ne/ e questo tratto è in perfetta efficienza. Da questo agli uffici di arrivo la manutenzione è anche questa del telegrafo e per come detti poc'anzi è necessario interessare il telegrafo.

Non abbiamo potuto fare i dovuti sopralluoghi alle reti urbane

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potere ottenere un richi- to lasciassero per reo- i a Catania per conferire col ns. Ispettore in merito alla situazione della ns. Agenzia e della ns. provincia, alle possibilità ed ai mezzi necessari alle riparazioni delle reti e dei circuiti, a differenza del ns. colleghi delle altre Agenzie della Sicilia i quali hanno avuto fin dal primo momento concessi tutti quegli automezzi, e quelle autorizzazioni utili a poter circolare in Sicilia ed a recuperare il materiale necessario.

Mentre siamo pronti come sempre a dare tutta la ns. opera perchè con quanto disponiamo, si possano riattivare i circuiti e gli abbonati, chiediamo l'interessamento personale della S.V. Ill./ma per agevolarci in quanto ci è ancora necessario per poter espletare in piena il ns. incarico.

Ci occorrono mezzi di trasporto metterci in contatto coi ns. colleghi delle provincie vicinarie per quanto riguarda la riparazione dei circuiti interurbani interessanti le due provincie recuperare o prelevare nei magazzini della ns. Società in Sicilia, fin dove è possibile, il materiale necessario e quanto altro ci può occorrere, il tutto con una certa libertà di movimenti a seconda dei cavi e sempre con quella discernimento che le attuali condizioni impongono.

Con i sentiti della maggiore osservanza.

SEGRETERIA REGIONALE TELEFONICA
di Regione Siciliana

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Società Saronzi Telefonici
Agency of Saronzi

31st August 1943.

Our central station has not been damaged; but the cables that go to the low part of the city (from the Town-hall Square, through S. Francesco Square and Via Roma down to the Mountain) - and to S. Agata (entrance of the town) - are all out of service, because in a great many points they are squarely cut by bomb splinters along the whole route; besides they have an infinite number of holes, so that all the subscribed users of this region are inactive, except 3 or 4 who momentarily can speak, but who certainly will get isolated at the first rains, and will not function any more. -

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Between the Savoca building (Coffee-house Rossi) and the opposite ex-Army building, cable passages, which supplied distribution boxes laid in the Army-building and at the S. Francesco square, are completely missing; thus in the Via Roma at the height of the Malisotto Street, is also completely missing a cable passage

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which supplied the distributors laid from the Miccichi building to the Musumaini; in the Via Roma, on the front of the Miccichi building is missing completely a 40 pair distributor, which has equally been removed by burnt splinters; the aerial lines of this region, which conduct from the distributors to the users, are almost all, if not all, completely sawaged, with the wire partly missing.

The cables which go from the telephonic station to the high part of the city (Torre Hall Square, Sanabria Castle) work all of them as far as the distributor installed in the Via Roma, ^{at the} twisting of the Technical Institute. The other two distributors, towards the Castle, don't work, because the cable laid along the cornice of the cathedral is cut by splinters in different parts. In this region, too, the aerial lines towards the users are in the same conditions as the others. -

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In order to be able to value the conditions of efficiency of the cables, and the convenience of repairing or of partly substituting them, a test of every single cable or part

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of cable ought to be effected with a measuring apparatus. This agency is not provided with such an apparatus, which it used to withdraw, when needed, from the Agency of Catania (as the inspecting office of this Agency). The continual contact of this Agency with that one of Catania is necessary, as well for the technical work, as for the administrative part (Dependents of this Agency).

In order to enable the most important organizations and Offices (the banks, hospitals, prisons, carabinieri), situated in the low part of the down towards the mountain, to serve themselves of the telephone, we are laying a bundle of provisory flying wires, which go from our Central Telephonic Station to every single user. For this purpose we avail ourselves of the flying lines laid by the ex-Army, which we have dismantled, by authority received of this Command; unfortunately we have not been able to recover the needed quantity, because the lines had been dismantled by others

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Interurban Lines

The interurban lines of the Province of Enna are partly maintained by our Concern, and partly by the Telegraph.

We have the following interurban circuits:
Enna - Valguarnera/Piazza Armerina/Catascibetta/Villavara/Caltanissetta; which is connected with Palermo and Agrigento - Catania connected with Siracusa and Messina.

From the telephonic station start: a bi-pair cable and a bundle of wires on palification, which go as far as the distributor at the railwaymen's house of Enna-Railway-Station and serve for the connection with Catania - Leonforte - Caltanissetta and Piazza Armerina.

This palification is efficient as far as the powder-magazine, excepting the measuring posts of the cable; from the powder-magazine to the aforesaid distributor 6 spans of bi-pair cable are broken, and about 150 meters of cable missing; 6 spans of Hocketal wire (about 350 meters of line) are partly missing and part-

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ly broken; 2 poles completely thrown down
and broken, which must be substituted;
10 poles to be repaired, and some of them
to be eventually substituted.

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The maintenance of the part of the cable from Enna to ^{railway-stocks} Enna is Leonforte, is of our competence. With our sole means and specialized workmen we cannot repair the cable; but, availing ourselves of a more numerous adventurous workmanship, we could resume the service Enna-Leonforte, and that between the telephone station and the railway-stocks of Enna, working up, in these missing parts, material of flying lines laid by the Army on our palification.

With regard to the reparation of the inter-urban circuits from the railway-stocks towards Caltanissetta - Valguarnera and Piazza, the reparation falls on charge of the telegraph servicemen, who ought to be charged with the visit on the spot and with the reparations.

Another bundle of wires on palification connects Enna with Caltanissetta, Caltanissetta-Villarosa; as far as the roadway, Ramat (blockade-point towards the railway-stocks) this line pertains to our maintenance and is in perfect efficiency. From this part of the

elves of a more numerous and efficient working ship, we could resume the service in a few days, and that between the telephone station and the railway-stocks of Barra, working up in these missing parts, material of flying lines laid by the Army on our palification.

With regard to the reparation of the interurban circuits from the railway-stocks towards Caltanissetta - Valguarnera and Piazza, the reparation falls on charge of the telegraph service, who ought to be charged with the visit on the spot and with the reparations.

Another bundle of wires on palification connects Barra with Caltanissetta, Calascibetta - Villavieja; as far as the crossway Kanut (blockade-point towards the railway-stocks) this line pertains to our maintenance and is in perfect efficiency. From this part of the line to the offices at the arrival ⁵⁴³ the maintenance is on charge of the telegraph and - as above said - it is necessary that the telegraph interests itself of the reparations.

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We have not yet been able to visit the urban lines of Piazza Armerina and Lanciaforte (it has been told us that these last ones have been seriously damaged, and the maintenance of all its offices of the province is of our competence) - because, though since more than a month we have asked of this Command and of the Prefecture to put to our disposition a motor car, which is indispensable for us, ours having been brought away by German soldiers during their retreat - up to now it has not been possible to obtain even one. Neither have we got, until now, the requested pass to go to Catania in order to confer with our inspector, with regard to the situation of our Agency and of our province, and with regard to the possibilities and means necessary for the reparations of the lines and circuits, - contrarily to our colleagues of the other agencies of Sicily, who, from the first moment, have got the concession of cars and all other authorizations useful for being able to circulate in Sicily and for recovering the

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all other authorizations useful for being able
to circulate in Sicily and for recovering the
necessary material.

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While we are ready - as we have always
been - to cooperate with all our means in order

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to re-establish the circuits and the users' lines, we beg to ask your Excellency's personal interest in order to facilitate us for getting what is still needed ~~in order~~ to put us in conditions to be able to do our work completely.

We need carriage means, in order to put ourselves into contact with our colleagues of the near provinces for the reparation of the interwired circuits, interesting the two provinces, - ~~in~~ ^{to} order to recover, ~~or~~ with- draw from our Concern's magazines in Sicily, as far as possible, the necessary material and anything which we might need; we therefore want a certain liberty of movement, according to the cables, and always to be used with the discernment that the actual conditions impose.

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Very respectfully yours,

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HEADQUARTERS SEVENTH ARMY, Office of the Signal Officer, APO #758
U. S. Army, 11 September 1943.

TO: Signal Officer, ANGOT, Palermo.

Forwarded as a matter pertaining to your office.

For the Signal Officer:



William H. Waldschmidt
WILLIAM H. WALDSCHMIDT,
Captain, Signal Corps.

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CASSELLA POSTALE 40 - Telegrammi: LUPO
UFFICIO Via Napoli 28 - Tel. 15343-15349

C. P. C. Palermo 27894-27931
Albo Esportatori N. 243 - Codice Fiscale

A. LUPO RAIMONDO
ESPORTAZIONE PRODOTTI SICILIANI
PALERMO

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Reparto

PALERMO, 10th September
1943

To the Command of the
7th Army

PALERMO

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Gentlemen,

As suggested by the Command of Marine we beg
to send you herewith our letter of yesterday concern-
ing the making in efficiency of our telephones (N° 15343
and 15349) which we need urgently, with particular refe-
rence to our contract for supplying of food to ships
of the Allied Forces.

Thanking you in advance, we are, Gentlemen,

very truly yours

A. LUPO RAIMONDO

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File No. 311.3

Le marche alleghe e rubriche e perizia del commissario anche la vendita fronte destra.
Per qualsiasi informazione: Foro competente Palermo.

POSTALE 40 - Telegrammi - LUPO
10 Via Napoli 38 - Tel. 15343 - 15349

C. P. C. Palermo 27894-23921
Albo Esportatori N. 241 - Codice Privato

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ESPORTAZIONE PRODOTTI SICILIANI

PALERMO

Reparto

PALERMO, 9th September 1943
ITALIA

To the Command of Marine

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Gentlemen,

Referring to our contract for supplying of food
to ships of the Allied Forces and being to the fact that for
this purpose the use of the telephone is much important for
us, we beg to ask you by the present to kindly give the ne-
cessary instructions to have our telephones (N° 15343 and
15349) made in efficiency. Actually they are out off.

Thanking you in advance, we beg to remain,

Gentlemen,

Very truly yours
A. LUPO RAIMONDO

Recommended

J. F. Hunt

*LT(jz) SC USNR
Disbursing Officer
N O B, Palermo*

La merce allegata è soggetta a perquisizione ed è vietata l'esportazione senza permesso.

Subject: Restoration of Civil Telephone and
Telephone Services in Haiti.

To : Director, C.S. & R.

*copy sent to
Gen. Russell
18-9-43*

10 September, 1943. *K.R.*

1. References

- (a) Operation Instructions No. 15 from C.S.O. 15th Army Group dated 2nd August, 1943, above subject.
- (b) Letter of C.S.O. A.M.G.O.T. to Provincial A.G.A.O., dated 28th August, 1943.

2. This is a report of activities and observations of Capt. S.H. Davis, Signal Corps, on his trip thru the Province of Nord, Haiti, during period 31 August, 1943 to 6 Sept. 1943.

3. Col. Clapp, U.S.O. Port Bass was visited in Ouanaminthe and he advised that Port Bass area had not yet been extended to include any territory north of a line running from just above Lanturto to just below Ouanaminthe. (a) Of the territory below this line Col. Clapp could not yet authorize A.M.G.O.T. to take over the Ouanaminthe exchange, the Lanturto telephone exchange, and the August telephone exchange on account of military activity in those areas.

(b) Permission for A.M.G.O.T. to assume supervision over the operation and maintenance by civil employees of all the other telephone exchanges south of the above mentioned boundary lines was reaffirmed.

(c) Col. Clapp advised however that National Air Force may have to be consulted regarding conversion of telephone exchanges in south-eastern portion of Haiti.

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4. Conferred with Ing. Degliavina, Director of the A.M.T. (Societa Nazionale Telefonica) for the provinces of Messine, Ouanaminthe, Nord, Artibonite and Ouest. (a) Gave Degliavina detail information and instructions as to our plans for restoring telephone exchanges within the provinces and cities.

(1) Made sure he understood that he is to run his organization and will be so in accordance with our direction and supervision.

(2) Made sure he understood that he civilian employees are to work on any interurban lines as all of them are now reserved for military use exclusively.

(3) Made sure that he understood that he was responsible for the normal operation of the exchanges, for the conduct of his employees, for meeting operating expenses, for collection of accounts, and for payment of wages as they are due.

(4) Told him that A.M.G.O.T. would assist him wherever possible, financially if necessary and also in his contacts with the Army signal units.

(5) Made arrangements with A.G.O., of Ouanaminthe, to supply A.M.G.O.T. with a regulation for his use as a certificate which he shall locate and select.

(6) A.G.O., of Ouanaminthe, to help Degliavina in procuring gasoline for any necessary travel.

5. Visited together with Ing. Degliavina each of the provinces where A.M.T. is under its supervision and direction.

A.M.O.O.T. to take over the Ontario telephone exchange, the landline telephone exchange, and the August telephone exchange on account of military activity in those areas.

(b) Permission for A.M.O.O.T. to assume supervision over the operation and maintenance of civil employees of all the other telephone exchanges and of the above mentioned boundary lines was reaffirmed.

(c) Col. Briggs advised however that National Air Force may have to be consulted regarding construction of telephone exchanges in north-eastern portion of Ireland.

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4. Conferred with Mr. Magliavita, Director of the A.M.O.T. (Socialist Nationalist) for the provinces of Messina, Catania, Syracuse, Ragusa and Siracusa.

(a) Gave Magliavita full information and instructions as to our plans for restoring telephone communications within the provinces and cities.

(b) Made sure he understood that he is to run his organization and will do so in accordance with our direction and supervision.

(c) Made sure he understood that no civilian employees are to work on any intervention lines as all of them are reserved for military use exclusively.

(d) Made sure that he understood that he was responsible for the normal operation of the exchanges, for the conduct of his employees, for meeting emergency requests, for collection of accounts, and for payment of wages as they are due.

(e) Told him that A.M.O.O.T. would assist him wherever possible, financially if necessary and also in his contacts and dealings with the army signal units.

(f) Made arrangements with A.M.O.O.T. of Catania Province whereby A.M.O.O.T. would regulate for his use an automobile which he will locate and select.

(g) A.M.O.O.T. of Catania agreed to help Magliavita in procuring gasoline for any necessary trips.

5. Visited together with Mr. Magliavita each of the provinces wherein A.M.O.T. is under his supervision and direction.

(a) Except for Messina which was still under military military troops, Magliavita was able to contact and confer with the heads of the provincial governments, and was able to them such information and directives as were necessary for civil operation of the exchanges for local service in accordance with our instructions to him.

6. Below is a summary of conditions now existing in the territory covered.

(a) Messina Province.

(1) No civil exchanges working.

(2) The automatic exchanges at Messina has stopped working.

(3) Troop movements prevented a thorough check of mail exchanges.

(b) Catania Province.

(1) Automatic exchanges in Catania has stopped working and is being operated by Royal Signals.

(2) No civil exchanges in this province are in operation.

(3) Troop movements prevented a thorough check of the mail exchanges.

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(c) Operating services.

(1) Radio - All exchanges in Silesia are being operated by Royal Signals - Army Signals, with Lt. Swift of Royal Signals (132 c) directly civilian personnel would take over the local services and station. Within the toll or intercom services, Lt. Swift to make necessary arrangements to prohibit civilian telephone users from making calls over intercom circuits.

(2) Augusta exchange is operating under Royal Signals.

(3) Leontini exchange is operating under Royal Signals.

(4) Avola and Neto exchanges are working under civilians.

(d) Radio Services.

(1) Reggio exchange is working under civilians.

(2) Also the smaller exchanges at Modica, Solofa, Comiso and Vittoria are working under civilians.

(e) Radio Services.

(1) Reggio exchange is working under civilians.

(2) Other small exchanges will be in operation soon.

7. Did not find it necessary to contact Staffed. In March, 1944, any (Col. Bastian) whom Royal Signals had already removed their trunk line facilities from the civil telephone exchanges and placed them for civilian use.

8. Col. Clapp of Fort Base, Catania, expects to be ready to turn additional territory over to A.M.S.C. for supplementary operation of local telephone exchanges in the near future.

9. Ing. Castellani has received instructions which will permit him to assume operational responsibility for additional telephone exchanges as soon as they are released for civilian use by the Eighth Army and Fort Base.

