

ACC 10000/148/14

10027/TCU

TELEPHONES

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Sept. - Oct. 1943

| Folio         | Date          | Ref              | From / To                            |
|---------------|---------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1             | 20 Sep        | Call Pro / 10    | From SCAO Callan to 10026            |
| 2-3           | 21 "          | 1386 (Call)      | " 15 Dawson                          |
| 4             | 21 "          | 2047/F           | " Col Gabbey Smith                   |
| 5             | 21 "          | 5077 (10027)     | To Signal Officer 7 Army             |
| 6-7           | 22 "          | 10027 TCU        | To Chief Signal Officer 7 Army       |
| 8             | 22            | X1442 (Call)     | From Fort base                       |
| 9             | 23            | 5013/CS          | " Col Zellard                        |
| 10-12         | 22            | 10027/TCU        | " CSO                                |
| 13            | 23            | 10027/TCU        | To CSO No 1 Ont Catania              |
| 14            | 24            | 10027/TCU        | To Chief Signal 7 Army               |
| 15-16         | 24            | CP/ASA/CP        | From Col Politti                     |
| 17-18         | 23            | AG 311-3         | " HQ Island Base Sect                |
| 19            | 24            | 10027/TCU        | To CSO 7 Army                        |
| 20            | 24            | CP/PM            | From Col Politti                     |
| <del>21</del> | <del>25</del> | <del>10027</del> | To Maj Seabrook PS                   |
| 22-24         | 25 (to 10026) | 10027            | L'Espresso Supérieur for de Telegraf |
| 23-22         | 25            | 1002             | To SCAO Palermo                      |
| 24-23         | 25            | 10027            | To Army Poste du Telegraf (to 10026) |
| 24            | 20 Sep        | 1002             | " CAO Marsala                        |
| 25            | 24 "          | 10027            | " SCAO Trapani                       |
| 26            | 18 Aug        | 8706/s           | Trapani Poste du Telegraf To         |
| 27            | 18 Sep        | 8751/s           | " " " " 10026                        |
| 28-29         | 18 "          | 8750/s           | " " " " " "                          |
| 30-29         | 23 "          | 8751/s           | " " " " " "                          |
| 31            | 25 "          | 10027            | To Maj Tagliavia. Di SET Catania     |
| 32            | 28 "          | 10027            | CSO No 1 Ont Catania Fort base       |
| 33            | 29            | 1002 (246/HQ)    | CSO                                  |
| 34-36         | 27            | 10027 TCU        | C. Signal Offs 7 <sup>th</sup> 15 AG |
| 37            | 28 "          | 10027 TCU        | HQ 7 Army Signal Offs                |



| 7000    | DATE     | Ref.      | From / To                                   |
|---------|----------|-----------|---------------------------------------------|
| 58-59   | 16 Sept  | 1002      | To La Scuto Amella                          |
| 160     | 5 Oct    | 1002      | " Inq Caserio SET                           |
| 61      | 5 "      | 1002      | " SEAO Trapani.                             |
| 62-63   | 6 "      | 1002      | " CSO 1BS                                   |
| 64-65   | 6 "      | 1002      | " CSO 101 INT Catania } to Lt. Smith        |
| 65      | 6 "      | 1002      | " Inq Caserio (SET)                         |
| 66      | 3 "      | 1002      | " C Signal offr 101 INT. Catania.           |
| 67      | 6 "      | 1002      | From C Signal offr.                         |
| 68      | 8 "      | 1002      | " HQ 1BS                                    |
| 69      | 8 Sept.  | 1002      | To Dir. Teu from Capt. Davis.               |
| 70      | 8 Sept.  | 1002      | From C. Signal offr.                        |
| 71      | 27 Sept. | 1002      | From HQ 1BS                                 |
| 72      | 3 Oct.   | 2802/A    | From CSO                                    |
| 73      | 9 "      | 1002      | " Chief Signal off                          |
| 74-75   | 6 "      | AB 311-3  | To Po 1BS                                   |
| 76      | 9 "      | 1002      | From HQ 1BS                                 |
| 77      | 12 "     | 1002      | To C Signal offr. 15 AB.                    |
| 78      | 10 Oct   | 1002      | From Sicily. See Inq. Adm. e Telefon. Sesto |
| 79      | 11 Oct   | 43-3      | " 1BS                                       |
| 80      | 11 "     | 1002      | To 00 Translation Sect.                     |
| 81      | 11 "     | Call 587. | To CSO 15 AB. 61                            |
| 82-84   | 12 "     | 1002      | Notes from Sicily libretto.                 |
| 85-87   | 8 "      | 1002      | From SET                                    |
| 88      | 11 "     | 1002      | " Signal Sect. 1BS                          |
| 89-91   | 15 "     | 1002      | To CSO 1BS                                  |
| 92      | 15 "     | 1002      | From 1BS.                                   |
| 93-94   | 20 "     | 1002      | To SET Catania                              |
| 95-98   | 20 "     | 1002      | " SET Palermo                               |
| 99      | 17 "     | 1002      | To Inq. Caserio SET Palermo                 |
| 100-102 | 14 "     | 217.      | From Ente di Corrispondenza del Latifondo   |
| 103-104 | 20 "     | 1002      | To " " "                                    |
| 105-110 | 11 Oct   | SE 43-43  | From HQ 1BS                                 |
| 111-112 | 12 "     | Exp/8/1/4 | From HQ 101 Dist.                           |
| 112     | 21 "     | 1002      | To C Signal offr. 101 Dist.                 |

|         |        |           |                                               |
|---------|--------|-----------|-----------------------------------------------|
| 73      | 9      | 1002)     | To PO 1BS                                     |
| 74-75   | 6      | AB 311.3. | From HQ 1BS                                   |
| 76      | 9      | 1002)     | To C Signal offr. 15AB.                       |
| 77      | 12     | 1002)     | From: Suille. Sec Imp. Sub. e Telefonici Sute |
| 78      | 10 Oct | 1002)     | " 1BS                                         |
| 79      | 11 Oct | 43-3      | To 1BS                                        |
| 80      | 11     | 1002)     | To OP Transpotation Sect.                     |
| 81      | 11     | Call 387. | To PSO 15 AB 2, 6P                            |
| 82-84   | 12     | 1002)     | Notai gran. Seculo libidin.                   |
| 85-87   | 8      | 1002)     | From S.E.T                                    |
| 88      | 11     | 1002)     | " Signal Sect. 1BS 673                        |
| 89-91   | 15     | 1002)     | To CSO 1BS                                    |
| 92      | 15     | 1002)     | From 1BS.                                     |
| 93-94   | 20     | 1002)     | To S.E.T. Catana                              |
| 95-98   | 20     | 1002)     | " S.E.T. Palermo                              |
| 99      | 12     | 1002)     | To Ing. Casani SET Palermo                    |
| 100-102 | 14     | 217.      | From Ente di Organizzazioni del latifondo     |
| 103-104 | 20     | 1002)     | To " " "                                      |
| 105-110 | 11 Oct | SE 43.43  | From HQ 1BS                                   |
| 11-111  | 12     | 20/21/4   | From HQ No. Dist.                             |
| 112     | 21     | 1002)     | To C Signal offr. No. Dist.                   |
| 113     | 21     | 1002)     | " Off Signal offr " "                         |
| 114-115 | 18 Oct | 1002)     | From 1BS                                      |
| 116     | 12 Oct | C 2195    | Signal Sect.                                  |
| 117     | 18     | 27341/x   | Signal offr 31                                |
|         |        |           | " CSO HQ 15 Army Gt.                          |

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HEADQUARTERS, SEVENTH ARMY  
Office of the Signal Officer  
A. P. O. # 758  
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HEADQUARTERS  
T.C.O.  
20 SEP 1943  
AMGOT

28 September 1943

"LOG"

1. Lt. Col. L. D. Denmore has suggested that in the event of another invasion in which AMGOT or a similar organization is to take part, it would be desirable to have the signal personnel of AMGOT attached to the Army Signal Service at the time of the invasion and until such time as AMGOT actually sets up to take over the communication system. The thought being that such officers could look after the fixed plant which is eventually to go over to AMGOT and thereby avoid the difficulties which are apt to arise at the time such transfer of responsibility is made.
2. This suggestion seems to have considerable merit, not only from the AMGOT view but from that of the Army Signal Officer, inasmuch as the limited personnel in the headquarters of the Signal Service makes it impossible to detail a regularly assigned officer to such duties, and the extra load of these responsibilities actually works a hardship on the Communications Officer because of this lack of personnel.

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N. H. SAUNDERS,  
Lt. Col., Signal Corps,  
Executive Officer

Copies to:

- Lt Col J D Denmore, Sig O, AMGOT
- Major P H Bierman, Wire O, 7th A

*To be*  
*Col Denmore* — *Not*  
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Management of Civilian Telephone  
Communications (S.E.T.)

ADJUT/10027/TCU

Ing. Tagliavia, Societa Meridionali  
Telefonici, Catania.

29 Sept.

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1. You have been given complete management responsibility and authority as the Director of the S.E.T. for the Provinces of Catania, Messina, Siracusa, Ragusa, and Nissa.
2. As a just compensation therefore you are hereby authorized to make salary payment to yourself in the amount of Lire 5,000.00 per month as gross payment for your services, beginning 1 Oct. 1943.
3. This authorization will be effective as long as you retain the position of authority which you now hold.

*L.D.*  
L.D./TCU

*L.D.*  
L. D. DETHMERS,  
Lt. Col., E. C.,  
Director of Transportation,  
Communications and Utilities.

HEADQUARTERS, SEVENTH ARMY  
Office of the Signal Officer  
A. P. O. # 750

28 September 1943

"LOG"

1. Lt. Col. L. D. Denmore, Signal Officer, AMGOT, Sicily, and his assistant, Capt. J. D. Davis, conferred with me in the Office of the Signal Officer, Seventh Army, 28 September 1943, in regard to settlements of any possible claims which the S.E.T. might be in a position to present to a Claims Commission for services rendered Seventh Army during the occupation of Palermo.