10. Supply problem for certain items such as wiring solder, other splicing materials and dry cell batteries will become acute in the near future.

(a) Royal Signals has been assisting in setting this situation in the eastern division and Eighth Army Signal Corps has been assisting in their territory.

(b) Acquisition for use of the material has been filed by AMST.

(c) Staffed Naples was under our jurisdiction in the near future, it is anticipated that the problem of supplies for reconstruction work will be relieved by the stores currently located there.

11. He had excellent cooperation at every place he stopped, and felt the trip well worth while. Distribution of these exchanges to civilian management and operation will be continued as rapidly as possible.

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(c) Area Exchange

(1) Area exchange is working under civilian.

(2) Other small exchanges will be in operation soon.

7. Did not find it necessary to contact National in Force, 1st Army (Col. Reston), since Royal Signals had already received their trunk line facilities from the civil telephone exchanges and freed them for civilian use.

8. Col. Glegg of Fort Base, Ontario, expects to be ready to turn additional territory over to A.N.O.S.F. for supplementary operation of local telephone exchanges in the near future.

9. Ing. Englarin has received instructions which will permit him to assume operational responsibility for additional telephone exchanges as soon as they are released for civilian use by the Ninth Army and Fort Base.

10. Supply problem for certain items such as wiring solder, other splicing materials and dry cell batteries will become acute in the near future.

(a) Royal Signals has been assisting in meeting this situation in the eastern cities and light Army Signal Corps has been assisting in their territory.

(b) Investigation for some of the material has been filed by AGOJ.

(c) Royal Signals was under our jurisdiction in the near future, it is anticipated that this problem of supplies for reconstruction work will be relieved by the stores recently located there.

11. He had excellent cooperation at every place he stopped, and felt the trip well worth while. Reception of these exchanges to civilian management and operation will be continued as rapidly as possible.

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AMGOT

HEADQUARTERS
C.S.

11 SEP 1943

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TO 11TH ARMY

SIGNAL EQUIPMENT NOW HELD BY 7TH ARMY AS RESERVE OR SOURCE OF SUPPLY FOR FIXED INSTALLATIONS WILL BE RECOVERED TO DEPOT STOCKS IMMEDIATELY. STOCK OF EQUIPMENT NOW IN SICILY WILL NOT BE USED FOR FIXED INSTALLATIONS. NOT ISSUED TO AMG OR OTHER BODY. WITHOUT SPECIFIC AUTHORITY FROM THIS HEADQUARTERS. AUTHORITY IS GIVEN TO EQUIP. UNITED STATES UNITS BEING MOUNTED FROM SICILY IN ACCORDANCE WITH MESSAGE SWOAR D 2174 DATED 1ST SEPTEMBER FROM 15TH ARMY GROUP TO 7TH ARMY REQUEST ACKNOWLEDGE THIS MESSAGE AND FORWARD COPY OF STATUS REPORT NOW BEING SENT TO SOS NATOUSA.

FROM CINC AFHQ TIME SIGNED 101757B

TO CO CINC 15TH ARMY GROUP. CO 7TH ARMY FOR SIGOS FOR ACTION. CO 5TH ARMY FOR SIGO. CO SOS NATOUSA FOR SSSIG FOR INFORMATION FROM FHSIG SIGNED CINC.

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12 Sept

To sub

Col. [Signature]

Subject: Telephone Service from HQ.

AMCOT/507/US
AMCOT HQ SICILY
10 September 45.

To : All Division Heads, AMCOT HQ.

1. Inter-Province Telephone Service (Military System):

(a) Arrangements have been made whereby AMCOT HQ Allied Officers only may use Military telephone circuits for calls to and from Palermo, Trapani, Agrigento, and Caltanissetta Provinces.

(b) Until direct line is installed from Army switching center (Cadet) Palermo, to Col. Spofford's Office, service may be had by calling over the civil telephone to long distance No. 15630. This will provide a connection to Cadet. From Cadet for SCAG Agrigento ask for "Galvert", and ask Galvert for 70 ring 3. From Cadet for SCAG Caltanissetta ask for "Caltanissetta" and ask Caltanissetta for Civil Affairs Office. From Cadet for SCAG Trapani ask for "Gobra" and ask Gobra for Civil Affairs Office.

(c) Action is being taken to obtain connections to other Provinces.

CHARLES. SPOFFORD

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Subject: Restoration of All Telephones and Telegraph Service

AMSC/JOFF/OS
AMSC/JOFF/OS
September 13.

Re: G.S.O., 15 Army Group.

1. Attached is copy of report relative to status of above as of Sept. 1st.
2. Good progress has since been made in area of Portofino.
3. G.S.O., Seventh Army has not turned over any civilian communication to Island Base Section or AMSC, except to make certain communications records available to AMSC.
4. Information not available as to extent Seventh Army has complied with paragraph 3 Operation Instruction No. 15, 2 Aug 43.
5. Understand that all civilian ^{residence} local telephone service has been restricted in Palermo.
6. Seventh Army has made service available to AMSC over military lines from Palermo Prov. to Galtanissetta, Agrigento and Trapani.

For Chief Civil Affairs Officer:

LMJ/ED.

CHARLES M. SPEFFORD
Lt. Col., G. S. G.
Chief Staff Officer.

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Ask Telegraph station what file base should go to

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12-1-43

Interruption of Telegraph and Telephone
Circuits in Southern Italy.

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RECEIVED/200/100

20th August 1943

To:-

S.O.A.O. for Calamitetta.

Attached is copy of wire for your information and
comments.

Major H.Q.,
15 Army Group.

Charles M. Spotted
Lieut Colonel G.S.O.
Chief Staff Officer.

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The...
7/3/42

Subject:- Interruption of Telegraph and Telephone Circuits.

ASST/AD/PA SHELLEY

24th August 1941

To:- 7th ARMY H.Q.

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1. ASST H.Q. have received copy of wire as attached.
2. Action has been taken.

ASST H.Q.,
15 Army Group.

CHARLES M. SPOTFORD
Lieut Colonel C.S.C.
Chief Staff Officer.

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War Department
GPO Form No. 400
Revised Apr 6, 1931.

REQUISITION

To: Signal Officer, 80th Signal No. of Sheets: 2 Sheet No: 1
(through A.S. 10th Army Group)

Requisition No: _____ Date: 2 Aug 1943 Period: _____

Ship to: Signal Officer, 80th Signal Special

REQUISITIONED BY (show signature, rank, organization, destination. If different from "Ship to" include address):

J.P.H. SMITH,
Lieut-Colonel A.S.A.
A.S.A.S.D.

APPROVED BY:

Frank J. Matherly

FRANK J. MATHERLY

Brigadier-General

Deputy Chief Civil Affairs Officer

Stock Number	Articles	Unit	On Hand and Due	Consumed	Required	Approved
1. 1423	Batteries, 15-23	ea.	0	0	4000	
2. 1/1	Wash. for wrapping white cotton	ea.	0	0	300	
3. 1/2	Cables, wiring 8/100 telephone cables	lb.	0	0	2000	
4. 1/2	Gloves, cotton for 22 ga. wire	ea.	0	0	25000	
5. 1/2	Wax, paraffin	lb.	0	0	500	

REMARKS:

All items to be used by AGCT for special telephone installation and repair project in connection with the restoration of civil telephone and telegraph services as directed by Operation Instruction No. 15 C. A. S. 1943 Army Group - 2 August 43 - for military and essential civil purposes.

It is proposed to sell the above supplies to the using civilian communication agency. Such supplies are not available in Italy and are urgently required.

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SUBJECT:- Restoration of Civil Telephone and Telegraph Services in SRI LANKA.

Main H.Q.
Eighth Army, C.M.F.
M 115 I(b).

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Distribution as for
List No. 1 dated 20 Jul. 43.

10. Aug. 43.

1. The policy now laid down by 15 Army Group is that every opportunity will be taken to facilitate the early restoration of civil telephone and telegraph services.
2. All local, intra urban, telephone services are to be restored to civil use, having regard to military requirements, and wherever possible will be operated by civil personnel. Civil telegraph services are for the present only being opened for military purposes and certain civil governments' traffic approved by AMGOS, but will be operated as far as possible by civil personnel.

Field.
CWO/DB.

(Signed) ??????????
Capt. for Lt. Col.
C.S.I.

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~~9.4.9. 15 ANY OTHER MEMORANDUM NO. 24~~

CONSERVATION, UTILIZATION AND CONTROL OF CAPTURED ENEMY
 THIS CONNECTION INSTALLATIONS AND MATERIAL

Issued in conjunction with H.Q. 15 Army Group
Operation Instruction No. 26.

1. This memorandum is designed to ensure that the maximum use to our own forces may be made of captured enemy installations and material. It depends for its success on a high state of discipline in all ranks of the service and a general acceptance of the fact that all forms of signal equipment must be left alone since that very control men's lives. It further depends on the ability of signal officers to obtain the co-operation of their staffs and of other branches of the armed forces.

CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES

2. Any telephone exchanges, telegraph office, wireless station or telecommunication installation of any kind secured by our troops should be placed under guard and axle personnel removed. An immediate inspection should be made by a signal officer to determine what technical personnel will be required to maintain the installation until it is required for military purposes or returned to civil use.

3. It is essential that all records, diagrams and plans found in any installation should be safe-guarded and taken over by a signal officer. Prompt action will be necessary to ensure that these records are not destroyed or damaged by Axis personnel.

4. Captured stores and dumps will be checked by a signal officer, their main contents noted, and where their importance warrants it, a guard should be provided.

5. Strict instructions to all troops are necessary to guard against souvenir hunting. No piece of apparatus, large or small, should be removed from any installation. Experience has shown that the removal of pieces of apparatus s.o. souvenirs has seriously interfered with the use of captured installations by our own troops.

6. Regular reminders are necessary to all ranks to prevent damage by our own troops shooting at insulators. This is often done under the impression that the insulators are on abandoned Axis pole lines, and can only be stopped by severe punishments and by educating all the troops to know that even enemy lines may be in use by our own troops.

7. Careful liaison with air forces and with anti-aircraft artillery is necessary to ensure that the poles of overland routes are not cut down to clear an aerodrome or A.A. gun-site without prior reference to signals.

d. Sabotage of communications is usually prevalent during the early period of occupation of enemy territory. As such damage is caused by enemy

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7. Careful liaison with air forces and with anti-aircraft artillery is necessary to ensure that the poles of overhead routes are not cut down to clear an aerodrome or A.A. gun-site without prior reference to signals.

8. Sabotage of communications is usually prevalent during the early period of occupation of enemy territory. As much damage is caused by petty pilfering of cable as by deliberate cutting of lines, and equally vigorous measures are required in either case. The most effective counter-measures are

(a) Shooting on the spot of anyone caught in the act of cutting or removing cables or lines.

(b) Trial in summary courts and severe punishments in other proved cases of sabotage.

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- (c) Active measures to enlist the aid of civil police.
- (d) Propaganda among civil authorities, priests, local anti-fascist bodies, etc., etc.

The assistance of A.M.G. and of O.S.I(b) (G.2) should be sought in all counter-measures.

UTILIZATION AND CONTROL

9. Initially, each Task Force Commander has complete control of all telecommunication facilities in the areas occupied by his troops. This control will be exercised through his Chief Signal Officer, who will coordinate the exploitation of facilities and their allotment to the various services.
10. All existing telecommunication facilities will be closed down immediately the installations are secured and will not be resumed except under the orders of a signal officer. The operation of all installations secured will be done initially by signal personnel of the Allied Forces. Friendly enemy personnel may be employed later, provided their integrity can be established, but they should not normally work without supervision.
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14. Every opportunity will be taken to employ well-disposed civil labour, skilled and unskilled, to help operate telephones and telegraph services. Military control will be ensured by manning main frames, test points and fault controls with military personnel. Military lines should be led out from the frame room to military headquarters and should not be operated in the same room as civil circuits. Similarly, military terminal equipment should, at the earliest possible moment, be set up in a separate building

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15. Full use should be made of the officers of A.M.G. in any matter connected with the existing civil tele-communications in occupied territory.

(Signed)

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Major General,
Chief Signal Officer,
15 Army Group.

Main 15 Army Group.

FIELD.

26. Aug. 43.

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SUBJECT: CIVIL COMMUNICATIONS

8 SEP 1943

AMDOT C. & P.,
PALERMO

HEADQUARTERS

8 SEP 1943

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15AS/2413/2416

6 Sep 43

1. Now that the reestablishment of civil communications in SICILY has begun and their further development is being considered, it is desired to put forward the views of this Branch as to security requirements in this connection.

2.

Postal

(a) There is no security objection to civil communication within towns by either post-card or sealed letter, nor to the extension of this privilege to allow communication by post-card between towns in SICILY.

(b) The transmission of sealed envelopes between towns should not be permitted until after 15 Sept.

When introduced, it should be announced that they will be subject to censorship, and a small percentage should be censored on a spot-check basis, to act mainly as a deterrent.

(c) Reference to this Branch should be made before facilities are afforded for post-cards or letters to be sent into or out of the Island.

It will be necessary for those addressed to anywhere outside the Island (other than to the Italian Mainland) to be subjected to 100 per cent censorship.

The question of censorship of civil mail between SICILY and the Italian Mainland should be discussed at a later date.

3.

Telephone

(a) There is no security objection to the restoration of full civil telephone facilities within towns in SICILY.

(b) Civilians should not be allowed to telephone between towns until after 15 Sept. Thereafter there is no security objection to the provision of such facilities for officials approved by AMCOT. The privilege should only be extended to other civilians after checking with the local security officers.

If personnel are available, inter-town telephone calls should be monitored on a spot check basis, for deterrent purposes.

(c) Reference should be made to this Branch before any telephone facilities to places outside the Island are afforded to any civilians.

4.

Telegrams and Cables

Civilians should NOT be afforded facilities for the despatch of telegrams or cables without prior consultation with this Branch and the Censorship Liaison Officer at this H.Q.

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5. Consuls

The question of Consular communications was covered in this Branch memorandum 15AG/1401/6/G(Ib) dated 3 Sept 43. (to ASDOT H.Q. only)

H.Q. 15 Army Group,
C.M.F.

COPY TO: G-2, Seventh Army
G.S.I. Eighth Army
X Branch
G (Special Ops) (Censorship Liaison Officer)

Brigadier,
B.C.S. (I).

SUBJECT: Provision of Communications for SIME in
Western Sicily.

Chief Signal Officer, 15th



677/CS 67
733/43

6 Sept 43

1. SIME has presented to 7th Army its telephone circuit requirements for assigned SIME and controlled civilian use in Western Sicily. They are being transmitted herewith as Inclosures 1, 2, and 3 for your consideration and decision as to what shall be provided and by whom.
2. The circuits indicated on Inclosure 2 in the 7th Army area can be provided by existing facilities. In the 8th Army area they can be provided by existing facilities after military operational and administrative needs have ceased on the routes indicated.
3. Some of the circuits indicated on Inclosure 3 can be provided eventually by circuits now used for military purposes. They are indicated by an asterisk on Inclosure 1.
4. The copper, poles, insulators and brackets required to construct the circuits are indicated on Inclosure 1. They are based on constructing a long distance network that will enable telephone communication to be established between any two points indicated on Inclosure 2 via properly repeated trunk circuits. Existing facilities are to be reused where possible.
5. Should it be decided that local networks only shall be provided, the amount of copper necessary can be reduced considerably by the use of 96 pound copper weld wire where 173 pound copper wire would otherwise be necessary.
6. It is recommended that no special provisions be made for SIME circuits other than those being provided for military purposes, and that aside from this the standards of communication facilities provided be no better than those obtaining for civilians before the war.

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15 Army Group
FMHD

(Sgd) W. R. C. Penney,
Major General
Chief Signal Officer
15 Army Group

Copy to: HQ SIME.

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(100)
12 Sept.

ENCLOSURE NO. 1

LIMIT REQUIREMENTS, WESTERN SICILY

Route	Harbor Required	Distance Miles	Wire Miles	Poles	Insulators	Brackets		Estimated Requirements	
						Single	Double	Tons 175lb Copper	Tons
PALERMO - PIGARAZZI	1	6	12		50	50			
PALERMO - MISIINGINI	1	11	22	10	100	100		2.0	
PALERMO - PLANI DE GRACI	1	7	14		100	100			
PALERMO - GARTI	1	6	12						
PALERMO - MONTESILE	1	5	10						
TRIMINI - TRAMIA	1	4	8	10	200	200			
TRIMINI - LIGARA FRIDI	1	25	50	30	500	500		4.4	
LIGARA FRIDI - ALIA	1	11	22					2.0	
CEPALE - COLLEBRANA	1	14	28						
CEPALE - PETRALIA	1	23	46	20	50	50		4.9	
CEPALE - CASTELNUOVO	1	11	22	10	50	50			
PETRALIA - ALICIA	1	12	24	40	200	200			
CEMINO - MISIINGINI	1	15	30					2.6	
CAITANISSIETA - MAZZARINO	1	23	46	60	200	200		4.0	
CAITANISSIETA - VILLALBA	1	23	46	40	150	150		4.9	
CAITANISSIETA - PINETRACERELA	1	5	10	(To 8th Army Territory)					
CAITANISSIETA - S. CATALDO	1	4	8	(To 8th Army Territory)					
CAITANISSIETA - RASAMARANO	1	6	12						
VILLALBA - MISSOCCHI	1	9	18					1.6	
CELA - MISOCCHI	1	11	22						
CELA - LICATA	1	22	44					3.9	
MAZZARINO - RIESI	1	7	14						
RIESI - SANMARTINO	1	8	16						
AGRIGENTO - RIESI	1	34	68					5.9	
AGRIGENTO - CANICATTI	1	20	40					3.5	
AGRIGENTO - CASTELNUOVO	1	22	44					3.9	
AGRIGENTO - SIOUJANA	2	13	26						
RIESI - SOLACIA	1	15	30					2.6	
CANICATTI - LICATA	1	27	54		200	200		4.7	
CASTELNUOVO - CASARATA	1	13	26					2.3	
CANICATTI - CARPONELO	1	12	24						
CANICATTI - RAGUSANO	1	10	20						
TRAPANI - MARSALA	1	19	38	80	250	250		3.3	

WIRE REQUIREMENTS, WESTERN SICILY

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Wire Miles	Poles	Insulators	Brackets		Estimated Requirements-Long Distance Skis.		Circuits that can be provided at later date by reuse of existing military circuits
			Single	Double	Tons 17lb Copper	Tons 96lb Copper sold	
12		50	50			0.6	
22	10	100	100		2.0	0.7	
14		100	100			0.6	
12						0.5	
10						0.4	
8	10	200	200				
30	30	500	500		4.4		
22					2.0		
28						1.4	
36	20	50	50		4.9		
22	10	50	50			1.2	
24	40	200	200			1.2	
30					2.6		
46	60	200	200		4.0		
56	40	150	150		4.9		
10	{To 8th Army Territory}					0.5	
8						0.4	+
12	{To 8th Army Territory}					0.6	+
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22						1.1	
44					3.9		-
14						0.7	
16						0.8	
63					5.9		+
46					3.5		
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26						1.3	
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13						1.2	
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30	80	250	250		3.3		

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ENCLOSURE NO. 1

AGOT BRIT REQUIREMENTS, WESTERN SICILY

Route	Poles Required	Distance Miles	Wire Miles	Poles	Insulators	Brackets		Estimated Requirements Tons 1/3lb Copper Tons
						Single	Double	
TRAPANI - ALCAMO	1	36	72					
MARIALA - MARSANO DEL VALLO	1	14	28		200			6.5
MARSANO - CASTELVERDINO	1	14	28	40	200	200		2.5
CASTELVERDINO - PANTAROLA	1	8	16					2.5
ALCAMO - CASTELVERDINO	1	13	26					
ALCAMO - GELMOLINA	1	16	32					
TOTAL	59	94	1135	340	2,500	2200		67.8

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4 Sept 43

Wire	Miles	Poles	Insulators	Brackets		Estimated Requirements-Long Distance Ckts.		Circuits that can be provided at later date by reuse of existing military circuits
				Single	Double	Tons 175lb Copper	Tons 96lb Copper Weld	
72			200			6.3		
28						2.5		
20	40		200	200		2.5		
16							0.8	
26							1.3	
32							1.6	
1135	340		2550	2200		67.8	17.8	

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4 Sept 43

AMDT - REQUESTS IN WESTERN SICILY
LONG DISTANCE - INCLOSURE 2

PALESTO - ISAPANI - 1, Joint use, S.E.T. Ckt, open wire
PALESTO - CAIRAVURO 2)
CAIRAVURO - CAIRANTIBETTA 2) State ckt, U.C. cable
CAIRANTIBETTA - CATANIA 2)
CATANIA - MESSINA 2)
PALESTO - AGHIGETO - 1, Joint use, state circuit, open wire
CATANIA - SYRACUSE 1)
SYRACUSE - MOTO 1) S.E.T. Ckt, open wire
MOTO - RAGUSA 1)

Long Distance Inclosure 3

See list of lines requested on Inclosure 1.

Subject - Restoration of Civil Telephone and Telegraph Services in Sicily

6 SEP 1943

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H.Q. AMGOT in SICILY

Copy to CSO., 15 Army Group
CSO., Fortbase
CSO., 13 Corps
CSO., 30 Corps

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6 SEP 1943
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Main H.Q.
Eighth Army
3682/4/X

2 Sep 43

J.T.
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Reference your AMGOT/S/R dated 28 Aug 43.

1. Will you kindly ensure that Capt J.E. Davis contacts me before he starts any reconstruction work in the area of Eighth Army.
2. This will avoid any risk of interruption or security of Navy, Army and Air Force lines in my area.
3. It will also enable me to issue the necessary passes for Italian workmen, who without such passes, are liable to arrest and the maximum penalty of death if found working on any lines in the Army area.
4. Provided there is close contact between us no unavoidable difficulties will be placed in Capt Davis' way.

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TO RECORDERS MORE

9 Sept.
100 contacted CSO Fortbase
CSO 8 Aug
who was to report to CSO 8 Aug
that no action would be taken in Sicily area prior to contact
100 -

[Signature]

Brigadier.
Chief signal Officer.

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AMCOT HQ SICILY
6 September 43

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Subject: Telephones

To : All Divisions

1. With effect from date all requests for, and comments on, telephones will be submitted in writing to: Communications Engineer, Industries and Resources Section, Room 43.

2. In order to facilitate directory amendments, etc., divisions will notify the Communications Engineer of all changes in rooms.

3. External calls in several directions will be faulty for a short time as the cables suffered damage in the late rains.

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CHARLES E. SPOTFORD
Lt. Col., G. S. C.
Chief Staff Officer

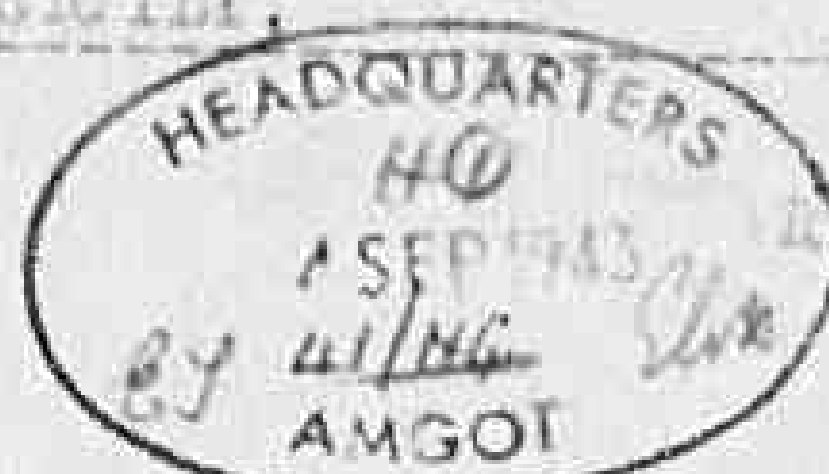
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Subject:- Restoration of Civil Telephone and Telegraph
Services in SICILY.

AMGOT HQ,
15 Army Group



Ref: 5/12/PA

Receipt is acknowledged of your 41/HQ dated 19 Aug 43
and enclosures.

Enns.
3 Sep 43

Lt Col..
S.C.A.O.

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2 September 43

Subject: Operation Instruction No. 15 (Signals)
To : S.C.A.C. Catania Province

1. Reference is made to your letter of 25 August 43 above subject wherein you ask, "Do you now approve of intra-urban telephone service in this province being now opened?"

2. Attention is directed to paragraph 2 f. of attached letter, dated 20 August from this Headquarters, subject, "Restoration of Civil Telephone and Telegraph Service in Sicily."

3. Civilians are not permitted to work on overhead routes or field cables in Eighth Army Area without written authority from CCA. Any work by civilian telephone employees in establishing intra-urban connections must be coordinated by CCAO with Signal authority in the area.

For the Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

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1 Incl.

Charles M. Brown
Lt. Col., S. C. C.
Chief Staff Officer

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I hereby acknowledge the receipt of the undermentioned,—

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LT. COL

Address

AMGOT S.C.A.O.
RAGUSA

Date 23 Aug 1943

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Note: The title of a Secret or Confidential Document must not be written on this Form.

Subject:- Operation Instruction N.15

To:- ANGOT H.Q. Palermo

From:- ANGOT Province of Ragusa

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25 Aug 943

Reference your 41/HQ dated 19 Aug 1943 and
15 Army Group Operation Instruction N.15 para 4 -

Do you now approve of intra urban telephone
service in this province being now opened.-

John
Lt-Col

S.C.A.C. ANGOT

Province of Ragusa

Ragusa

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SUBJECT:- Operation Instruction No: 15;

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To:- ANGOT H.Q.
Palermo.



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From:- Lt. Col. Wellesley,
S.C.A.O.
Province of Catania.

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Receipt is acknowledged of your Operation Instruction No. 15 of Aug 19 relative to the restoration of Civil Telephone and Telegraph services.

J. Wellesley

Catania.
25 Aug 43.

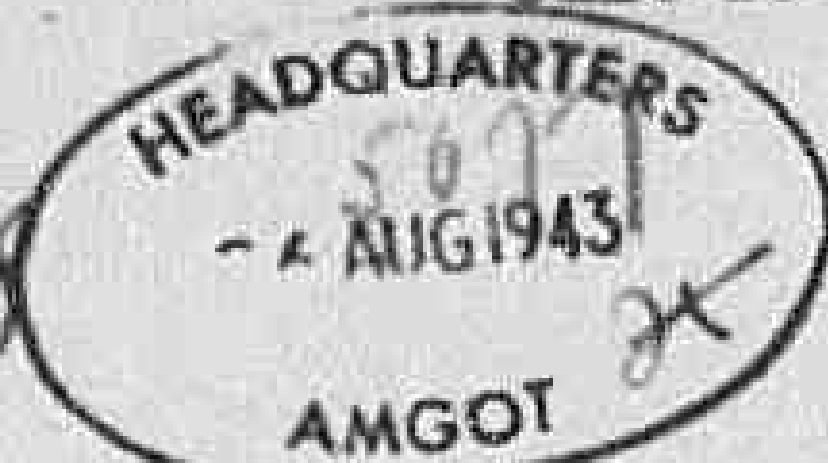
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Acknowledgement, 41/

TO: HQRS AMGOT

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41/HQ dated 19 Aug 43 and six unnumbered copies

of document attached thereto received.

W. R. Smith

Caltanissetta
24 Aug 43

Lt. Col.,
SCAO Caltanissetta Province

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H. H. H. H. H.
Colonel

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Subject: - Restoration of civil telephone and telegraph services in Haiti.

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2 Aug. 43.

OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO. 12

POLICY - RESTORATION OF CIVIL TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH SERVICES IN RUSSIA.

1. The rapid completion of the greater part of RUSSIA and the co-operative attitude of the civil administration and population make it necessary to review the present policy regarding the restoration of civil telephone and telegraph services. At present all such services are suspended.

It is essential to make the maximum use of these services, not only for the normal civil administration of the country, but for military purposes, in order to free military signal resources for other operations.

2. In order that the security aspect of this matter may be kept under view G2(1) and G2 at all large headquarters concerned will be kept informed of action which has been taken.

3. Within the general policy laid down in this letter Commanders 7th and 8th Armies will take every opportunity to facilitate the restoration of civil telephone and telegraph services, detailed action being co-ordinated by their Chief Signal Officers and Civil Affairs Officers.

In areas not in the sphere of direct interest of armies such matters will be dealt with by the Signal Officer on the Staff of AHEAD.

4. All local, inter urban, telephone services will be restored to civil use, as far as possible leaving regard to essential military requirements, and will wherever possible be operated by civil personnel.

5. Civil telegraph services will be restored wherever this does not conflict with military needs, but such services will for the present be open for use only for military purposes and for such civil government traffic as may be expressly approved by AHEAD. These services will be operated wherever possible by civil personnel.

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6. No new construction or appropriation of notes or terminal equipment or changes of circuits will be made by civil authorities without the consent of the Signal Officer concerned.

7. No removal of equipment of any kind will be done on for civil services without the approval of the Signal Officer concerned, except for work under joint A & S.

8. As civil operated systems become established and give satisfactory service, military personnel will be withdrawn wherever possible.

2. In order that the security aspect of this matter may be kept under view CS(1) and C2 at all any headquarters concerned will be kept informed of action which has been taken.

3. Within the general policy laid down in this letter Commanders 7th and 8th Divisions will take every opportunity to facilitate the restoration of civil telephone and telegraph services, detailed action being co-ordinated by their Chief Signal Officers and Civil Affairs Officers.

In areas not in the sphere of direct interest of armed units matters will be dealt with by the Signal Officer on the Staff of HQ.

4. All local, intra urban, telephone services will be restored to civil use, as far as possible in view of the essential military requirements, and will wherever possible be permitted by civil personnel.

5. Civil telegraph services will be restored wherever this does not conflict with military needs, but such services will for the present be open for use only for military purposes and for such civil government traffic as may be expressly approved by HQ. These services will be operated wherever possible by civil personnel.

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6. No new construction or appropriation of routes or terminal equipment or changes of circuits will be made by civil authorities without the consent of the Signal Officer concerned.

7. No reserves of equipment of any kind will be drawn on for civil services without the approval of the Signal Officer concerned, except for work under terms 4 & 5.

8. As civil operated systems become established, and give satisfactory service, military personnel will be withdrawn wherever possible.

9. Responsibility for maintenance will be defined by Chief Signal Officers. The general policy will be to keep under military control all main routes, test points and switching centres carrying operational circuits. Within the policy of retention of military control civil operators and labour, skilled and unskilled should be employed as far as possible.

10. It is necessary that the policy set out in this letter should be put into effect with all speed in order to secure the early release from active employment of military signal resources.

(Sgt.) 737007

Major General
C.C.S.

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Subject: Restoration of Civil Telephone and Telegraph Services in SICILY.

HEADQUARTERS

11 AUG 1943

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List No. 1 dated 20 Jul 43.

Main H.Q.,
Eighth Army, C.M.F.
M 315 I(b).

10 Aug 43.

1. The policy now laid down by 15 Army Group is that every opportunity will be taken to facilitate the early restoration of civil telephone and telegraph services.
2. All local, intra urban, telephone services are to be restored to civil use, having regard to military requirements, and wherever possible will be operated by civil personnel. Civil telegraph services are for the present only being opened for military purposes and certain civil governmental traffic approved by ANGOT, but will be operated as far as possible by civil personnel.

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ANGOT
DATE 11.8.43
REF ST/3

for Lt. Col.
G.S.I.

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REQUEST

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AMGOT HQ SICILY

2 September 1943

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Subject: Use of Military Telephone Circuits by AMGOT

To : Commanding General, Seventh Army

1. This is to confirm verbal request this date to Major Bierman, C.G. Sig. O 7th Army, by Capt. R. S. Trevelyan this office with respect to use by AMGOT of certain telephone circuits and installation of facilities.

2. It was requested:

a. Military telephone be installed in Room No. 24 B via Bari, Palermo, office of Chief Staff Officer AMGOT HQ from Cadet switching center Palermo.

b. Telephone service be made available to and from AMGOT HQ to Senior Civil Affairs Officers at Caltanissetta, through Caltanissetta switch, to S.C.A.O. Agrigento, through Calvert switch, to S.C.A.O. Trapani, through Cobra switch.

c. Installation of military telephone from Cobra switch to office of S.C.A.O. Trapani.

3. The above to be used pending final assignment of circuits for AMGOT use as contemplated in request to C.G. 7th Army from this office dated 25 August 1943.