2. It was concluded that Lt. Col. Denmore would make investigation concerning the probable policy of an Allied Claims Commission, which might be set up in the future to take over from AMGOT, and while this is being done, Signal Officer, Seventh Army, will gather all available factual data on the services which S.E.T. has and is rendering Seventh Army on one hand, and on the other hand, those things which Seventh Army has done which are a direct benefit to S.E.T. As soon as this information can be gathered by both parties, we should confer again and determine subsequent action.



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N. W. SAUNDERS,  
Lt. Col., Signal Corps,  
Executive Officer

Copies to:

Lt Col L D Denmore, Sig O, AMGOT  
Major P W Bierman, Wire O, 7th A

ADJUT HQ SICILY  
AMGOT/10027/MCU

25 Sept. 1943

SUBJECT: Restoration of Civil Telephone Communications.

TO : Ins. Tagliavia, Director S.E.T., Catania.

1. You are hereby authorized and directed to take over the management and operation of the Messina and Catania automatic telephone central offices, using civilian S.E.T. personnel, for the purpose of providing local telephone service to military and civilian customers.

2. Effective date of this transfer is 1 October 1943 and billing to military units will be prepared using the telephone facilities in place on this date as a base.

3. In carrying out this directive you are subject to the provisions set forth in the directive sent to you from this Headquarters dated 22 September 1943 and supplement No. 1 of the same date attached thereto.

For the Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

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*[Signature]*  
JMS/CT

*[Signature]*  
CHARLES M. SPOTFORD,  
Colonel, U.S.C.,  
Chief Staff Officer.

Copies to:  
C.S.G.-15 1st Army Group  
C.S.C.-No. 1 District Catania (Fort base)  
C.S.C.-r I.D.S.  
S.C.A.C.G.-Messina, Catania.  
M.G. Section-A.P.N.Q.

25 September 43.

Subject:- State owned communication - SICILY.

10027  
*Law*

From :- Chief Signal Officer,  
No. 1 District.

Ref : X/1/4.

To :- Chief Staff Officer,  
AMGOT HQ, SICILY.

16 Oct. 43.

Further to my CSO/X/1/4 of 12 OCT 43, para 4.

Will you please say whether it is possible for Captain DAVIS, your communications advisor to visit us at an early date to discuss the present position and future developments of the whole question of handing over local and trunk State owned line communication systems.

*Indice  
C. 12/10/43*

NDS/RS



*L. E. Boyd*  
668 Colonel,  
CSO No. 1 District.

Subject:- AMOT COMMUNICATIONS - SICILY.

From :- Chief Signal Officer,  
No. 1 District.

To :- Chief Staff Officer,  
AMOT HQ SICILY.

Reference your cipher message, folio 603154, of 12 OCT 43,  
addressed to CSO 15 ARMY GROUP.

1. It is proposed that, at the earliest possible date, AMOT be responsible for the maintenance of all trunk and submarine or subaqueous cables and local underground cables, the construction and maintenance of all trunk and overhead routes. The maintenance and operation of civilian local exchanges, under civilian management, is now proceeding.

2. It is requested that I be advised when it is anticipated that AMOT can undertake these tasks in respect of any particular area in order that I may indicate the priority of work to be undertaken.

3. It is agreed that under AMOT arrangements State Cable Inspector BARCIA be permitted to take over the whole maintenance of the PALERMO - CATANIA - MESSINA cable and repeater stations subject to direction by me in respect of priorities, and special requirements.

4. I will be responsible for the assignment of all overhead and underground trunks and junction telephone circuits and non-railway telegraph circuits.

5. Copies of a pro-forma on which application is to be made for trunk and junction circuits and long PW circuits are being forwarded separately.

6. The provision and maintenance of military circuits, both trunk and local will of course take priority over all other circuits.

7. A ruling will be obtained as to the extent civilians will be permitted to use island wide trunk telephone and telegraph services.

8. I have interviewed FRANCESCO MANTOVANA, Engineer, who was manager of the CIRCOLO COSTRUZIONE TELEGRAFICHE e TELEFONICHE di MESSINA, and I request that, under AMOT arrangements, he is instructed to undertake the re-construction and maintenance of all overhead trunk routes on the EASTERN side of the Island. He is preparing for me a list of stores available and he assures me that he can find the necessary labour at short notice.

9. If you agree, I will indicate the priority of work and the allocation of circuits.

that I may indicate the priority

3. It is agreed that under AMCOOT arrangements State Cable Inspector BAROLA be permitted to take over the whole maintenance of the PALERMO - CATANIA - MESSINA cable and repeater stations subject to direction by me in respect of priorities, and special requirements.
4. I will be responsible for the assignment of all overhead and underground trunks and junction telephony circuits and non-railway telegraph circuits.
5. Copies of a pro-forma on which application is to be made for trunk and junction circuits and long PM circuits are being forwarded separately.
6. The provision and maintenance of military circuits, both trunk and local will of course take priority over all other circuits.
7. A ruling will be obtained as to the extent civilians will be permitted to use inland wide trunk telephone and telegraph services.
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L.S. Boyd.

AMC/MS.

Colonel,  
Chief Signal Officer, No. 1 District.

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

ASGOT/10027/TCU

24 Sept. 3

1. Telephone service for the following food distribution agencies is considered essential to the efficient distribution of food under ASGOT supervision.

- a. Sez. Prov. Alimentazione, Piazza A. Gentile, 21  
Tel. No. 15610 to 15613 incl (P.B.I.)
- b. Rep. IV, Distribution, (same agency and same address as "a" above)  
Tel. No. 15565 to 15567 incl (P.B.I.)
- c. Consorzio Agrario, Piazza A. Gentile, 21  
Tel. No. 15492  
Consorzio Agrario, Via Archirafi  
Tel. No. 15500 to 15502 incl (P.B.I.)  
Tel. No. 17016 (Magazzini Centrali)  
Tel. No. 18652 (Direttore)
- d. Zootecnia Via XI Settembre, 5  
Tel. No. 19116

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2. It is recommended that the S.E.T. be instructed to re-establish telephone service to these subscribers.

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*JEL*  
L. D. DENKORS,  
Lt. Col., S.C.,  
Director of Transportation,  
Communications & Utilities  
Division.

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AMGOT/10027/TCU

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Chief Signal Officer, Seventh Army.

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Communications & Utilities  
Division

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Management of Civilian Telephone  
Communications (S.E.T.)

AMGOT/10027/TCU

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(signed)

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L.D. DENSMORE  
Lt. Col., S.C.,  
Director of Transportation  
Communications and  
Utilities Division.

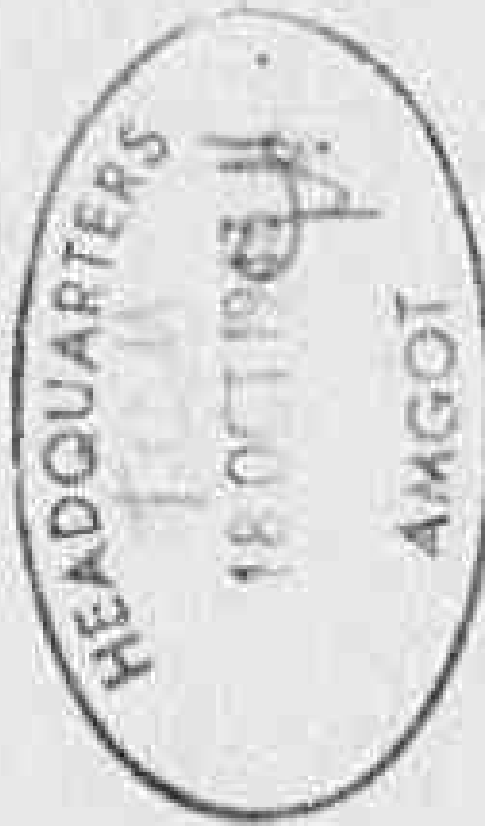
15 OCT 1943

PALERMO

SICILIAN RAILWAY DIRECTION

PALERMO

DIRECTOR'S OFFICE



Palermo, Italy, October 15, 1943.

TO: Lt. Col. F. W. OKIE,  
727th Railway Operating Battalion,  
PALERMO.

In order to re-establish telephone connections between this Direction and dependent offices Prefecture, City Hall, District Attorney's offices, we requested the "Società Emergenza Telefonica" to repair 14 telephonic lines leading to our central system.

The "SET", in a first moment, gave us assurance that our telephon system would be quickly put again in operation. But in a subsequent and recent time it informed us of their inability to to their work, giving as a reason that American soldiers have prevented their agents from handling the cable set in a box in Via Roma, opposite "Piazza della Borsa".

As the use of telephone is of a primarily and urgent importance to us, please take the necessary steps to let the "SET's agent have authority to handle such cable.

Very respectfully yours,

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Ing. Dr. Pietro Tuccio,  
Director.

1st Ind.

NO 727th RAILWAY OPERATING BATTALION, 20758, U.S. ARMY, 16 OCTOBER 1943.  
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Ing. Dr. Pietro Tuccio,  
Director.

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HQ 727th RAILWAY OPERATING BATTALION, 240 7th, U.S. ARMY, 16 OCTOBER 1943.

TO: Captain MINARO, AMMOT, Palermo

1. As the telephone repairs requested by Ing. TUCCIO are in the city of Palermo, I believe that this is a matter that you should handle.

*G. W. O'Neil*  
Lt. Col., T. C.  
Communications

22/10/43

I advised Tuccio after Capt Davis told me that 7th Army had kind  
O'Neil.

Subject: State Subsidies

AGUT H. J. SMITH

ANW/2034/P.