For the Chief Civil Affairs Officer:

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CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Lt. Col., G. S. C.
Chief Staff Officer

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(Ltr fr Brig General F.J. McSherry, Deputy Chief Civil Affairs Officer, 24 Aug 1943, subj: Records; Sicilian Telegraph and Cable Companies)

AG 386.3 Misc 1st Ind.
HQ SEVENTH ARMY, APO 758, 31 August 1943.

AAL/STV

TO: BRIGADIER GENERAL FRANK J. McSHERRY, USA, Deputy Chief Civil Affairs Officer, AMGOT.

Inasmuch as the location of the records in question are known to officials of the Sicilian Telegraph and Cable Companies, it is suggested that they report to the Adjutant General, Seventh Army Main with the view towards turning these records over to the proper authorities.

For the Commanding General:

Albert A. Lindquist
ALBERT A. LINDQUIST,
Major, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General.



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AMCOT/8/HQ
AMCOT HQ SICILY
24 August 43

Subject: Records; Sicilian Telegraph & Cable Companies

To : Commanding General, Seventh U. S. Army

1. In order to facilitate the static rehabilitation of the Sicilian Telegraph and Cable Companies the following records now held by HQ Seventh U.S. Army are necessary:

a. Financial, Technical, and Personnel ledgers, files, rolls, and other documents belonging to:

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- (2) The Circolo Costruzione (Construction Company).
- (3) The Telegraph Section of the State Post and Telegraph Company.

b. Any Italian Government files relating to the above companies and their systems.

2. It is requested that the above be turned over to this HQ where they will be kept in three secure rooms and will be available for inspection upon request.

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Frank J. McSherry
FRANK J. MCSHERRY
Brig. General, U. S. A.
Deputy Chief Civil
Affairs Officer

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File 1047

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 AMGOT/HQ
 AMGOT HQ SICILY
 29 August 43.

Subject:- Civilian Communication Supplies.
 To:- Chief Signal Officer, 15th Army Group.

1. During the initial phases of the occupation of Sicily, Allied troops seized and carried away quantities of signal stores belonging to the state and S.E.T. In many cases, receipts were not given and it is felt that many of the seized items cannot be used by the Allies.

2. At the present time, heavy demands are being made on S.E.T. for stores; and in the near future it will be called in to rehabilitate and put into operation the island telephone system. Due to the seizures by troops and the impossibility of importing this equipment, S.E.T. will not have supplies to do this work. This matter is urgent, for after return of supplies, they must be distributed in store rooms located at critical points on the Island.

3. Therefore it is recommended:

a. That all Signal units of the 15th Army Group, of the U.S. Seventh Army and of the British Eighth Army submit a list of all stores which were seized, and all such stores which are still on hand.

b. That all stores now on hand which are not required for immediate military needs be returned to S.E.T. at once. A list of such stores to be submitted.

c. That further demands for stores, except those urgently required for immediate military needs, cease at once.

d. That a receipt be given for all stores received, and that a copy of this receipt be submitted to Headquarters, AMGOT. 513

e. That copies of the material lists required in sub-paragraphs a and b above, be submitted to Headquarters, AMGOT.

James L. Gifford, RSC 94
 Major General,
 Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

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AMCOT/8/HQ
AMCOT HQ SICILY
1 September 43

Subject: Restoration of Civil Telephone & Telegraph Services

To : Director, G. S. & R.

1. This is a report with respect to status of above subject.
2. Operation Instructions No. 15, CSO 15 Army Group, 2 Aug. 43 issued.
3. On 7 Aug. 43 CSO 15 Army Group issued instructions "no action until he (SCO) sends a further communication".
4. Arrangements for AMCOT Signal activities in Eighth Army Area have been approved by CSO 15 Army Group and Capt. Davis is now in that area working.
5. Several conferences have been had with CSO Seventh Army with respect to turning civilian communications in areas not in the sphere of direct interest of Seventh Army over to AMCOT. Our information is that Seventh Army will turn over to Base Area Group which will in turn transfer to AMCOT. Preliminary conferences have been had with B.A.G., but as of 1 September 43 Seventh Army has not turned over to B.A.G.
6. On 18 August 43 file AMCOT/8/HQ No. 21, a letter was directed to C.G. Seventh Army recommending that certain local and intra-urban telephone services be restored to civil use under the supervision of AMCOT. No reply to this letter has been received.
7. On 23 August 43 file AMCOT/8/HQ No. 38, a letter was directed to C.G. Seventh Army requesting the assignment to AMCOT use of certain inter- and intra-province circuits. No reply to this letter has been received.
8. On 24 August 43 file AMCOT/8/HQ No. 35, request was made on Seventh Army for certain cable and telegraph records. No reply has been received.
9. Progress with respect to Seventh Army Area will be delayed until Seventh Army issues directive to B.A.G. and arrangements made with B.A.G. by AMCOT are approved by CSO 15 Army Group.

LDD/jrl

*Inform Signals Officer
Chief Army Group Staff
15. Army Group Liaison Sect.
J. 4/9*

L. D. DENSMORE
Lt. Col., S. C.
Chief of I. & R. Section
Civilian Supply Division

*Copy to send
to C. S. 1513
Army Group*

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AMCOT/2/RQ
AMCOT HQ SICILY
2 September 43
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Subject: Inter-Province Telephone Service (Military System)

To : Chief Staff Officer

1. Arrangements have been made whereby AMCOT HQ Allied Officers only may use Military telephone circuits for calls to and from Palermo, Trapani, Agrigento, and Caltanissetta Provinces.

2. Until direct line is installed from Army switching center (Cadet) Palermo to Col. Spofford's office, service may be had by calling over civil telephone to long distance No. 15680--this will provide a connection to Cadet.

From Cadet for SCAO Agrigento ask for "Calvert" and ask Calvert for 70 Ring 3.

From Cadet for SCAO Caltanissetta ask for "Caltanissetta" and ask Caltanissetta for Civil Affairs Office.

From Cadet for SCAO Trapani ask for "Cobra" and ask Cobra for Civil Affairs Office.

3. Action is being taken to obtain connections to other provinces.

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J. F. R. Seitz
J. F. R. SEITZ
Lt. Col., G. S. C.
Director Civilian Supply
and Resources

To see Col. Spofford

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Col. General ^O

Ref 48-3 have asked
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amused that we should worry about
a killer detail study and addressed to
the CG Italian Armed Forces they say
that all this material has now been
disappeared (some to the Army)

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Province of Palermo

August 26, 1943.

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Chief Staff Officer, AMGOT Hq.



A letter from the Commissariato Generale per il Coordinamento dei Rifornimenti della Sicilia, requesting authorization to transport telegraphic material from Palermo to Trapani, is transmitted for your action.

Charles Poletti
CHARLES POLETTI
Lt. Colonel, AUS
Senior Civil Affairs Officer.

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*Col Senese
to see*

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del Consiglio dei Ministri

COMMISSARIATO GENERALE PER IL COORDINAMENTO
 DEI RIFORMAMENTI DELLA SICILIA

AL COMANDO PP.AA. DELLA SICILIA
 Alto Commissariato Civile
 Delegazione di

PALERMO

e per conoscenza:

AL MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI
 Direzione Generale delle Poste e dei
 Telegrafi-Servizio 6-Div.2-Uff. Materiali

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N. 22785/R/APP./II.2

OGGETTO:

Trasporto da Palermo a Trapani di mate-
 riali telegrafici.-

Si trasmette per competenza lettera in data
 1° corrente n. 769184/4674 della Direzione Generale in in-
 dirizzo, intesa ad ottenere l'autorizzazione al trasporto
 da Palermo Lollì all'Eccellente Poste di Trapani di mate-
 riali telegrafici vario del peso complessivo di kg. 1.900.
 Si prega di voler svolgere cortese interme-
 mento in ordine a quanto richiesto.-

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L'ALTO COMMISSARIO CIVILE

[Signature]

Allegato 1



Ministero delle Comunicazioni
DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLE POSTE E DEI TELEGRAPHI

COMISSARIATO CIVILE
PER LA SICILIA
VIA PO 27 ROMA

6 2 EFF. MATERIALI
Occorrono materiali telegrafici di consumo

2 LUG 1943

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Si prega di autorizzare il capo stazione di Palermo Iolli ad accettare dal locale Magazzino ferroviario le seguenti spedizioni:

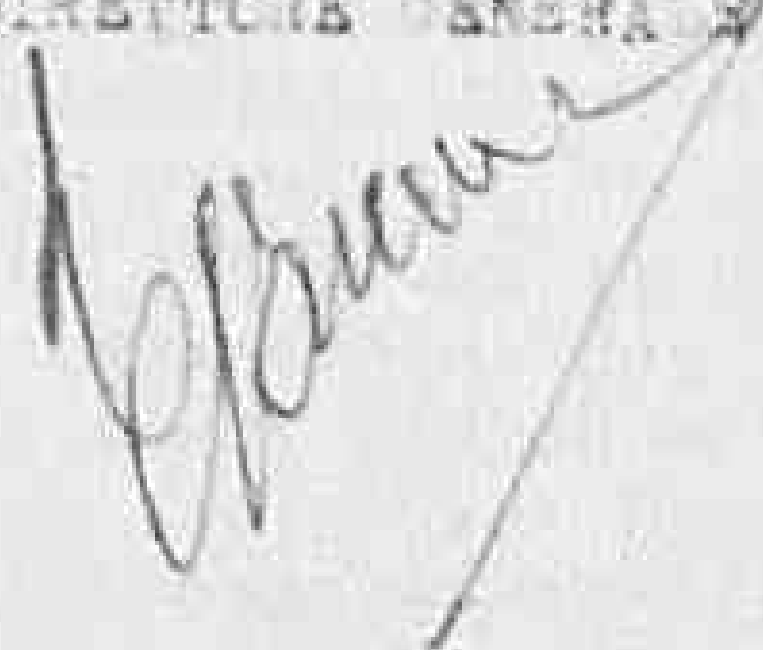
- N. 6 casse contenenti bicchieri per pila italiana;
- " 11 casse di carta per apparati Morse del peso globale di Kg. 1800 dirette Economato Poste di Agrigento;
- N. 4 casse di bicchieri per pila italiana,
- " 21 casse di carta per ricevente Wheatstone del peso complessivo di Kg. 3100 dirette all'Economato Poste di Caltanissetta;
- " 2 casse di bicchieri per pila italiana,
- " 16 sacchi di solfato di rame e
- " 16 casse di carta gomata del peso complessivo di Kg. 3700 dirette all'Economato Poste di Catania;
- " 12 casse di bicchieri per pila italiana,
- " 25 sacchi di solfato di rame;
- " 16 casse di carta gomata;
- " 21 casse di carta per ricevente Wheatstone e
- " 10 pacchi di stracci di cotone del peso complessivo di Kg. 507

piessivo di Kg. 1300 dirette all'Economato
Poste di Messina.

- N. 10 casse di bicchieri per pila italiana;
- " 12 casse di carta gomata
- " 21 " " " per ricevente Wheatstone
- " 4 pacchi di stracci di cotone
- " 29 casse di carta per apparati Morse del peso
complessivo di Kg. 8500 dirette all'Eco-
nomato Poste di Siracusa
- " 6 casse di bicchieri per pila italiana
- " 9 casse di carta per ricevente Wheatstone,
- " II " " " Morse del peso complessivo
di Kg. 1900 dirette Economato Poste Tra-
pani.

Si prega di assicurare contempo-
raneamente per intelligenza "L'Ufficio materiali
Servizio Vie telegrafi" per le disposizioni da
dare.

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE



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AMSOFT HQ
AMSOFT HQ STAFF
20th August 1943

Subject: Restoration of Civil Telephones and Telegraph Services in Sicily.

To: S.O.A. Os. Provinces of:

SICILY
CATANIA
MESSINA
5/11/43

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1. Reference Operation Instruction No. 15 from G.S.O. 15th Army Group, dated 2nd August 1943, above subject.

2. Subject to provisions of G.I. No. 15, except para 2 which does not apply to S.O.A. Os., the G.S.O. 15th Army Group has approved agreement between AMSOFT and G.S.O. Port Base as follows:

- a. AMSOFT is to take over the maintenance and operation of the civil automatic switchboard service (as with its connected switching).
- b. The switchboard shall be split into two portions. The Military portion will have dialling facilities to Trunks. The civil portion will have trunk facilities.
- c. Operations of civil automatic switchboard at Catania to be covered by further conference between representative of AMSOFT Signal Officer and G.S.O. Port Base.
- d. All existing civil switchboards in Port Base Area shall be put back into service by AMSOFT. No trunk facilities can be released at present.
- e. The equipment in Telegraph Offices, except city Syracuse, shall be put under care and maintenance of AMSOFT until such time as telegraph service is required and permitted.
- f. Where lines are not required for Military use, AMSOFT will be freed to install local telephone inter-urban connections.

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3. Captain J.E. Davis (a) Signal Corps - from AMSOFT HQ will supervise the restoration of civil telephones service and will shortly visit your province.

4. Captain Davis will arrange with G.S.O. Port Base with respect to operation of switchboard at Catania and Syracuse. He will also provide any necessary coordination.

5. It is recommended that all S.E.P. telephone exchanges in your Province will be operated by regular S.E.P. telephone employees when

a. AECOT is to take over the maintenance and operation of the civil automatic switchboard since use with its connected cabling.

b. The switchboard shall be split into two portions. The Military portion will have dialing facilities to Banks. The civil portion will not have dialing facilities.

c. Operations of civil automatic switchboard at Catania to be covered by further conference between representative of AECOT Signal Officer and C.S.O. Fort Paso.

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5. It is contemplated that all S.E.T. Telephone Branches in your Province will be operated by regular S.E.T. telephone employees under direction of the normal telephone company management. All telephone operating expenses and copies to be paid by S.E.T.

6. The S.E.T. Telephone Branches and Lines in your Province come under the management and supervision of Ing. Tagliavia of Catania. Davis will arrange with Tagliavia with respect to collection of telephone accounts, payment of bills, report, etc., and the general management of the system.

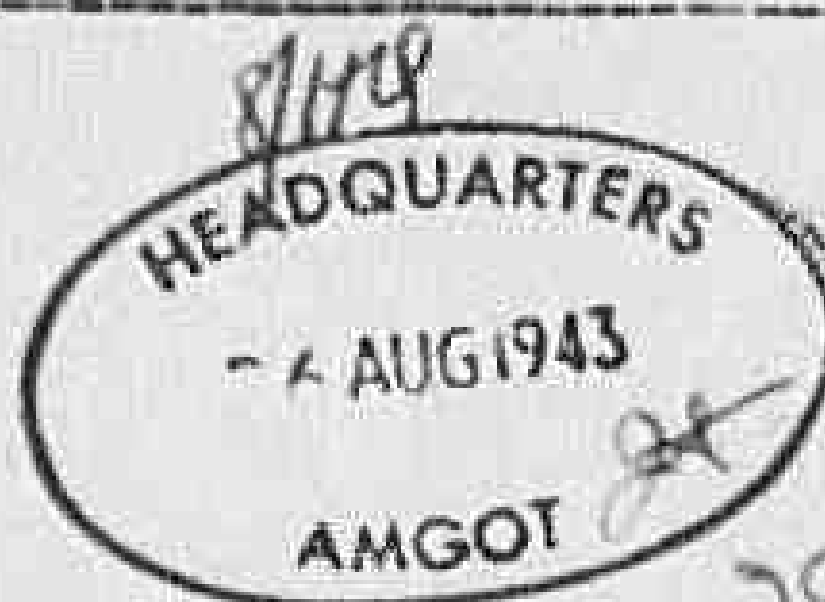
7. It is directed that you afford Capt. Davis such assistance as you are able.

For the Chief Civil Affairs Officer *Frank S. [Signature]*

CHARLES M. STROUD
Lieut Colonel U.S.A.
Chief Staff Officer.

DISTRIBUTION:
C.S.O. 15th Army Group
C.S.O. Eighth Army.
C.S.O. Fort Paso.

Subject: Restoration of Civil Telephone and Telegraph services in 39
SICILY



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H.Q., A.M.G.O.T.
PALESTINE

23 Aug 43

Reference your Amgot/8/HQ dated 18 Aug. 43, on the above subject.