15 October, 41.

To: Public Health Div.  
Legal Div.  
Property Controller.  
Public Safety Div.  
Transport, Communication & Utilization Div.  
Economic and Supply Div.  
Labor Div.

It is desired so far as possible to unify and simplify the procedure under which advances are made from A.M.P.A. to various State and parastatal institution and organizations.

Inevitably in the initial stages many of these advances have been made through channels which were different from the normal case used by the Italian Government. The Italian Government will eventually require to change the various expenditures to different parts of its Budget and will probably wish to institute its normal accounting and audit checks over the Italian officials actually carrying out the payments. It is accordingly desirable that advances should be made wherever possible so that they come under the scrutiny of the accounting or audit officials concerned.

In order that the review may be comprehensive I should be grateful therefore if you would advise me of

- (a) the names of the Italian bodies with whom you are in contact, and to which in certain cases advances have been made
- (b) the title of the head official with whom you deal and with his normal area of jurisdiction (i.e., province, group of provinces, region etc),
- (c) the title of any accountant (magistrato) or auditor known to be associated with the organization,
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- (e) The Ministry which controls the organization,
- (f) any suggestions for the simplification of the procedure under which advances are made.

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Copies to: A.M.F.A.  
C.P.I.  
C.A.  
POSTAL.

C.A.O./A.10.

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A.P. CHAPMAN-QUINN,  
Colonel,  
Chief Finance Officer.

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10027  
Hq. 15 Army Group

Subject: Restoration of Civil  
Communications

2733/V/R

Chief Staff Officer,  
H.Q., A.M.G.O.F.,  
SICILY.

18 Oct 43

Reference your No. AMGOT/10027/TCU dated 9 Oct 43, on the above subject. Will you please note that all communications referring to the restoration of Civil Communications in SICILY should now be addressed to the C.S.O., No. 1 District, CATANIA.

*R.H.C. Coryton*  
R. H. C. CORYTON,  
for Major General,  
Chief Signal Officer.

RHOC/IWA.

Copy to: C.S.O., No. 1 District with enclosure letter  
numbered and dated as above.



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SIGNAL DEPUT #31

SIGNAL SECTION

12 OCT, 1943

SIGNAL OFFICER, A.M.G., VIA BARI, B

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12 OCT, 1943

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*Generalissimo Oct 30*

SIGNAL SECTION  
ISLAND BASE SECTION

## INSTALLATION REQUEST

| TO : <u>A.M.G.O.T. COMMUNICATIONS</u> |                                                                                                         | DATE <u>Oct 18, 1943</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ATTENTION : <u>Capt. Davis</u>        |                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| NO.                                   | NAME                                                                                                    | ADDRESS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 1.                                    | 56th Medical Bn.<br>Officer's Club<br>↓ 12560<br>App. Huro Bak<br>attivo il 11-10-43<br>to growth:***** | This Officer's Club is located at the Yacht Club, 3 doors from Via Dante and Via Libertà just beyond the Italian Theatre.<br>It is requested that a dial phone be installed at this location and that the subscriber be billed for its use.                                                                                                       |
| 2.                                    | Island Base Section                                                                                     | This is a confirmation order on two Dial trunks for "Clover" switchboard. It has been coordinated with Capt. Spiegel of 7th Army and the "Cadet" wire chief, and the work is being done. This is to let your office know of the connection. The numbers have not been assigned but when they are the records will be turned over to S.E.T.<br>659 |

circolo ufficiali situato al circolo "Quattrocento"  
3 porte da via Dante e via Libertà oltre il  
Teatro Italiano (probabilmente  
a locali del Reggimento di Loria in  
via Libertà a destra appena si entra) Gestore con  
telefono e fatturato al nome N° 1,

N° 2 Traduzione retro

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Ordina di conforma per due linee urbane  
per i centralino CLOVER. E' stato  
coordinato con il capt. Spiegel 7A Armata  
ed il capo filo CADET, ed il lavoro  
si sta facendo. La presente per  
informarvi di questo allacciamento.

I numeri ancora non sono  
stati assegnati, quando saranno,  
si passera' la pratica alla S.E.T.

(tradotto per conoscenza della S.E.T.)

SIGNAL SECTION  
ISLAND BASE SECTION

## INSTALLATION REQUEST

TO : ~~A.M.C.O.F. COMMUNICATIONS~~ DATE: ~~Oct 19, 1943~~  
 ATTENTION : ~~Capt. Davis~~

| NO. | NAME                                                 | ADDRESS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|-----|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1.  | Special Air Mission<br>(NAAF) c/o Major<br>Thompson. | This party has requested an installation of a dial phone in the officer's quarters of this organization, located at No. 3 Via Serradifalco (off Via Dante) and understands that they are to be billed for its use.<br><br>We request that this phone be installed at the above mentioned address. |

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 App. inv. ferro  
 attiv. il 21.10.43  
 Leg. Diponetti.

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 WILBUR J. SAWYER  
 2D Lt. Sig. C.  
 Installation Officer

INSTALLAZIONE TELEF. AUTOMATICO  
 ALLEGATO UFFICIALE VIA  
 SERRADIFALCO 3 (off. Via Dante)

da fatturare a

SUBJECT:- Palermo - Caltanissetta - Catania -  
Messina, State-owned Cable.

To: Chief Staff Officer,  
A.M.G.O.T. H.Q.  
Sicily.

H. Q. No. 1 District,

C. M. P.

Ref: CSO/X/1/4

12 Oct 43

Reference your AMGOT/10027/TCU of 6 Oct 43 received to-day.

1. All sections of the CALTAVATURA - CATANIA - MESSINA cable are at present out of order due to cable faults. It is anticipated that CALTAVATURA - CATANIA section may be restored shortly but the possibility of the restoration of the remainder of the cable is at present remote.
2. No circuit assignments other than to the Seventh Army have been made.
3. All circuit assignments will be made by C.S.O., No. 1 District.  
Forms on which application should be made for trunk circuits will be forwarded to you immediately it is possible to assign further circuits.
4. It is suggested that your Communications Adviser visits this office to discuss trunk facilities etc.

ATJB/SW.

*Y. L. G. d.*  
Colonel,  
Chief Signal Officer.

HEADQUARTERS  
ISLAND BASE SECTION  
APO 560. U.S. ARMY  
SIGNAL SECTION

SC 413.43 (IBSSC-6)

11 October 1943.

SUBJECT: Cable Pairs.

TO: Signal Officer, AMGOT Headquarters, Sicily.

1. Request that one 4-wire circuit with necessary repeaters and terminal equipment to establish a 8-db circuit between Palermo and Catania be assigned to this headquarters.

2. If desired, this headquarters will furnish the repeater at Caltanissetta.



*W. A. Topping*  
W. A. TOPPING,  
Lt. Col., Sig. C.,  
Signal Officer, IBS.

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R E S T R I C T E D

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HEADQUARTERS  
ISLAND BASE SECTION  
Officer of the Signal Officer  
APO #550

SC 311.2 (IBSSO-6)

5 October 1943.

SUBJECT: Telegraph Equipment and Circuits, Palermo and  
Caltanissetta.

TO : Signal Officer, AMGOT.

1. Request that two telephone circuits and three simplex  
telegraph circuits in the Palermo-Caltanissetta cable be assigned  
to this organization.

2. Further request permission to use terminal equipment at  
Palermo and Caltanissetta necessary to utilize the above facilities.

*W. A. Topping*  
W. A. TOPPING,  
Lt. Col., Sig. C.,  
Signal Officer, IBSS.

*Major Westlake  
Approved request  
including a sub  
with the name*

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R E S T R I C T E D

October 1943. 108

## MEMORANDUM

In order to assure communications on the Island in the event that a change in the present situation occurs, it is planned to provide certain facilities from the I.B.S. Headquarters to various points on the Island in the manner discussed in this memorandum.

## PROVISION OF TELEGRAPH SERVICE (TELETYPEWRITER)

At the present time, teletypewriter service to the South of the Island (Licata), is provided through Caltanissetta, and requires a physical relay at that point, due to the extreme electrical length of the lines between Palermo and Licata, with the lack of any repeaters at intermediate points. A telegraph circuit is also provided to Caltanissetta over open wire facilities between Palermo, Termini, and Caltanissetta.

It is planned to provide three telegraph circuits from Palermo to Caltanissetta by way of the underground cable between those points. One of the circuits is to be used as a direct circuit from I.B.S. Headquarters to a location in the vicinity of Caltanissetta, and it is planned to utilize a straight telegraph simplex for this, without repeaters. The second of the circuits is to be used for a direct circuit from the Cadet TC-3 to their teletype location in Licata, and this circuit is to be equipped with telegraph repeaters at Caltanissetta, these repeaters to be those now available at that point, or some to be moved from Palermo there. The third of the circuits is to be used for a direct circuit from the Clover TC-3 to a location in Porto Empedocle, with repeaters at Caltanissetta, similarly provided. Beyond Caltanissetta, the circuits will follow simplexes or other telegraph facilities to be arranged and provided by Seventh Army troops. These simplexes will be retained by I.B.S. in the event these routes are turned over to AMGOT, but will be maintained by them. A circuit diagram of these is attached. Repeaters are to be Duplex sets arranged for repeater operation.

## PROVISION OF TELEPHONE SERVICE 654

One circuit is to be provided from the Clover board to the South of the Island, probably at Licata. This circuit will be four wire from Palermo to Caltanissetta, utilizing H-44 loaded facilities in the underground cable, with Italian repeaters and equipment at Palermo and Caltavettura, but with a TC-29 repeater set at Caltanissetta, to be provided by I.B.S. Ringing conversion to be Italian, although it would be possible to ring on a simplex or phantom, should this equipment not be easily available at the terminals. From Caltanissetta to the Southern terminal facilities will be provided by the Seventh Army, such facilities to be retained by the I.B.S. in the event of turnover of the lead to AMGOT. Level and circuit diagrams attached indicate that a very good circuit can be provided, even should the facilities beyond the cable be of poor quality. The second telephone circuit is to be between the Clover board and a location in the vicinity of Caltanissetta. This will be Two wire H-172, with repeaters at Palermo and Caltavettura, and with ringer converters at Palermo and Caltanissetta. This should provide a very good circuit as shown by the attached circuit and level diagrams.