Authority is hereby given to the restoration of Civil Telephone Services as agreed at the meeting held in HQ., PORTBASS on 13 Aug 43., issued under HQ., PORTBASS 2596X dated 15 Aug 43.

The provisions of para 2 of Operation Instruction No. 15 are being complied with.

H.Q. 15 Army Group.
FIELD.

H. Blott
B. B.

Maj. General,
Chief Signal Officer,
15 Army Group.

noted
27 Aug 1943

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AMCOT/8/18
AMCOT HQ SICILY
24 August 43

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To : Commanding General, Seventh U. S. Army

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FRANK J. McDERMOTT
Brig. General, U. S. A.
Deputy Chief Civil
Affairs Officer

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1		Pelamo-Corpus	U.S. 99. Serial		
1		Pelamo-Corpus	U.S. 100. Serial		

b. Intermediate Circuits (Mileage)					
See Enclosure Map 2.					
No. of Circuits Required	Circuit Number	Location	Owner and Type	Length in ft.	Qty.
1	57632	Pelamo-Corpus	U.S. 1. Serial	36,315	12 + 3
1	57636	Pelamo-Corpus	U.S. 2. Serial	72,148	12 + 3
1	57637	Pelamo-Corpus	U.S. 3. Serial	11,000	11,25 + 0
1	57642	Pelamo-Corpus	U.S. 4. Serial	19,150	12 + 3
1	57653	Pelamo-Corpus	U.S. 5. Serial	10,470	12, 5.
1	57659	Pelamo-Corpus	U.S. 6. Serial	47,680	?
1	57662	Pelamo-Corpus	U.S. 7. Serial	7,200	12
1	57664	Pelamo-Corpus	U.S. 8. Serial	6,000	2, 5 + 0
1	57667	Pelamo-Corpus	U.S. 9. Serial	11,367	12 + 3
1	57667	Pelamo-Corpus	U.S. 10. Serial	15,871	12 + 3
1	57667	Pelamo-Corpus	U.S. 11. Serial	19,000	13
1	57667	Pelamo-Corpus	U.S. 12. Serial	25,313	12 + 3
1	57667	Pelamo-Corpus	U.S. 13. Serial	16,706	13
1	57667	Pelamo-Corpus	U.S. 14. Serial	20,306	12 + 3
1	57667	Pelamo-Corpus	U.S. 15. Serial	19,600	13
1	57667	Pelamo-Corpus	U.S. 16. Serial	20,306	12 + 3

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No. of Circuits Required	Circuit Number	Location	Power in W.	Kind of Wire
II. CALIFORNIA PROVINCE				
1	57218	Calicut - Maricao	57,129	b2 + 3 + Ca
1	57222	Calicut - Maricao	16,650	b2 + 3 + Ca
1	57221	Calicut - Maricao (1st. ent.)	16,000	b2 + 3 + Ca
1	57222	Calicut - Maricao (S. ent.) (1st. ent.)	7,000	b2 + 3 + Ca
1	57223	Calicut - Maricao	27,129	b2 + 3 + Ca
1	57224	Calicut - Maricao	15,000	b3
1	57225	Calicut - Maricao	19,500	b2 + 3
1	57226	Calicut - Maricao	37,300	b2 + 3
1	57227	Calicut - Maricao	12,700	b2 + 3
1	57228	Calicut - Maricao	13,750	b2.5

III. AGUAYTO PROVINCE

1	57229	Aguyto - Maricao	56,025	b2 + 3
1	57230	Aguyto - Maricao	32,697	b2 + 3
1	57231	Aguyto - Maricao	31,300	b2 + 3
1	57232	Aguyto - Maricao	21,075	b2 + 3
1	57233	Aguyto - Maricao	24,050	b3
1	57234	Aguyto - Maricao	17,020	b2 + 3
1	57235	Aguyto - Maricao	21,200	b2 + 3
1	57236	Aguyto - Maricao	20,267	b2 + 3
1	57237	Aguyto - Maricao	17,070	b2 + 3

IV. TRAPANI PROVINCE

1	57238	Trapani - Maricao	32,800	b2 + 3
1	57239	Trapani - Maricao	50,000	b3 + Ca
1	57240	Trapani - Maricao	22,000	b2 + 3
1	57241	Trapani - Maricao	24,000	b2 + 3
1	57242	Trapani - Maricao	12,500	b2 + 3
1	57243	Trapani - Maricao	22,000	b2 + 3
1	57244	Trapani - Maricao	20,300	b2.5

3. It is proposed to place the Trapani termination of A.L. 1, circuit 57635 Maricao-Trapani or the civil exchange substation at Trapani (civilian operated) and the Trapani termination or the military operated substation at AGUAYTO HQ - 8 Via Bard - Palermo or in the Trapani city substation center at Palermo, to and from which calls would have to be switched to AGUAYTO HQ, via civilian system.

4. The termination of state owned aerial Palermo-Aguayto circuit to b502 handled in the same manner as indicated for the Palermo-Trapani circuit.

5. The Palermo terminations of the two Palermo-Calicut via state owned underground circuits to be placed in the military operated substation at AGUAYTO HQ - 8 Via Bard - Palermo or switched by any switching center as indicated in paragraph 3.

6. At Calicut-Maricao using the Palermo-Calicut (two circuits) and the Calicut-Aguayto (one circuit) from the state owned underground

1	57429	Agrianto-Canicciara	21,875	b2 + 3
1	57477	Mibani - Salerno	24,850	b3
1	57498	Canicciara - 14.000	17,020	b2 + 3
1	57527	Canicciara - Canicciara	22,800	b2 + 3
1	57535	Canicciara - Canicciara	20,267	b2 + 3.5
1	57541	Canicciara - Canicciara	17,070	?

IV. TERMINAL FACILITIES

1	57529	Tringoli-Marsella	22,800	b2 + 3
1	57535	Tringoli-Alcamo	50,500	b3 + 3
1	57528	Marsella - Marsella del Vallo	22,600	b2 + 3
1	57533	Marsella del Vallo	22,600	b2 + 3
1	57527	Castellone - Marsella	22,500	b2 + 3
1	57535	Alcamo - Castellone	22,000	b2 + 3
1	57533	Alcamo - Castellone	22,300	b2.5

3. It is proposed to place the proposed termination of S.S. 2. circuit 57633 Salerno-Reggio on the civil exchange switchboard at Tringoli (civilian operated) and the Salerno termination of the military exchange switchboard at Alcamo HQ - 8 Via Bari - Palermo or in the Regio HQ switchboard center at Salerno, to and from which calls would have to be switched to Alcamo HQ, via military system.

4. The termination of state and civil Palermo-Reggio circuit to b502 handled in the same manner as indicated for the Palermo-Reggio circuit.

5. The Palermo terminations of the two Palermo-Caltanissetta state and underground circuits to be placed on the military exchange switchboard at Alcamo HQ - 8 Via Bari - Palermo or switched by Regio switchboard center as indicated in paragraph 3.

6. At Caltanissetta where the Palermo-Caltanissetta (two circuits) and the Catania-Caltanissetta (one circuit) cross the state owned underground cable will terminate it is suggested that two circuits be terminated on a seventh Regio switchboard at Caltanissetta and calls be switched to Regio from such circuits to prevent cable duplication or to Caltanissetta civil switchboard via trunk as required.

7. It is proposed to terminate the two Palermo-Reggio S.S. 2. serial circuits Nos. 57217 and 57221 on the civil switchboard at each place.

8. Termination of Palermo-Reggio S.S. 2. serial circuit No. 7436 at Palermo to be handled the same as Regio and Regio circuits with Regio termination on civil switchboard.

9. In making this request for the allocation of facilities on circuits of the former S.S. 2. or state owned systems have been included in order that such circuits will form the basis of the ultimate re-establishment of the civil communication system.

10. Other proposed circuits have been requested in order to verify

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U.S.A. (AMST) officer - change of each Province to coincide with civil affairs officers stationed throughout the province.

11. In addition to the authorization of AMST for use and control of the circuits herein requested, it will be necessary to authorize the use of civilian labor in the repair and rehabilitation of such circuits, also a designation of areas not in the sphere of direct interest of the Seventh Army. The latter in order to permit the restoration of civil telephone and telegraph services under AMST direction as provided for in Operation Instruction No. 13 T. 1. 15 Army Group and August 1943.

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O.S.O. 15 Army Group Main

Inc:

No. 1 Inter-Province Meeting

No. 2 Inter-Province Meeting

7/25
FRANK J. ROSENBERG,
Brigadier General,
Deputy Chief Civil Affairs
Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
51st Signal Battalion
APO 758, U. S. Army

AUG 1943

21 August 1943

AMGOT

SUBJECT: Cables in Palermo

TO : Commanding Officer, 51st Signal Battalion, APO 758, U. S. Army.

1. The city of Palermo is divided into about 63 zones. Each zone has a terminal box where the underground cables from the central telephone office terminate. Aerial cables extend from these terminal boxes to serve the subscribers.

2. Size of Cables:

a. Main cables from telephone office are 600 pair, lead covered, paper insulated cables. 100 pair and 200 pair cables branch off from the 600 pair cables to each of the terminal zones.

b. Aerial cables from the terminal boxes range in size from 30 pair to 10 pair.

3. Routes of Cables:

a. Underground cables follow the main streets. Cables are in concrete or iron ducts located about 3 feet beneath the street surface. Most cables are located under the sidewalks rather than in the middle of the street.

b. Aerial cables usually follow the main streets although in some cases they are located in alleys. Aerial cables are strapped to the sides of buildings or fastened to a suspension strand on metal or wooden poles. Many aerial cables run across the tops of buildings and are very hard to work.

4. Condition of Cables:

a. Underground cables -- In general, the condition of the cables is not too good. The bombings have totally destroyed several terminal boxes and the cables feeding them. Bombs landing close to underground cables damage the ducts, and in some cases, damage the cables without putting the cables totally out of service. When the rainy season begins, underground cables now in service will be out of service. It is impossible to make a thorough check to locate all the bad spots in the cables.

b. Aerial cables -- Aerial cables have many bad spots caused by bombings. Bombs have injured cables in many places and have weakened supporting wires and poles. It is highly probable that rain will cause much trouble in the existing aerial cable system. It is impossible to check thoroughly the condition of all aerial cables.

5. The Italians have made considerable repairs to the cable system although they have by no means completed the work. We have found that the standard of their work is not up to our standards. We have had to repair cables that went bad because of their incomplete work. They have left cables open in many places, allowing moisture to enter the cable and put it out of service. The repair work of the Italians is hampered by their lack of supplies and transportation.

EDGAR W. ALLEN
1st Lt 51st Sig Bn
Cable Officer

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APR 18/5/50
25 APR 1950

SUBJECT: Ustica Cable

TO: S.C.A.O., Palermo

1. For your information, there is attached memorandum from Captain Davis re Ustica Cable.

W. H. Meyer
for
CHARLES E. SPENCER,
Lt. Colonel, J.S.C.,
Chief Staff Officer.

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To: Lt. Colonel Denmore

1. The Ustica cable has been checked and found in good condition at both ends. Telegraph equipment was not damaged.
2. It is a single conductor cable.
3. The telegraph equipment has been disconnected by the Signal Corps and the circuit (sheath is used as one conductor) turned over to the 1st Air Defense Wing under direction of Captain Little who can be reached by dialing 15660 (Cades) asking for Gin Piaz - Captain Little's number is Gin Piaz 10.
4. The telephone circuit to Ustica will be in service by 20th August 1943.
5. One hour each day is to be set aside for telephone calls to Ustica as soon as arrangements can be completed.
6. At the present messages may be sent or cabled to the Filter Officer at Gin Piaz who will transmit the message.
7. A British Flight Lt. is in charge at Ustica where a radar station is located. Telephone is in radar station.
8. People on the island can send messages to Palermo by giving them to the British Flight Lt. who will call them to 1st Air Defense Wing here and they will deliver the message.
9. This circuit is not to be used for promiscuous unimportant messages.

J. EDWARD DAVIS,
Capt., S.C.

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 FROM: 15 ARMY GROUP 14 TO: 7TH ARMY MAIN 1505 5

TACTICAL AIR FORCE REPORT CONTINUANCE OF INTERUPTIONS TO TELEGRAPH AND
 TELEPHONE CIRCUITS IN NORTHERN SICILY PARTICULARLY IN AREA DELTA - FORT
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Subject :- Signal Procedures,

MAIN EIGHTH ARMY.

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8/HQ

2 AUG 1943

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19 Aug 43.

Signal resources to meet present and future requirements are insufficient.

It is of the utmost importance that in SICILY, signal systems in ports and L of C areas and sub-areas generally are reduced to the minimum.

Signal dots now provided for SYRACUSE, CATANIA and MESSINA/MILAZZO are likely to be decreased and not increased. As soon as operational considerations allow, Italian personnel in conjunction with AMGOT will be employed as far as possible, and progressively from the rear.

Major-General,
C.S.B.

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Subject:- Restoration of Civil Inter-urban Telephone
and Telegraph Lines and/or Field Cables.

To:- C.I.C. - Province of:
Regina
Saskatoon
Edmonton
Winnipeg

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1. The British Army has issued an order that civilians are not permitted to work on or restore or field cables in British Army areas, and has directed the apprehension of all unauthorized persons found interfering with signal property.

2. Work on inter-urban telephone and/or telegraph lines will not be done under A.C.F. direction except as authorized by this office. When such authorization is given by this office, instructions with respect to necessary passes will be included.

For the Chief Civil Affairs Officer:

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15 Army Group


WILLIAM H. SPAFFORD
Lt. Col., C. S. C.
Chief Staff Officer.

Distribution:-
C.I.C., 15 Army Group.

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FROM : MAIN EIGHTH ARMY
TO : 131 CORPS 30 CORPS FORTBASE 4 AF SIGS
EIGHTH ARMY SIGS
RPTD 15 ARMY GROUP
ORIG NO : X 7133

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FOR CSO.
CIVILIANS ARE NOT REPEAT NOT PERMITTED TO WORK ON OH ROUTES
OR FIELD CABLES IN EIGHTH ARMY AREA WITHOUT WRITTEN AUTHORITY FROM
CSO ARMY. ALL UNAUTHORISED PERSONS FOUND INTERFERING WITH SIGNAL
PROPERTY WILL BE APPREHENDED. PASSES SIGNED BY AMGOT WILL NOT BE
ACCEPTED.

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15 Aug 43.

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Subject:- Restoration of Civil Telephone and Telegraph services in Sicily.

To:- Chief Signals Officer - 15 Army Group

1. Reference is made to Operation Instructions No. 15, 2 Aug 43 from your office, above subject.
2. In accordance with verbal instructions, Signal Officer AMXOF conferred with C.S.O. Farthase. Attached is copy of minutes of such conference together with letter of transmittal for same from C.S.O. Farthase.
3. Conference was held 12 Aug 43 by S.O. AMXOF with C.S.O. Eighth British Army. C.S.O. Eighth Army agreed that local and intra-urban telephone service be restored to civil use, subject to provisions of O.I. No. 15 under the supervision of AMXOF at all places south of a line Leonforte, Centuripe both inclusive, Palermo and Catania both exclusive.
4. It is understood your office will make necessary compliance with paragraph 2 of O.I. No. 15.
5. Attention is directed to the fact that co-ordination with respect to this matter has not been had with C.S.O., Air Formation Signals, T. A. F.
6. It is recommended ~~and requested~~ that agreement made at 15 Aug 43 conference with C.S.O. Farthase, subject to provisions of covering letter of 15 Aug 43 be approved, and AMXOF be authorized to restore services as indicated.

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7. Agreement with respect to areas not in the sphere of direct interest of the Seventh U.S. Army is being worked out and will be submitted for approval. 27

Per the C.G.A.O.:

R.G. ANDRE
15 Army Group.

ds
CHARLES E. SPOTSWOOD.
Lt. Col., G.S.O.
Chief Staff Officer.

Distribution: G.S.O. - Eighth Army.

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Subject: COPY
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MR. PORTER
Ext. 110
2596
15 Aug 43

To: H.Q., A.M.S.C.T.
PALMER (for Signal Adviser)

Copies: C.S.C., Main 13 Army Group.
"C" Portbase.