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Telecommunications in Sicily.

AMCOT/100

Chief Signal Officer,  
No. 1 District, Catania

21 October 3

1. Captain Davis, Communications Engineer, AMCOT, will travel via air to Catania on 25 October 1943 for a conference with you on telecommunication matters in Sicily.

2. Request you advise if these arrangements do not fit in with your plans.

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CHARLES H. SPOFFORD  
Colonel, G. S. C.,  
Chief Staff Officer

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LCU

TCU

Palermo - Galtanissetta - Catania - Messina, ANGOT/10027/  
State - Owned Cable.

Chief Signal Officer, No. 1 District,  
Catania.

21 October

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1. Request assignment of the following circuits in the  
State-owned telephone cable between Palermo and Galtanissetta  
to the Island Base Section.

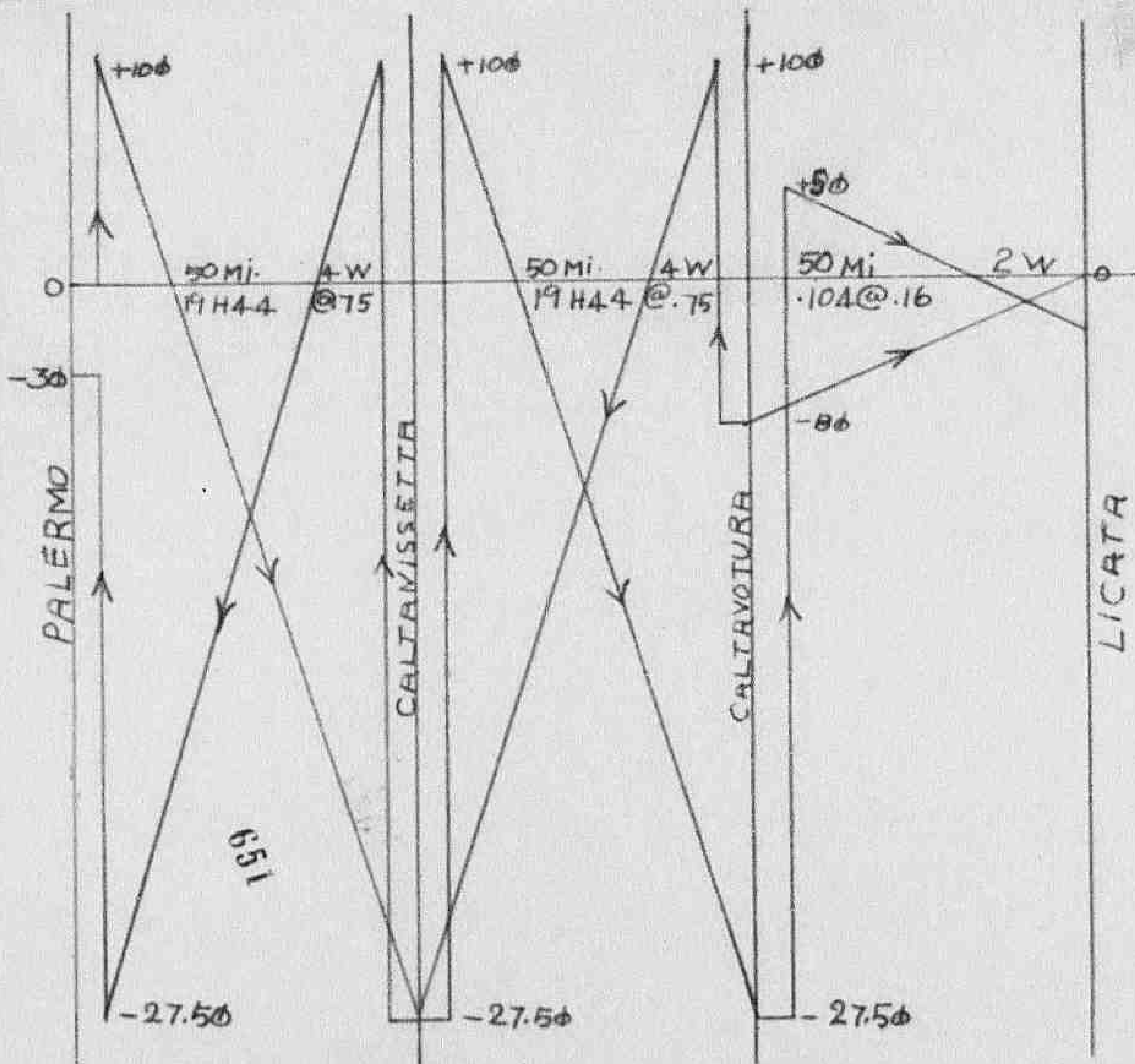
- A. One 4-wire telephone circuit between Palermo  
and Catania with R-44 - 25 loading.
- B. One 4-wire telephone circuit between Palermo  
and Galtanissetta with R-44 - 25 loading.
- C. One 2-wire telephone circuit between Palermo  
and Galtanissetta with R-177-53 loading.
- D. Three non-loaded simplex pairs between Palermo  
and Galtanissetta.

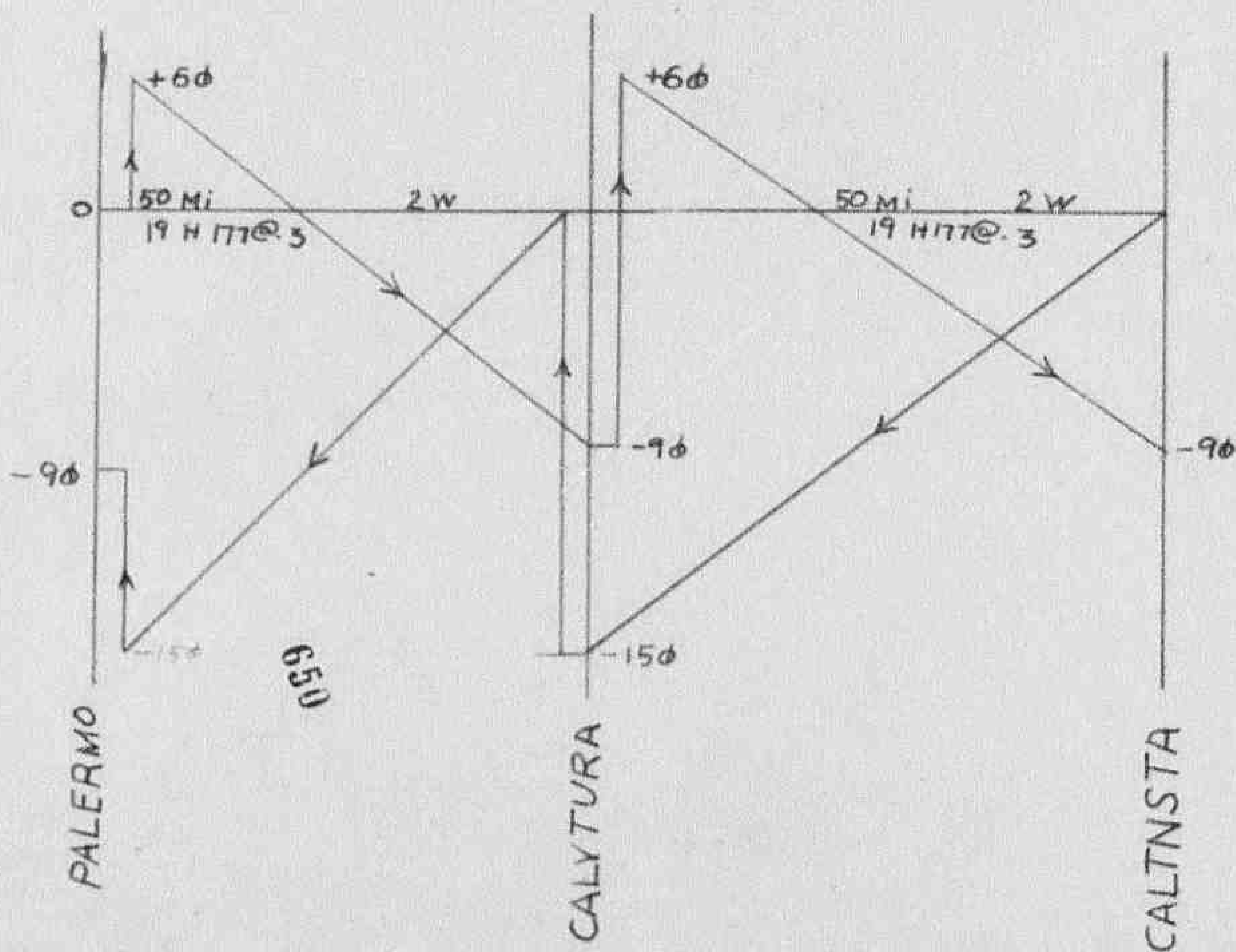
2. Island Base Section will provide terminating and rep-  
eter equipment at Galtanissetta if necessary.

3. It is planned with your permission to use state-owned  
terminal equipment at Palermo and Catania and also the repeater  
equipment associated with these circuits at all points.