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1. The attached Minutes of a meeting held in my office on 13 Aug 43 to discuss Civil Telephone and Telegraph communications have been submitted to the C.S.C. Portbase, who instructs me to say that he agrees to the minutes, that para 2 of 13 Army Group Operation Instruction No. 13 is to be strictly observed, and that the situation at Cuba is to be reviewed with local ASST officials before para 1(c) of the minutes is implemented.

2. Referred para (c) of the Minutes. It has subsequently become necessary to operate in situ in the Central Telegraph Office, Syracuse, certain submarine cable terminal equipment.

/s/ D. CHAFF
Colonel,
Chief Signal Officer,
Portbase.

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MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT H.A. PORTBASE ON 13 AUG 43.

President:-

Col. G.D. CLAPP, C.S.O., Portbase.
 Lt. Col. L.D. HENNING, US Sig. Corps, Signal Adviser to
 AMXT.
 Lt. Col. R.J. CALDWELL, Liaison Officer, 15 Army Group -
 AMXT.
 Capt. J.E. DAVIS, US Sig. Corps.

Reference Main 15 Army Group Op. Instruction No. 15.

1. The Civil telephone system in Portbase Area was discussed, and it was agreed, subject to G.O.C. Portbase Agreement:-

- (a) AMXT is to take over, as soon as they wish, the maintenance and operation of the Civil auto switchboard SYSTEM, with its connected cabling.
- (b) The switchboard shall be split into two portions. The Military portion will have dialling facilities, to Trunks. The Civil portion will not have trunk facilities.
- (c) When CALDWELL comes under command of Portbase, similar arrangements will be made.
- (d) All the existing Civil switchboards in Portbase Area shall be put back into service by AMXT as soon as they require them, but no trunk facilities can be released at present.
- (e) No Civil telegraph equipment is required by the Army unless specially requisitioned. The equipment in Telegraph offices shall be put under care and maintenance by AMXT until such time as they are in a position to restore Civil telegraph facilities.
- (f) Where lines are not required for Military use, AMXT will be free to instal local telephone and telegraph intra-urban connections.

Lt. Col. Densmore

19 August 1943

1. The Ustica cable has been checked and found in good condition at both ends. Telegraph equipment was not damaged.
2. It is a single conductor cable.
3. The telegraph equipment has been disconnected by the Signal Corps and the circuit (switch is used as one contact) turned over to the 1st Air Defense Wing under direction of Capt. Little who can be reached by dialing 15660 (Code) asking for Grin Fizz - Capt. Little's number is Grin Fizz 10.
4. The telephone circuit to Ustica will be in service by 20 August 1943.
5. One hour each day is to be set aside for tel. calls to Ustica as soon as arrangements can be completed.
6. At the present messages may be sent or called to the Filter Officer at Grin Fizz who will transmit the message.
7. A British flight Lt. is in charge at Ustica where a radar station is located. Telephone is in radar station.
8. People on the island can send messages to Palermo by giving them to the British flight Lt. who will call them to 1st Air Defense Wing here & they will deliver the message.
9. This circuit is not to be used for promiscuous unimportant messages.

J. Edward Davis
Capt. S. C.

20th August 1943

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As soon as arrangements can be completed.
6. At the present messages may be sent or called to the Filter Officer at Gin Figg who will transmit the message.
7. A British flight Lt. is in charge at Uster where a radar station is located. Telephone is in radar station. 489
8. People on the island can send messages to Palermo by giving them to the British flight Lt. who will call them to 1st Air Defense Wing here & they will deliver the message.
9. This unit is not to be used for promising unimportant messages.

J. Edward Davis
Capt. S. C.

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2 Aug. 43

OPERATION UNINTERRUPTED NO. 15POLICY - RESTORATION OF CIVIL TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH SERVICES IN SIGNAL

1. The rapid occupation of the greater part of SIGNAL and the co-operative attitude of the civil administration and population make it necessary to review the present policy regarding the restoration of civil telephone and telegraph services. At present all such services are suspended.

It is essential to make the maximum use of the services, not only for the normal civil administration of the country, but for military purposes, in order to free military signal resources for further operations.

2. In order that the security aspect of this matter may be kept under view GS(1) and G2 at army headquarters concerned will be kept informed of action which has been taken.

3. Within the general policy laid down in this letter Commanders 7th and 8th Armies will take every opportunity to facilitate the restoration of civil telephone and telegraph services, detailed action being co-ordinated by their Chief Signal Officers and Civil Affairs Officers.

In areas not in the sphere of direct interest of armies such matters will be dealt with by the Signal Officer on the Staff of AMBOL.

4. All local, intra urban, telephone services will be restored to civil use, as far as possible having regard to essential military requirements, and will wherever possible be operated by civil personnel.

5. Civil telegraph services will be restored wherever this does not conflict with military needs, but such services will for the present be open for use only for military purposes and for such civil government traffic as may be expressly approved by AMBOL. These services will be operated wherever possible by civil personnel.

6. No new construction or appropriation of routes or terminal equipment or changes of circuits will be made by civil authorities without the consent of the Signal Officer concerned.

7. No reserves of equipment of any kind will be drawn on for civil services without the approval of the signal officer concerned, except for work under paras 4 and 5.

8. As civil operated systems become stabilized and give satisfactory service, military personnel will be withdrawn wherever possible.

9. Responsibility for maintenance will be defined by Chief Signal Officers. The general policy will be to keep under military control all main routes, test points and switching centres carrying operational circuits. Within the policy points and switching centres carrying operational circuits, skilled and unskilled

2. In order that the security aspect of this matter may be kept under view G2(1) and G2 at any headquarters concerned will be kept informed of action which has been taken.

3. Within the general policy laid down in this letter Commanders 7th and 8th Armies will take every opportunity to facilitate the restoration of civil telephone and telegraph services, detailed action being co-ordinated by their Chief Signal Officers and Civil Affairs Officers.

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9. As civil operated systems become stabilized and give satisfactory service, military personnel will be withdrawn wherever possible.

10. Responsibility for maintenance will be defined by Chief Signal Officers. The general policy will be to keep under military control all main routes, test points and switching centres carrying operational circuits. Within this policy of retention of military control civil operators and labour, skilled and unskilled, should be employed as far as possible.

11. It is necessary that the policy set out in this letter should be put into effect with all speed in order to secure the early release from static employment of military signal resources.

(Sgd)

Major General
C. G. S.

HEADQUARTERS
S/HQ
181 5943

Subject: Telegraph Lines
TO ~~Commander~~ ^{ANGOT} ^{1st Officer} PALEANO
From C A O Lefuga August 12, 1943.

The telegraph lines here sustained considerable damage during the invasion and it is necessary that repairs be made before they will be ready for use. I am advised locally that the maintenance of the lines is done by workmen from Suacusa. This is written for your information and if there is anything I can do locally to help out on this problem, please command me.

ANGOT

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Robert L. Guthrie
Captain ANGOT
C A O Lefuga

Noted
181 5943
12 Aug 43

Subject:- Communication - Line - Policy.

HQ. PORTBASE
Ext. 110
2596 X
15 AUG 43

To:- HQ, A.M.G.O.T. ✓
PALERMO. (for Signal Adviser).

Copies:- C.S.O., Main 15 Army Group.
"G" Portbase.

1. The attached Minutes of a meeting held in my office on 13 Aug 43 to discuss Civil Telephone and Telegraph communications have been submitted to the G.O.C. Portbase, who instructs me to say that he agrees to the minutes, that para 2 of 15 Army Group Operation Instruction No. 15 is to be strictly observed, and that the situation at Catania is to be reviewed with local AMGOT officials before para 1(c) of the minutes is implemented.

2. Reference para (e) of the Minutes. It has subsequently become necessary to operate in situ in the Central Telegraph Office, Syracuse, certain submarine cable terminal equipment.



[Signature]
Colonel,
Chief Signal Officer,
Portbase.

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MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT H.A. FORTBASE ON 13 AUG 43.

Present:-

Col. C.D. CLAPP, C.S.O., Fortbase.
Lt-Col. L.D. DREEMORE, US Sig. Corps, Signal Adviser to
AMGOT.
Lt-Col. D.J. CALIDONNA, Liaison Officer, 15 Army Group -
AMGOT.
Capt. J.E. DAVIS, US Sig. Corps.

Reference Main 15 Army Group Op. Instruction No. 15.

1. The Civil telephone system in Fortbase Area was discussed, and it was agreed, subject to G.O.C. Fortbase Agreement :-

(a) AMGOT is to take over, as soon as they wish, the maintenance and operation of the Civil auto switchboard SYRACUSE, with its connected cabling.

(b) The switchboard shall be split into two portions. The Military portion will have dialling facilities to Trunks. The Civil portion will not have trunk facilities.

(c) When CATANIA comes under command of Fortbase, similar arrangements will be made.

(d) All the existing Civil switchboards in Fortbase Area shall be put back into service by AMGOT as soon as they require them, but no trunk facilities can be released at present.

(e) No Civil telegraph equipment is required by the Army unless specially requisitioned. The equipment in Telegraph offices shall be put under care and maintenance by AMGOT until such time as they are in a position to restore Civil telegraph facilities.

(f) Where lines are not required for Military use, AMGOT will be free to instal local telephone and telegraph intra-urban connections.

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No	From	To	Date	
2.	AMDOT	G-3	20 Aug	1. Experience in the Sicilian campaign confirms that more effective liaison between AMDOT representatives and Signal Officers of units and formations is most necessary not only to provide for the earliest possible use of existing civil communication facilities by military forces, but to prevent unnecessary and non-essential use of such facilities, and to facilitate ultimate supervision by AMDOT of civil communication facilities not required for Military use. 2. With respect to assignment of at least one AMDOT representative to each Army, Corps and Division Signal Officer, it is submitted that the present limited number of AMDOT officers available for the assignment will prevent such action, unless additional officers are authorized and made available. 3. It is suggested that such AMDOT representatives should if possible, have a civil communication background. 4. Colonel Buchanan (British Army) is working on a similar recommendation relative to AMDOT Signal Representation in connection with Base Area Groups. 5. It is suggested that provisions should be made in future basic plans, and orders to expedite the transfer to AMDOT supervision of civil communication facilities not essential for Military use. For the Chief Civil Affairs Officer: 485 /s/ CHARLES M. SPOFFORD Lt. Col., G. S. C. Chief Staff Officer.

AMDOT HQ
15 Army Group.

9 August 1945

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1. Provisions for close liaison between AMEDOT representatives assigned to Army, Corps, and Division Headquarters and Signal Officers of those units, in order to provide for earliest possible use of any existing civil communication facilities by military forces upon occupation of enemy territory, appears to be most desirable.

2. It is recommended that arrangements be made for at least one AMEDOT representative to be assigned to each Army, Corps and Division Signal Officer to act as interpreter and liaison between military and civil communication heads as well as to assist in the selection of reliable civil communication personnel to rehabilitate, operate and maintain the facilities required for military use. Also that a Signal Corps officer previously instructed at this Headquarters, be assigned to AMEDOT of each Task Force, for the purpose of coordinating this liaison between AMEDOT and the combat communication elements of the Force.

3. To obtain the greatest possible value from this recommended cooperation, each AMEDOT designate should be specially prepared for his part of the work by study of existing communication plant in the involved areas and a limited amount of special training for the assignment. In order to assure accomplishment of this study and training, this section will assign an AMEDOT liaison officer.

4. Attention is invited to the added value of the proposed plan, in that, as the military requirements for use of civil facilities are reduced, AMEDOT representatives thoroughly familiar with the local situation, would be immediately available to AMEDOT to carry on.

For the Chief Signal Officer.

/s/ T.J. TULLEY,
Colonel, Signal Corps,
Deputy Chief Signal Officer.

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14 AUG 1943
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Staff Officer (Intelligence), Levant,
Naval Intelligence Centre,
9, Rue Saadit Pacha,
Laurens,
Alexandria.

Ref. No. Q.B. 9/43

6th August, 1943.

SICILY - TELEPHONE.

The attached diagram - "Schema Collegamenti Telefonici a disposizione del Comandi Marina in Sicilia" - copied from a captured document, is forwarded for information and further distribution as necessary.

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Li. Lieutenant Colonel, R.M.,
Staff Officer (Intelligence),
LEVANT.

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9 August 1943

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1. Provisions for close liaison between ANGOT representatives assigned to Army, Corps and Division Headquarters and Signal Officers of those units, in order to provide for earliest possible use of any existing civil communication facilities by military forces upon occupation of enemy territory, appears to be most desirable.

2. It is recommended that arrangements be made for at least one ANGOT representative to be assigned to each Army, Corps and Division Signal Officer to act as interpreter and liaison between military and civil communication heads as well as to assist in the selection of reliable civil communication personnel to rehabilitate, operate and maintain the facilities required for military use. Also that a Signal Corps officer, previously instructed at this Headquarters, be assigned to ANGOT of each Task Force, for the purpose of coordinating this liaison between ANGOT and the combat communication elements of the Force.

3. To obtain the greatest possible value from this recommended cooperation, each ANGOT designate should be specially prepared for his part of the work by study of existing communication plant in the involved areas and a limited amount of special training for the assignment. In order to assure accomplishment of this study and training, this section will assign an ANGOT Liaison Officer.

4. Attention is invited to the added value of the proposed plan, in that, as the military requirements for use of civil facilities are reduced, ANGOT representatives thoroughly familiar with the local situation, would be immediately available to ANGOT to carry on.

For the Chief Signal Officer: 482

T. J. TULLY
Colonel, Signal Corps,
Deputy Chief Signal Officer.

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Subj: P + T Signal Stores.

AMCE/207/NO.

12 Aug. 43.

S.O.A.O.
Palermo.

1. It is desired that the Signal Corps Stores on the attached list be safely warehoused and held pending further instructions from this H.Q.

2. In addition, it is desired that a more detailed list of this material be submitted when warehoused - i.e. size of wire, etc., etc.,

[Signature]
CHARLES M. SPOTFORD,
Lieut-Colonel, G.S.O.,
Chief Staff Officer.

AMCE H.Q.
15 ARMY GROUP.

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SUBJECT: Signal Communications

7th Aug 43

C.C.A.O.

HEADQUARTERS

1 AUG. 1943

AMGOT

Reference attached letter AFS/5/13/43 of 6th
Aug from T.A.F. H.Q. General Penney, 15 Army Group
Main requests that this be passed to you for information
and no action until he sends a further communication.

H. Penney, Capt
Colonel,
S.S.O.

AMGOT (Mainson),
H.Q. 15 Army Group,
Field.

To SEC.
Signals Office

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15 AUG 1943
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Subject: Sabotage to Telephone Routes.

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BK/7/8/43

T.A.P. H.Q.
 Central Med. Forces.
 Tele No. 28.
 Ref: APS/3/13/43.
 6 AUG 43.

A.M.C.O.T.,
 15 Army Group. ✓

1. Sabotage to telephone routes and field cable in the Southeast corner of Sicily is increasing to serious proportions. The manner in which the work is done points conclusively to it being organised and carried out by persons with knowledge of the work.
2. The districts in which this sabotage is most serious are COMISO, NOTO, PACHINO and RAGUSA. Three persons have been apprehended for sabotage to telephone routes by R.Signals and R.A.F. personnel and full reports will be given to you as soon as received. Major Cely Trevilian has full particulars of the sabotage in the PACHINO - NOTO area which he will be able to pass on during his forthcoming visit to PALESTRO.
3. Presumably, as a result of Operation Instruction No.15, civil telephone authorities in RAGUSA have started to restore telephone routes without regard to Military and R.A.F. circuits. This, lead, during the past few days, to very serious interference with the conduct of bombing operations by Tactical Bomber Force.
4. May A.M.C.O.T. please take this matter up with the least delay so as to ensure that the necessary restoration of civil routes does not interfere with service circuits.

479 at Baku
 Colonel,
 C.S.O., Air Formation Signals, T.A.F.

Copy to: O.C., 4 A.F.Sigs (MSY).
 O.C., 2 Sqn., 4 A.F.Sigs.
 O.C., 2 Coy, 7 A.F.Sigs.
 C.S.O., 15 Army Group.