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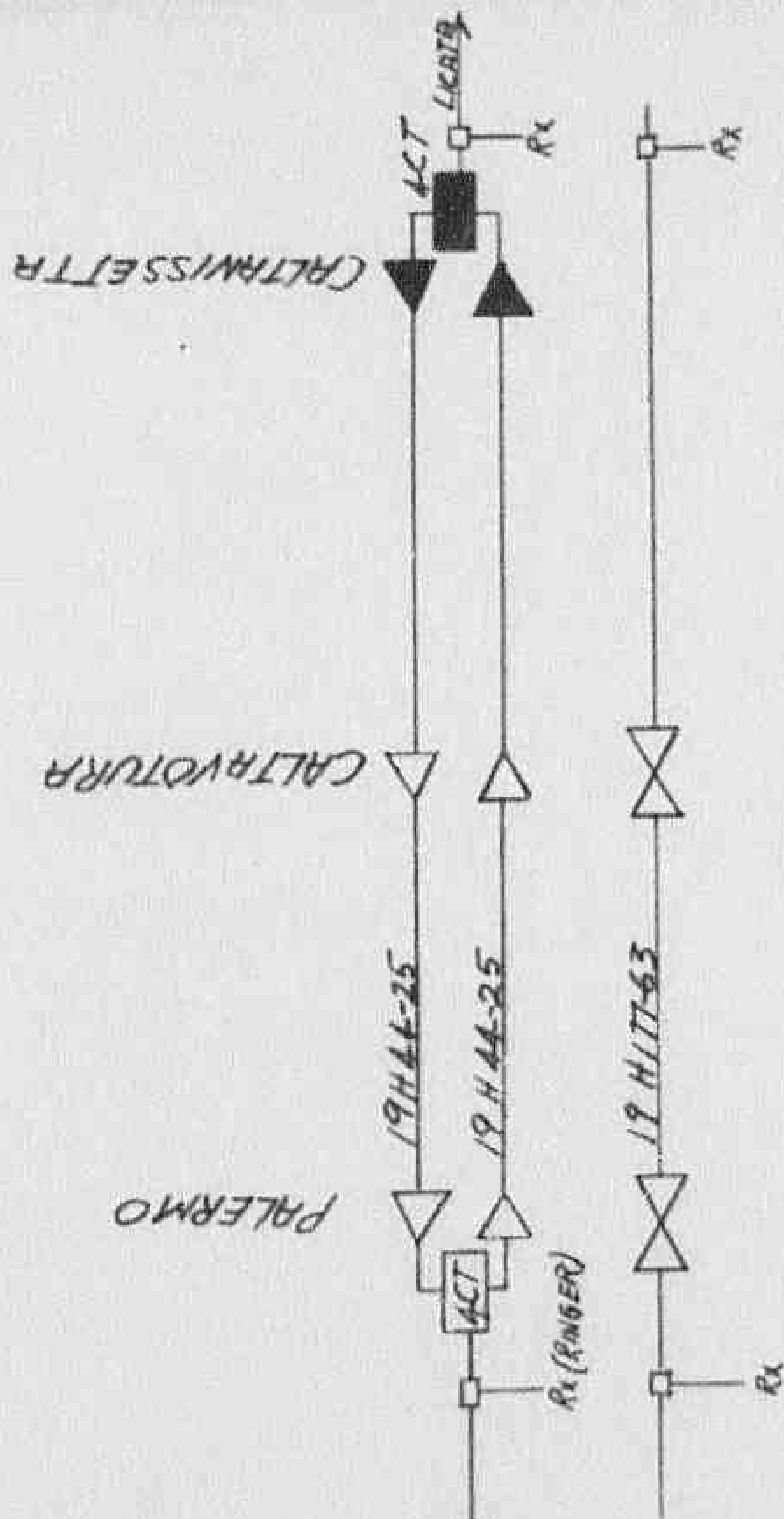
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CHARLES H. GIFFORD  
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Chief Staff Officer.



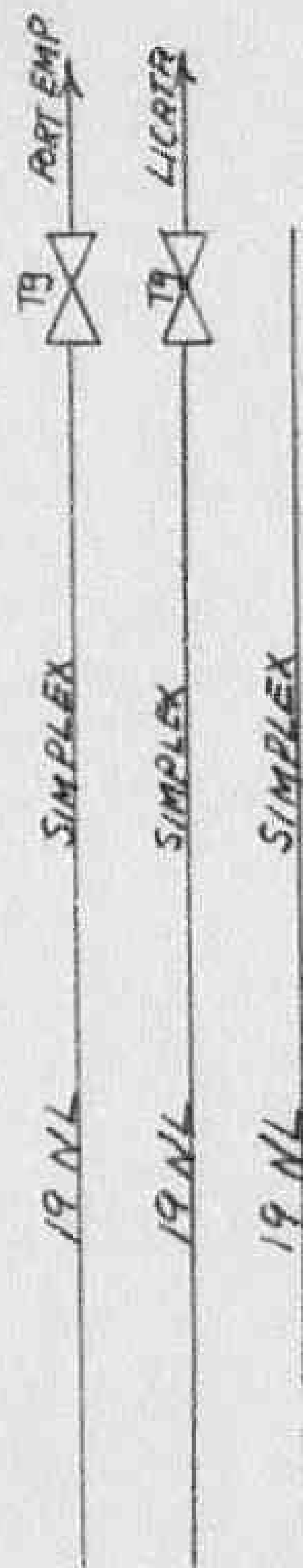


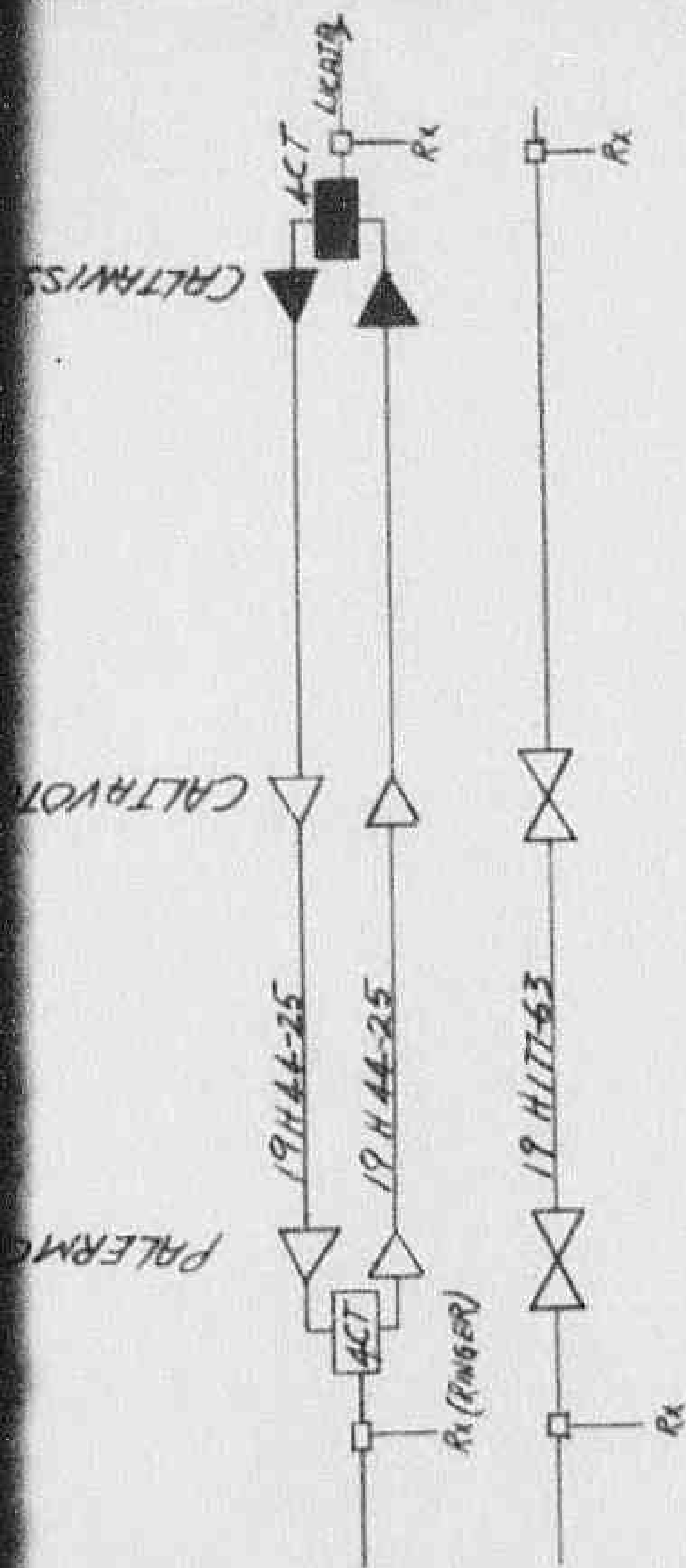
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AND CALTANISSETTA

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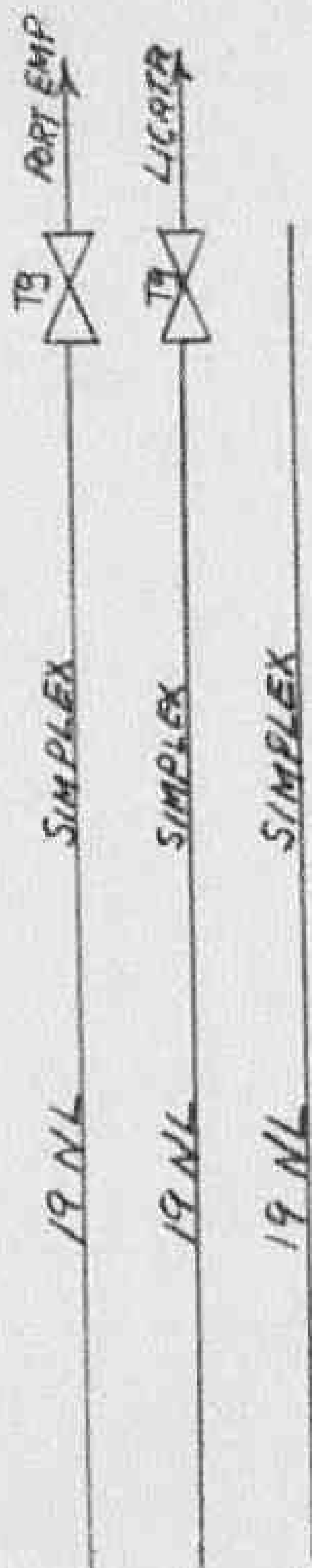


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NOTE.  
 1 EQUIP IN BLACK TO BE  
 FURNISHED BY IBS.  
 2 **ACT** IS A WIRE TERMINATING SET

Commercial Telephone Rates  
Ente di Colonizzazione del  
Latifondo Siciliano - Palermo  
*Via CATANIA N 2*

104  
ANGOT/10027

TCU

20 Oct. 43

1. Reference your letter of 14 Oct. 43 regarding charges for telephone service which you wish to contract for with the Società Esercizi Telefonici.

2. This matter has been reviewed with Eng. Cuscinà of the S.E.T and he has been instructed to follow the regular accustomed practice in applying the existing telephone rates.

3. No change in telephone rates from those in existence prior to the occupation has been authorized.

JED/AS

*MS*  
CHARLES M. SPOFFORD  
Colonel, U.S.C.  
Chief Staff Officer

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Tariffe Telefoniche

AMSGT/10027/  
TCU

Ente di Colonizzazione del  
Latifondo Sicilia - Palermo

20 Ott. 3

1. Con riferimento alla Vs/ Lettera del 14 Ottobre 1943 riguardo tassazione servizio telefonico per il quale siete in trattative con la Società Esercizi Telefonici.

2. La questione è stata esaminata con l'Ing. Cascinà della S.E.T. e lui è stato istruito di seguire le pratiche regolari e abituali nell'applicazione delle esistenti tariffe telefoniche.

3. Nessun cambiamento delle tariffe telefoniche esistenti prima dell'occupazione è stato autorizzato.

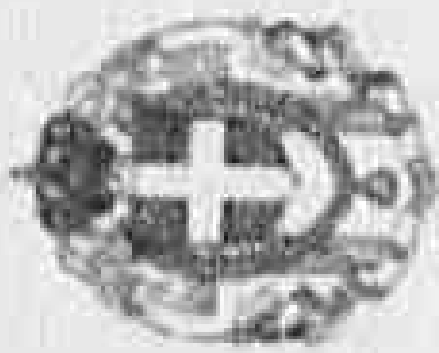
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*T.B.*

CHARLES M. SPOFFORD  
Colonel, G.S.C.  
Chief Staff Officer

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and:

*Robinson* 14 Ottobre

POSTA: Via Catania N.2 - Palermo  
TELEGRAMMI: "Cattolizzazione" - Palermo  
TELEFONO Direzione Generale Ufficio 15.563.301

COMANDO MILITARE ALLEATO  
Ufficio Controllo Beni

PAUL BOND

71. Butti

ENTE DI COLONIZZAZIONE DEL LATIFONDO SICILIANO

## ACCOMPENI

~~Contratto impianto telefonico.~~

Come è noto, questo Ente è stato costretto a trasferire temporaneamente i propri uffici dalla sede di Via Catania n. 2 nei locali siti in questa Via Ruggero Settimo n. 30 e già sede degli uffici dell'Unione Industriale di Palermo.

Poichè in detti uffici esiste un impianto telefonico composto di un centralino e 14 apparecchi, dei quali tre non abilitati a comunicare con l'esterno, già precedentemente fatto installare dalla Unione, questo Ente ha richiesto alla Società Esercizi Telefonici (S.E.T.) le condizioni per la stipula di un contratto nel quale l'Ente sarebbe subentrato all'Unione stessa utilizzando l'impianto, esistente.

La S.E.T. ha richiesto il pagamento delle seguenti somme : £. 4.950= per compenso impianto, £. 5.208= per due annualità anticipate, £. 300= per trasloco esterno di due linee urbane, e cioè la somma complessiva di £. 10.458= oltre il pagamento di tasse, bolli, e spese di registrazione che restano pure a carico dell'abbonato.

Questo Ente ritenendo ingiustificate le pretese della S.E.T., ha fatto rilevare alla stessa che non è dovuto alcun contributo alla spesa d'impianto in quanto trattasi di sostituzione di un abbonato con un altro per l'uso di una rete in atto esistente, e che inoltre risulta esagerata la richiesta di £. 300= per trasloco di due linee urbane, trattandosi semplicemente di variare i soli numeri telefonici.

Circa il deposito cauzionale di due annualità anticipate in £. 5.208=, l'Ente ha fatto

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del tutto dalle Truppe Americane - venne a suo tempo depositata altra cauzione di circa £. 12.800.-.

Pertanto dovrebbe venire rimborsata la differenza tra i due depositi avendo l'Ente stesso richiesto la risoluzione parziale del primo contratto, in occasione del suo trasferimento a Caltanissetta.

Su quest'ultimo punto la S.E.T. ha risposto che trattasi di due impianti diversi e quindi di due contratti distinti ed indipendenti, e che per la regolarizzazione del primo contratto si attendono le decisioni della Direzione Generale che ha sede a Napoli; mentre che, in riguardo alle osservazioni precedenti, ha dichiarato che si è limitata all'applicazione dei propri regolamenti e delle tariffe relative.

Nel mentre continuano le trattative, avendo questo Ente necessità di utilizzare l'impianto esistente per lo svolgimento della propria attività, si chiede l'autorevole intervento di codesto Ufficio affinché la S.E.T. provveda a sbloccare gli apparecchi ed a riattivare le linee.

Si resta in attesa di cortese riscontro.

IL COMMISSARIO SPECIALE  
(Dr. Vincenzo Paravino)



Ref. N° 217

14 October 1943

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Subject: Contract telephonic installation.

As is known, this "Ente" has been obliged to transfer its offices temporarily from Via Catania 2 to the place situated in Via Ruggero Settimo 30, former by residence of the offices of the Unione Industriale di Palermo.

Since in these offices there exists a telephonic installation composed of a central station and 14 apparatus, three of which not able to communicate with the external, - (this telephonic plant has been previously <sup>indicated</sup> ~~indicated~~ by the Union) - this Ente has requested of the Società Esercizi Telefonici (S.E.T.) the conditions for <sup>negotiating</sup> ~~transferring~~ a contract, by which the Ente would take the place of the Union, utilizing the existing installation.

The S.E.T. has requested the payment of the following sums: £ 4.750 as compensation for the plant; £ 5.208.- for 2 anticipated annuities; £ 300.- for external removal of 2 urban lines, viz. the total sum of £ 10.458.- beside the payment of taxes, stamps, and registration expenses that are also to be paid by subscribers.

This "Ente", seeming unjustified the claims of the S.E.T., has called the attention to the fact that no contract

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The S.E.T. has requested the payment of the following sums: L. 4.950 as compensation for the plant; L. 5.208.- for 2 anticipated annuities; L. 300.- for external removal of 2 urban lines, viz. the total sum of L. 40.458.- beside the payment of taxes, stamps, and registration expenses that are also to be paid by subscribers.

This <sup>64</sup>Ente, seeming unjustified the claims of the S.E.T., has called the attention to the fact that no contribution for the implantation expenses is due, since one subscriber substitutes another for using an already existing system, and that besides the request of L. 300 for the removal of 2 urban lines appears to be exaggerated in consideration of the fact that there are simply to be changed the telephonic numbers. With respect to the deposit of two anticipated annuities for bail, amounting to L. 5.208.-, the Ente

has called the attention to the fact that <sup>they</sup> ought not to be paid, because - according to the conditions of the contract previously stipulated for the installation of the telephonic plant of Via Catania 2 (entirely brought away, now, by the American Army) - at that time another bail was deposited, of about £ 12.800.-.

Thus the difference between the two deposits ought to be reimbursed, since the Duke itself has requested the partial solution of the first contract, in occasion of its transfer to Caltanissetta.

The S.E.T. has answered to this last point that two different installations are concerned, and that therefore the two contracts are independent from each other, and that, with respect to the regularization of the first contract, the decisions of the General Management, residing in Naples, are awaited, while, with regard to the precedent observations, the S.E.T. has declared, that it has limited ~~him~~ itself to the application of its own regulations and respective rates.

While the negotiations are going on, ~~this~~ Duke needs the use of the existing installations for its activity, and therefore begs ~~this~~ your Office to interfere so that the S.E.T. provides to raise the blockade of the apparatus, and to re-establish the lines.

Awaiting your kind reply.

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Telephone Installation Request  
Società Esercizi Telefonici  
Palermo

qfo  
ANGOT/10027/  
TCI

20 Oct. 3

1. Arrange to provide ~~one~~ direct trunk line between the ANGOT P.B.X. at Via Bari 8 and the recently installed A.M.G. telephone P.B.X. at the Banca d'Italia.

2. This confirms verbal request previously submitted to you.

JRM/45.

L. D. DENSMORE  
Lt. Col., S. C.  
Director, Transportation,  
Communications & Utilities.

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Richiesta Impianto Telefonico  
Società Esercizi Telefonici  
Palermo

AMSC/10027/  
TCU

20 Ott. 3

1. Provvedere a sistemare una linea urbana  
diretta fra il PEX AMSC di Via Bari 8 ed il PEX  
telefonico A.S.G. recentemente installato alla  
Barca D'Italia.

2. La presente conferma la richiesta verba-  
le fatta precedentemente.

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L. D. DENSMORE  
Lt. Col., S.C.  
Director, Transportation  
Communications & Utilities

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Commercial Telephone Service  
for Military Units

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Società Esercizi Telefonici  
Palermo

20 Oct. 3

1. Request a statement showing in detail the commercial telephone service which the S.E.T. was furnishing military units or organizations on 1 Oct. 1943.