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Subject:- P + T Signal S sa

AMCOT/1 HQ

1 Aug 43

To:- Chief Staff Officer

Acting under instructions from the C.C.A.O., I visited the Signal Stores dump at BARRAGLIA on 10 August and listed the following stores:-

1. Wire C.I. - approx 12 miles
 Insulators, various - approx 2 gross
 Boxes, terminal - approx 1 gross
 Wire, electric - approx 1 mile
 Tape, paper, insulating - approx 50 rolls
 J&K COPPER - 5 miles
 Located in the Palazzo Dichessa.
2. Poles, rough shaped, 20 feet - 250.
 Located in the Piazza Stations.
3. I was informed by the C.C.A.O., Capt BOYD, U.S.A., that VII Army Signals had removed the bulk of the material for line maintenance in their own area. Capt BOYD knows the location of the remaining stores, and is making a thorough search for more.

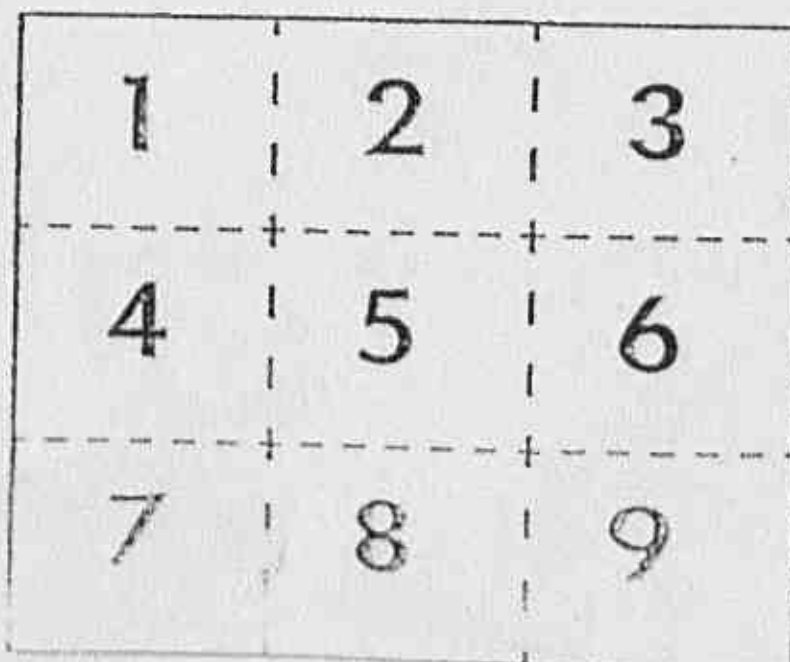
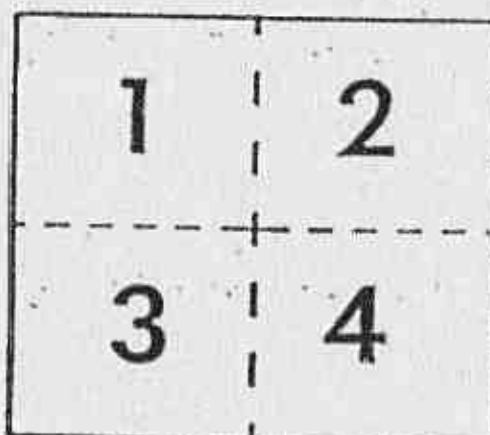
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Captain, R. Signals,
for Chief Signal Officer.

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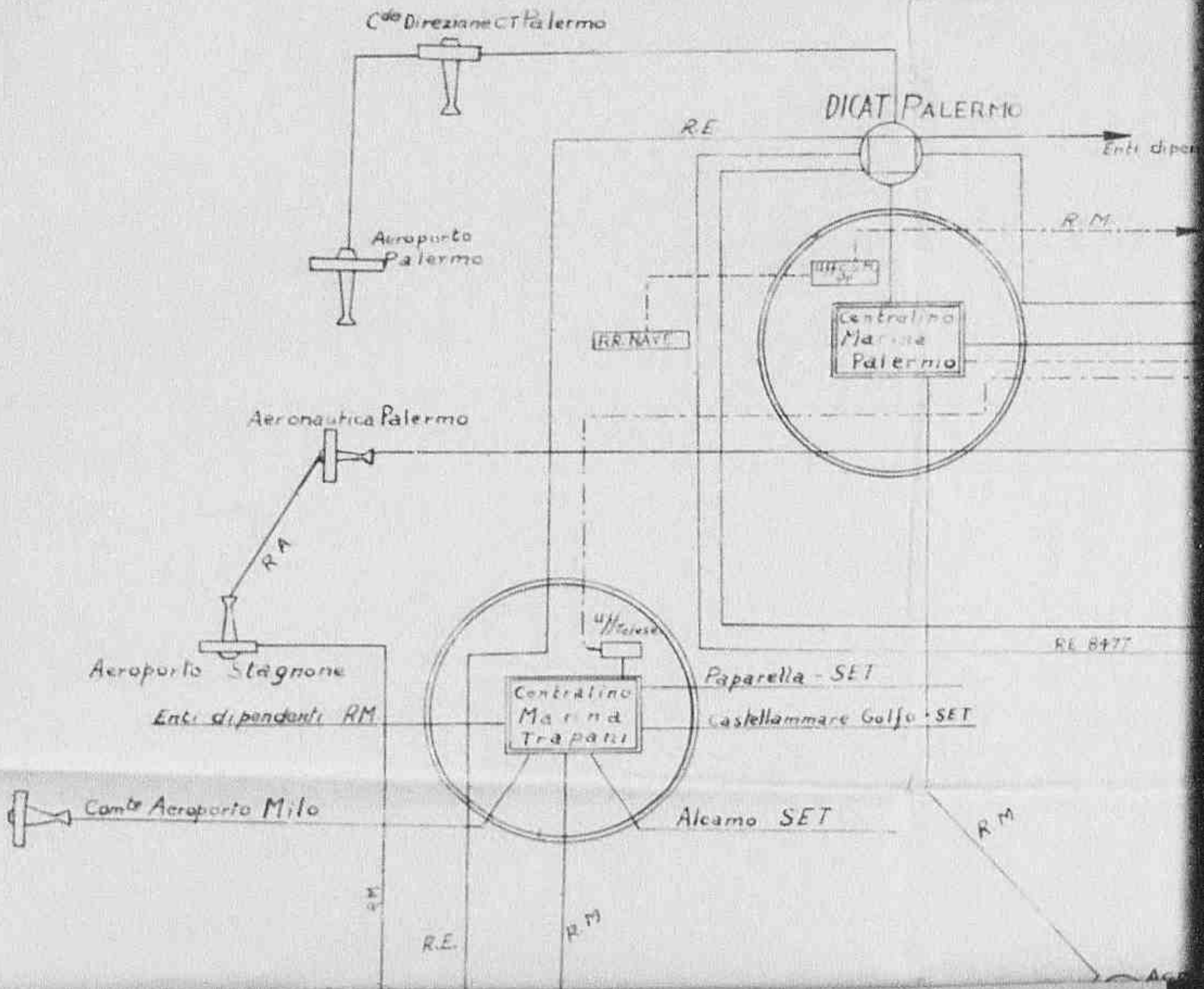
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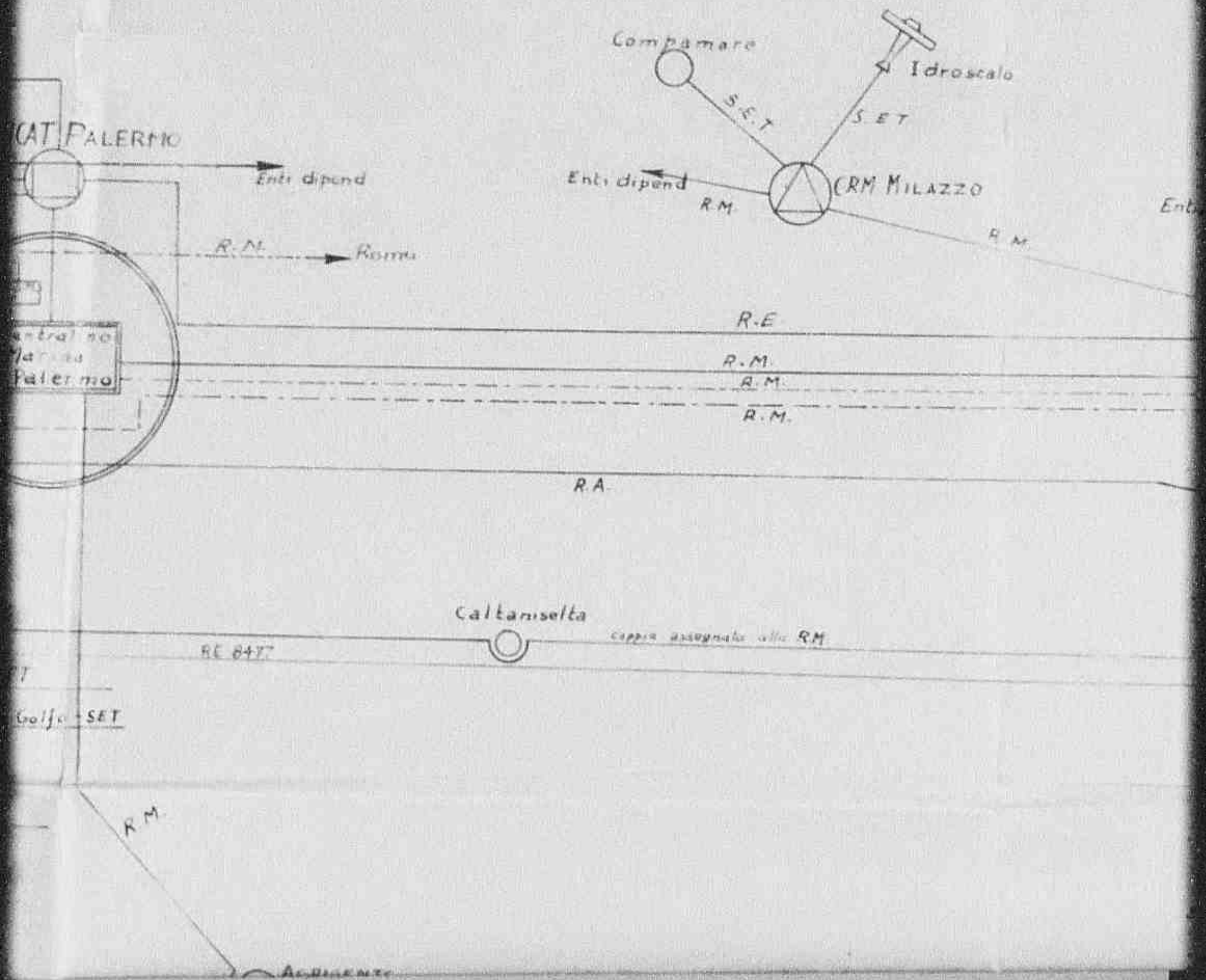


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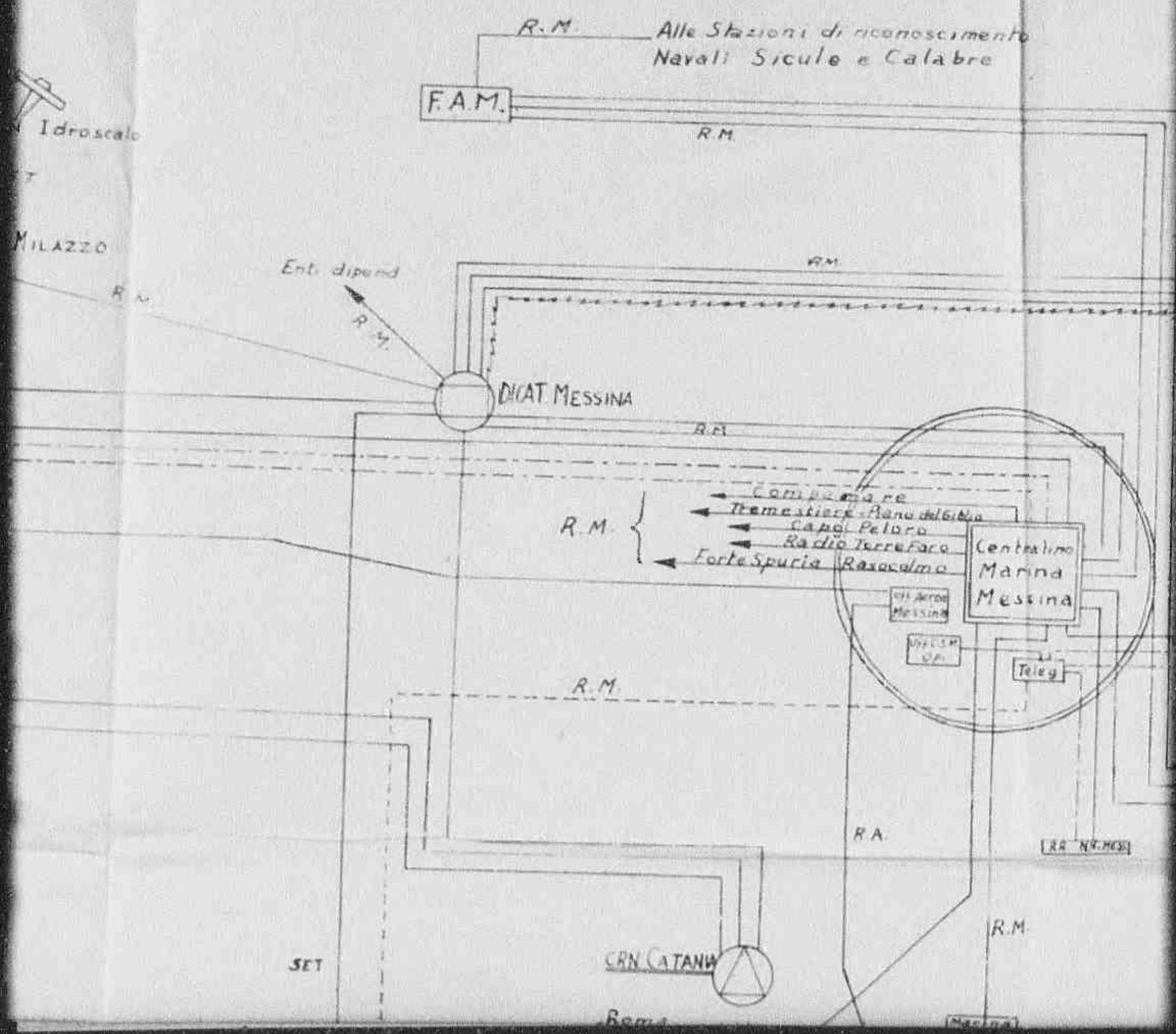
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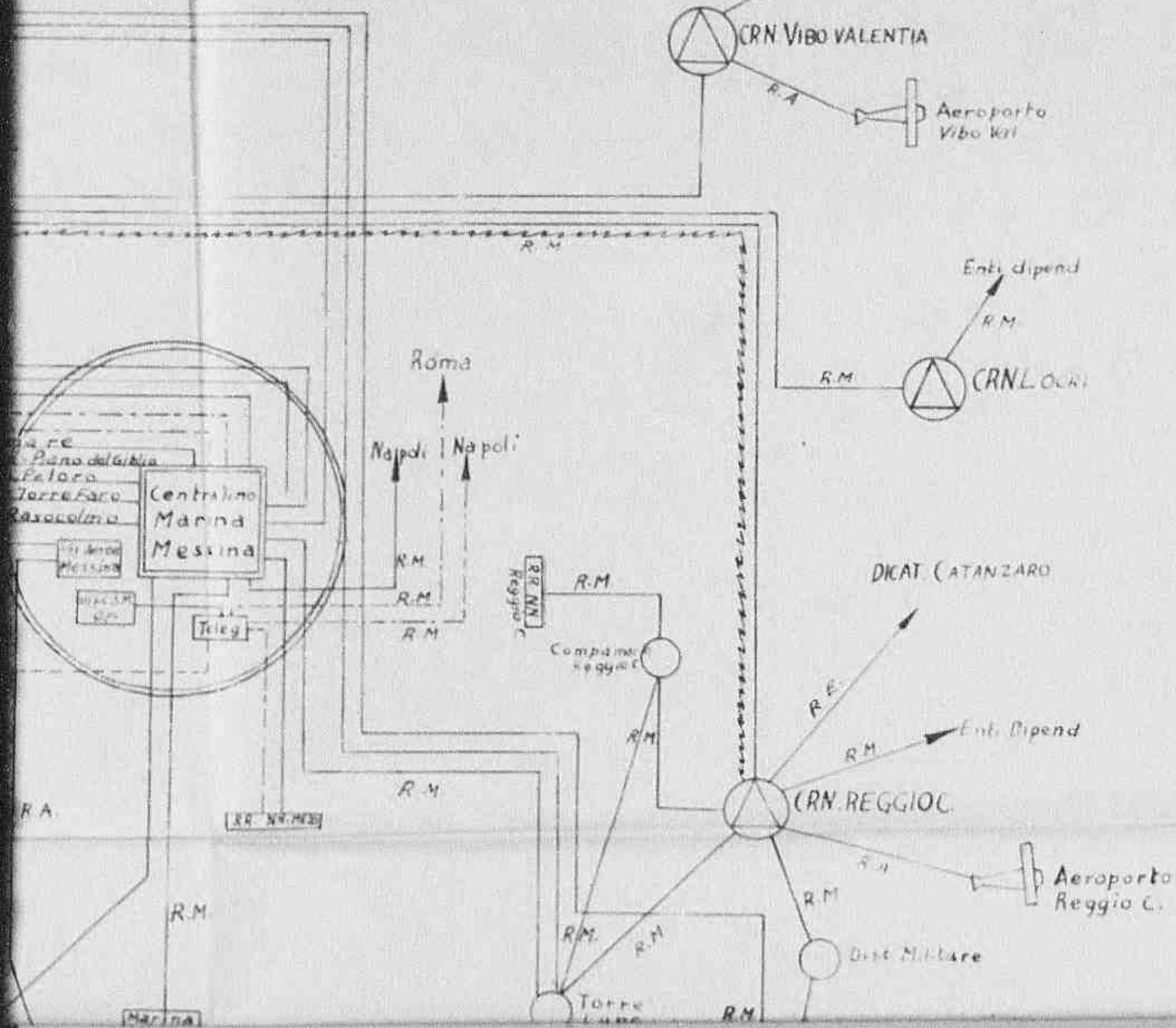
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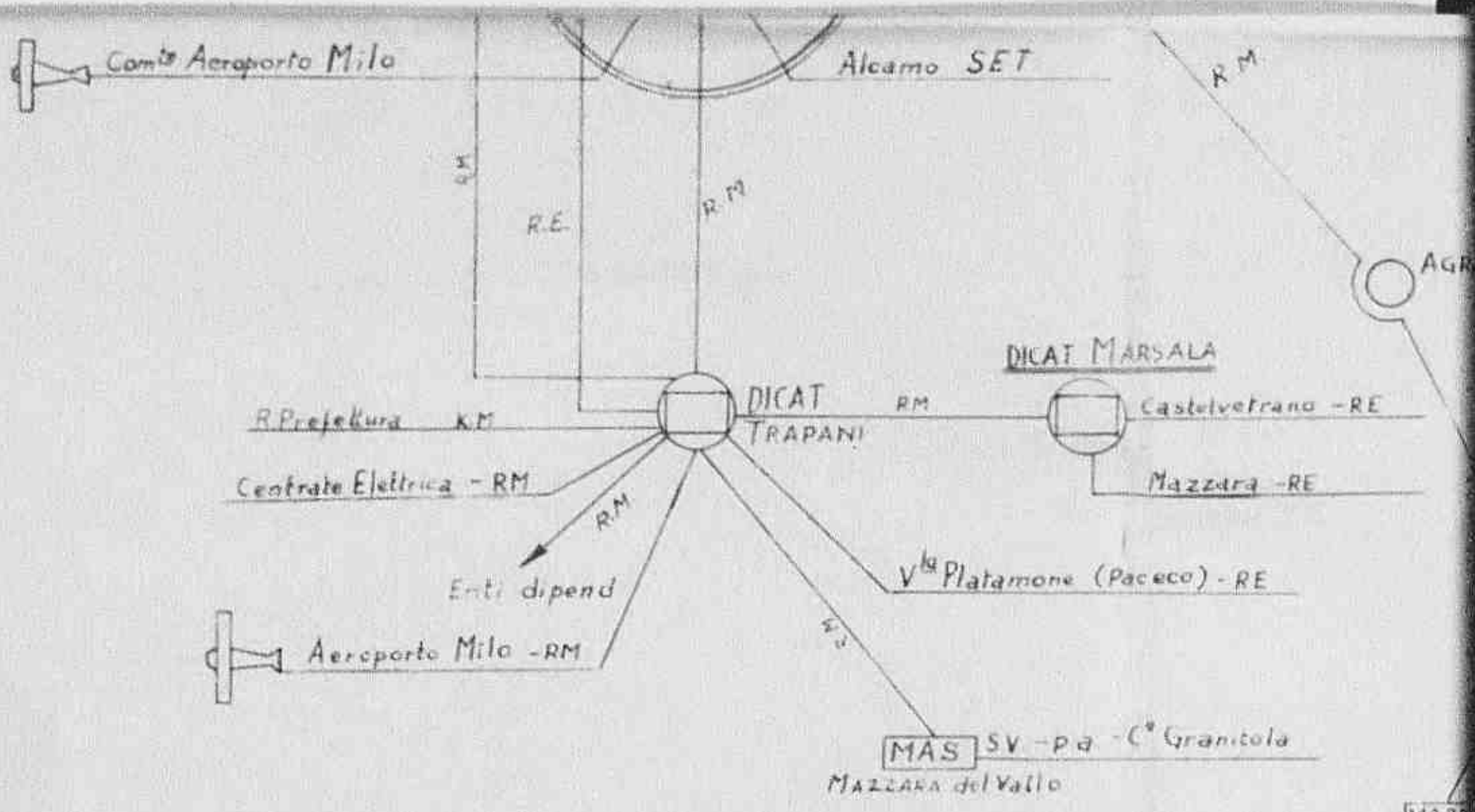