2. Also request similar statement showing additions or deletions in commercial telephone service to military units between 1 Oct. 1943 and 15 Oct. 1943.

JED/AS.

*ged*  
J. EDWARD DAVIS  
Capt., S. C.  
Chief Telephone  
Communications Section

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*Translation*

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Servizio Telefonico Commerciale  
per Unità Militari

AMMOT/10027/  
TCU

Società Esercizi Telefonici  
Palermo

20 Ott. 3

1. È richiesto un rapporto che mostri in dettaglio il servizio telefonico commerciale che la S.E.T. forniva a unità ed organizzazioni militari alla data del 1° Ottobre 1943.

2. È richiesto pure simile rapporto che mostri aumenti e diminuzioni del servizio telefonico commerciale a unità militari tra il 1° Ottobre ed il 15 Ottobre 1943.

JED/AS.

*JED*  
J. EDWARD DAVIS  
Capt., S. C.  
Chief Telephone  
Communications Section

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HEADQUARTERS  
T.C. 1  
16 OCT 1943  
AMGOT

SIGNAL SECTION  
BASE SECTION

INSTALLATION REQUEST

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Kew.

| TO : <u>A.M.G.O.T. COMMUNICATIONS</u> |                                               | DATE: <u>OCT. 15, 1943</u>                                                                                                                                                                            |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ATTENTION : <u>Capt. Davis.</u>       |                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| NO.                                   | NAME                                          | ADDRESS                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 1.                                    | Quartermaster<br>Class II and IV<br>Warehouse | Located in the former Trolley Car<br>Warehouse on Via Balilla.<br>Request a dial phone be installed at<br>this location.                                                                              |
|                                       |                                               | <p>OK War</p> <p><i>Wilbur J. Sawyer</i><br/>WILBUR J. SAWYER<br/>2D Lt. Sig. C.<br/>Installation Officer</p> <p>639</p> <p>To: S.E.T.<br/>17/oct./43<br/>Completed 18/oct./43<br/>Tel. No. 18450</p> |

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AMOR/100271Use of Military Telephone System  
By the Carabinieri.XX  
TO:

Chief Signal Officer, ISI.

15 October

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1. In accordance with previous correspondence, reference your file AG 311.5 (RCSO-1), the following schedule which the Carabinieri will follow in placing calls to or from the Italian Civil Affairs Police Officer, Tel. 13001, is submitted for your information:-

| <u>Call From</u> | <u>Call To</u> | <u>Hour</u> |
|------------------|----------------|-------------|
| Agrianto         | Palermo        | 0900        |
| Trapani          | "              | 0910        |
| Caltanissetta    | "              | 0920        |
| Palermo          | Agrianto       | 1500        |
| "                | Trapani        | 1510        |
| "                | Caltanissetta  | 1520        |

2. These calls will be placed in accordance with the operating procedure set forth in your 1st Ind. dated 10 October 43.

JED/KMG.

 CHARLES E. STOFFER  
 Colonel, C. S. C.  
 Chief Staff Officer. 638

Copy To: C.P. 3., AMOR HQ.

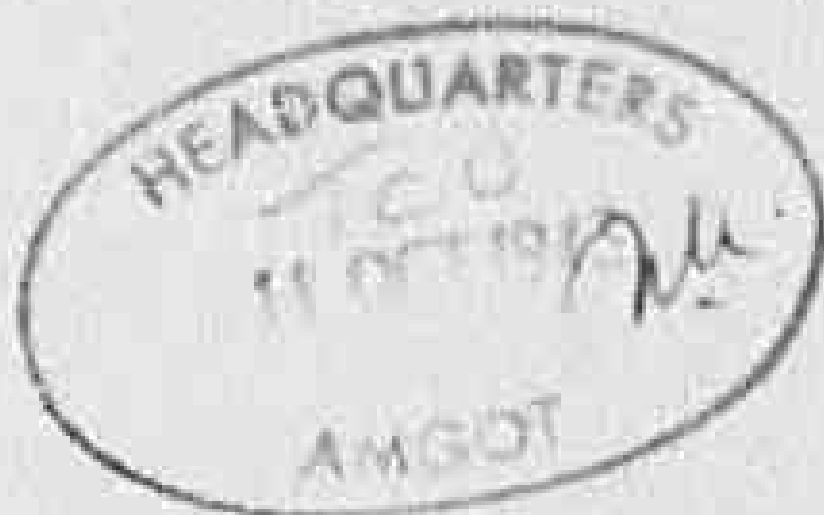
AD 311.3 (IRSSC-1) 1st Ind  
HEADQUARTERS ISLAND BASE SECTION, APO 4650, U.S. ARMY, 10 October, 1943.

TO: Chief Civil Affairs Officer, AMGOT, Headquarters, Sicily.

1. Approval and authorization for the use of military telephone circuits by the Carabinieri as outlined in basic letter is granted provided that on each such call the local Civil Affairs Officer is present and hears the conversation. This latter is felt essential for security reasons.

2. As an operating procedure, the Civil Affairs Officer should establish the call for the Carabinieri. This procedure will eliminate confusion and uncertainty of telephone operators in establishing such connections.

For the Commanding Officers:



*E. O. Hoyt*  
E. O. HOYT  
U. S. ARMY  
Asst. Adjutant General

*Lt. Col. Smith advised  
reality of this copy -  
12/21/43 He is to  
prepare schedule of  
calling points for information  
of T. B. S.*

*12/21/43*

*Copy to Adl. Smith  
14/10/43*

*may be authorized to use 9000*  
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*signed* **ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT** *GR*

Use of Military Telephone System  
SUBJECT by the Carabinieri.

AMGOT/10027/TCU  
FILE No.

TO Chief Signal Officer, I.B.S.  
Chief Signal Officer, No. 1  
District, Catania

AMGOT HQ, SICILY  
6 Oct. 1943

1. The Carabinieri have been designated by the Allied Military Government as the principal arm of Civil Law enforcement and telephone communications for this agency are essential if it is to effectively carry out its duties.

2. It is requested that the Carabinieri, located at Provincial Capitols from which military telephone connections or telephone connections over military circuits may be made to Palermo, be authorized to use the military telephone system for police matters.

3. If this authorization is granted, it is proposed to schedule two calls to be made each day, subject to proper military approval, in order that systematic reporting by the Carabinieri may be accomplished.

4. Only urgent calls of an emergency nature will be made outside of the scheduled calling periods.

5. May we have your approval and authorization to proceed with the establishment of this communication service for the Carabinieri.

For the Chief Civil Affairs Officer:

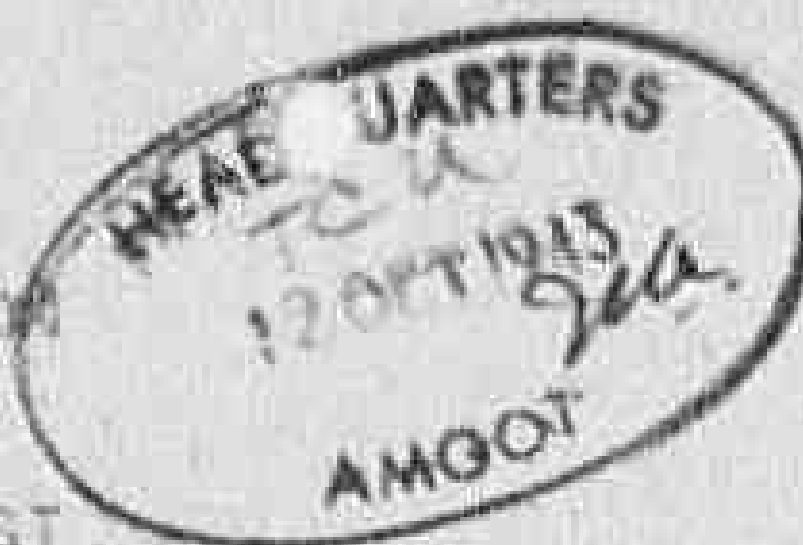
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*Charles M. Spofford*  
CHARLES M. SPOFFORD,  
Colonel, G.S.C.,  
Chief Staff Officer.

*All proposed Civil Affairs*  
*Officer approved*  
*Send Copy to Civil Police*

SIGNAL SECTION  
ISLAND BASE SECTION

INSTALLATION REQUEST



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| TO : <u>A.M.G.O.T. COMMUNICATIONS</u> |                                            | DATE: <u>Oct. 11, 1943</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ATTENTION : <u>Capt. Davis</u>        |                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| NO.                                   | NAME                                       | ADDRESS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 1.                                    | Casual Officer's Club<br>(Special Service) | <p>Corner of Rugiero Settimo and Via Americo. Formerly known as the Olympic Bar.</p> <p>It is requested that a dial phone be installed at this location.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Wilbur J. Sawyer</i><br/>WILBUR J. SAWYER<br/>2D Lt. Sig. C.<br/>Installation Officer</p> <p style="text-align: right;">635</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Completed<br/>14 Oct. 43<br/>Tel. No. 11735</p> <p style="text-align: right;">T.O.S. ET.<br/>1400 Hrs.<br/>11/21/43</p> |

TRANSLATION LETTER FROM S.E.T. TO AMGOT

8. OCT. 1943

SUBJECT: Request for installation of Military telephone.

Your letter 5th october.

For the installation of one phone in the room 71 in parallel with the phone of room 72, 80 meters of field wire (military pattern) will be necessary and we beg You to furnish these to us.

19077 file 87  
wire furnished 634 T  
13/10/43  
completed 13/10/43

C. P. C. NAPOLI N. 20833

*Società Esercizi Telefonici*

TELEGRAMMI: SET - NAPOLI

ANONIMA - CAPITALE VERSATO L. 100.000.000  
NAPOLI



PALERMO, LI 8 OTTOBRE 1943

SPETT/

AMGOT H.Q.