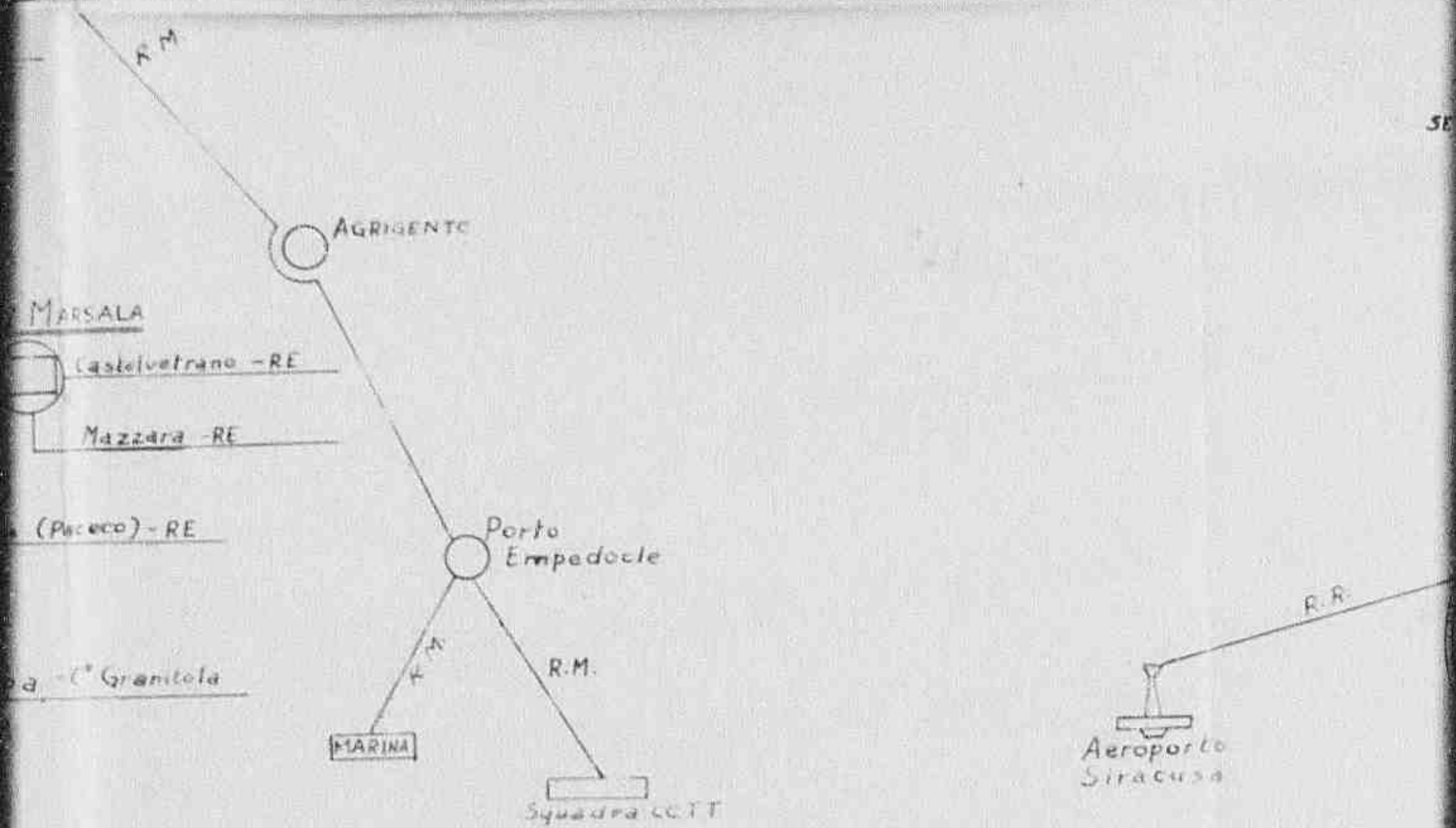
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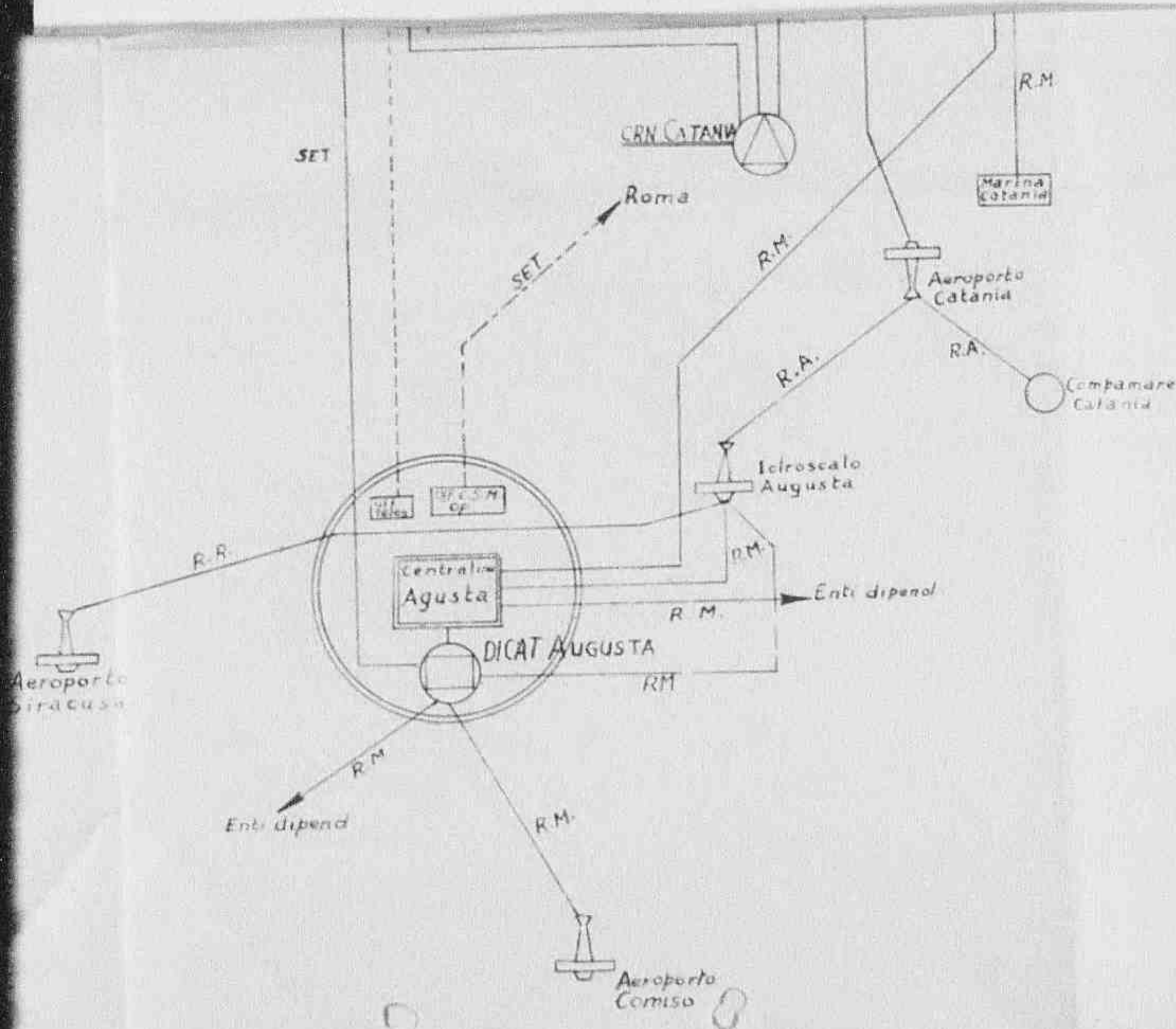


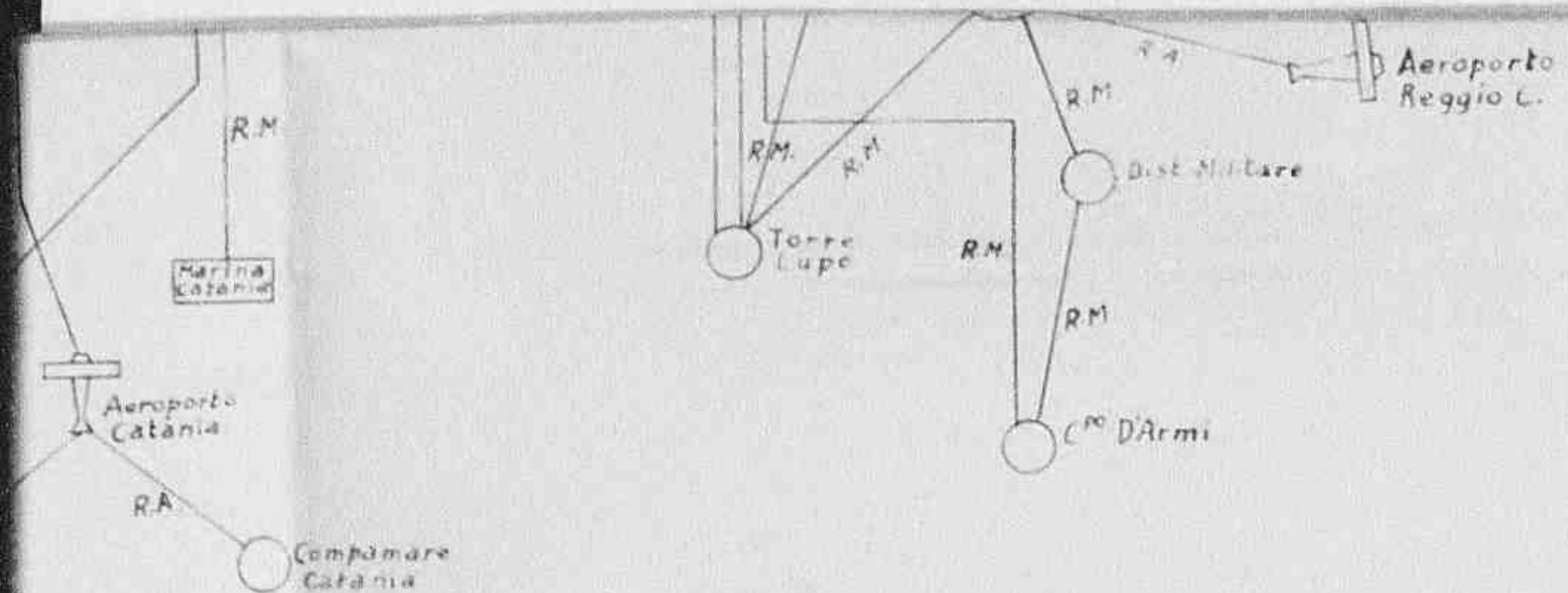
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