VIA BARI N.8

P A L E R M O

OGGETTO: RICHIESTA ISTALLAZIONE TELEFONO MILITARE =

A VS/ DEL 5 CORR. -

PER LA ISTALLAZIONE DI UN TELEFONO NELLA  
STANZA 71 IN PARALLELO COL TELEFONO DELLA STAN-  
ZA N.72 OCCORRONO MT.80 DI FILO CORDONCINO TIPO  
MILITARE CHE PREGHIAMO FORNIRCI.

SOCIETA' ESERCIZI TELEFONICI

Reggente Distretto Palermo

*M. Curini*

CUG/MF.

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Public Safety Division  
(Registration & Licensing).  
27 September, 1943.

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To: Communications Officer, AMGOT. H.Q.

Subject: Telephone installation - Room 71.

1. The telephone installation in Room 71 - AMGOT H.Q. - is not in working order. May this be rectified, and an extension number allotted, please? ✓
2. The extension number will require listing in the telephone directory dated 25 September, 1943.

W.C. Ballance.  
W.C. Ballance, Captain.

TRANSLATION OF NOTICE S.E.T.

ALLIED GOVERNMENT HAS AUTHORIZED THE PARTIAL REESTABLISHMENT OF TELEPHONE-SERVICE.

PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO LINES IN GOOD WORKING CONDITION AND TO THOSE EASILY REPAIRABLE.

THOSE SUBSCRIBERS WHOSE LINES ARE WORKING ARE OBLIGED TO EFFECT PAYMENT OF THE IV QUARTER AT THE COMPANY'S OFFICES IN VIA D'OSSUNA N° 110, ISTITUTO S. ANNA, OR AUTHORIZE THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE MATERIAL, IN CASE THAT PAYMENT SHOULD NOT BE MADE IN THE TERMS PRESCRIBED BY REGULATIONS.

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## TELEFONI

IL GOVERNO ALLEATO HA PERMESSO LA PARZIALE RIATTIVAZIONE  
DEL SERVIZIO TELEFONICO -

LA PRECEDENZA VERRÀ DATA ALLE LINEE IN BUONE CONDIZIONI  
DI FUNZIONAMENTO E A QUELLE FACILMENTE RIPARABILI -

GLI ABBONATI LA CUI LINEA FUNZIONA SONO TENUTI AL PAGA-  
MENTO DEL IV° TRIMESTRE CORRENTE ANNO PRESSO GLI UFFICI DELLA  
SOCIETÀ IN VIA D'OSSUNA N.110 ISTITUTO S. ANNA O PERMETTERE  
IL RITIRO DEL MATERIALE NEL CASO CHE IL PAGAMENTO NON FOSSE  
ESEGUITO NEI TERMINI REGOLAMENTARI.

original OK and for  
publication 12/oct/43

Jedman  
Capt. S.C.

Copy of paper bearing  
addressment attached

Jedman  
Capt. S.C.

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Transportation

U.S., Transportation Section  
AMCOT 83

11 October

1. The Ministry of Communications automobile used by Ing. Bivide in the maintenance of the Palermo-Messina State Telephone Cable has been laid up for extensive repairs.

2. The repeater stations along the cable route must be attended and supplies of distilled water and gasoline for the auxiliary motors must be furnished to them.

3. It is requested that an automobile capable of making the circuit from Palermo to Catania to Messina and return be assigned this Division until the car normally used in this work can be repaired or another car substituted.

4. The need for this transportation is urgent.

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L. B. DISTON  
Lt. Col., S. C.  
Director, Transportation,  
Communications & Utilization  
Division

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REQUISITION

TO Signal Supply Officer I.B.S. No. Sheets: 1 No. of Sheets: 1  
 Requisition No. 43 - 3 Date 11 Oct. 43 Period Special  
 SHIP TO: Signal Officer, A.M.G., Via Bari, 8

Requisitioned by: (Show Signature, Rank, Organization, Destination. If Different from "Ship To" include Address):  
J. Edward Davis  
Capt., S.C.

APPROVED BY:  
*L.D. Densmore*  
L.D. Densmore  
Lt. Col., S.C.

| Stock No.                                                                                                                                   | ARTICLE                          | Unit        | On Hand & Due | Required        | Approved |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------|---------------|-----------------|----------|
| <u>W-130</u><br><u>1 B 30</u>                                                                                                               | <u>Wire, Field (DR-2), W-130</u> | <u>mile</u> | <u>0</u>      | <u>1/4 Mile</u> | <u>✓</u> |
| Basis: Required for emergency installation of non-military<br>telephones in military quarters of AMGOT and Special<br>Armistice Commission. |                                  |             |               |                 |          |

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SIGNAL SECTION  
ISLAND CASE SECTION

## INSTALLATION REQUEST

| TO : <u>AIRPORT COMMUNICATIONS</u> |                                 | DATE: <u>Oct. 10, 1943</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ATTENTION : <u>Capt. Davis</u>     |                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| NO.                                | NAME                            | ADDRESS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 1                                  | Engineer Utilities Shop, I.B.S. | No. 4 Via Agrigento (basement)<br>A dial phone is requested for the above mentioned unit.<br><br>WILBUR J. SAWYER<br>2D Lt. Sig. C.<br>Installation Officer.<br><br><i>IMPIANTO APPARECCHIO<br/>TAVOLO BAK<br/>N. 18508 Att. IL 12-10-43<br/>ORE IL<br/>Fig. Appare 11.<br/>628<br/>To SFT 1145 Hrs.<br/>11/20/43</i> |



# SIELTE

SOCIETÀ IMPIANTI ELETTRICI E  
TELEFONICI SISTEMA ERICSSON

ANONIMA CON SEDE IN GENOVA - CAPITALE LIT 700.000 INTER VERSATO - DIREZIONE IN ROMA

SIELTE Casella Postale N. 24 (Appia)  
ROMA Via Appia Nuova 370

C. V. C. Roma Filiale - Tel. Postale N. 105339  
Telefax: 2447-20004 Telegrafico: SIELTEL

Vb. N°  
Oggetto:

del

Ns. N°

del

Si dichiara che il seguente personale dipende da questa Ditta che lavora per conto della Società Esportati Telefonici e per la manutenzione impianto sistema d'allarme per conto Governo Militare alleato.

1) SICAIA ANTONINO di Giuseppe di anni 19 nato a Palermo il 29/6/504 - residente a Isola delle Femine Via Roma - tessera dell'ARMI N° 586 -

2) BRUNO Giuseppe fu Vincenzo di anni 45 nato a Palermo il 2/6/1907, residente a Castelluccio Via Sutura 25 - tessera identità n° 19391 -

Quanto sopra per ottenere il permesso di viaggiare sui treni secondo le vigenti disposizioni.

Palermo 11/10/54

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SOCIETÀ IMPIANTI ELETTRICI E TELEFONICI

*[Signature]*  
SIELTE

Passes issued these employees  
of SIELTE 12 Oct. 43

*[Signature]*  
Capt. J. J. J.

Si dichiara che il seguente personale dipende da questa Ditta  
che lavora per conto della Società Siciliana Telefonici e per  
la trasmissione impianti aerea d'allarme per conto Governo  
Militare all'alto.

1) **GIULIA AMORINO** di Giuseppe di anni 35 nato a Palermo il  
29/6/1904 - residente a Isola delle Favine Via Roma - tessera  
dell'UNION n° 686.

2) **Bruno Giuseppe** di Vincenzo di anni 45 nato a Palermo il  
9/6/1907, residente a Cattedaccia Via Patara 27 - tessera  
dell'UNION n° 19391.

Quanto sopra per ottenere il permesso di viaggiare mi trovo  
secondo le vigenti disposizioni.

Palermo 11/10/43.

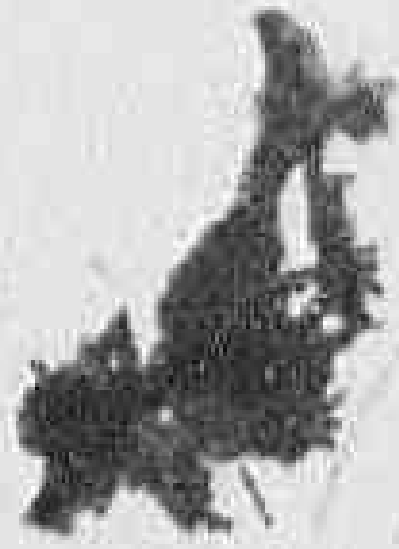
**621 SIELTE**

UFFICIO LITICI (TELEFONICI)

*[Signature]*

*Passes issued these employees  
of SIELTE 12 Oct. 43*

*Cpt. Gelardi*



|                                                 |                                               |                                                    |                                                |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| <b>GENOVA</b> via Alarcon, 41<br>tel. 8340      | <b>MILANO</b> via Cerna, 3<br>tel. 21188      | <b>ROMA</b> via Agnelli, Nuova<br>tel. 1500 - 1600 | <b>TORINO</b> via Gialla, 14<br>tel. 4534      |
| <b>B.A. E. I.</b> via Nicolai, 25<br>tel. 11506 | <b>CATANIA</b> via Turchi, 4-40<br>tel. 31107 | <b>NAPOLI</b> via Camporeale<br>tel. 3000 - 3410   | <b>PALERMO</b> via V. Vittoriale<br>tel. 11417 |

Puo' passare subito  
il Sig. Bartolotta, Francesco  
oggi, il 12.10.1943

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AMGPT

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Restoration of Civil Communication  
Facilities to Civilian Operation and Use.

Chief Signal Officer,  
15 Army Group.

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AMST/10027/R

9 October *76*

1. Reference is made to attached copy of letter dated 6 October 1945 from I.R.S.
2. This headquarters is prepared to inform reference letter and accept the conditions set forth therein subject to confirmation by higher authority of parent provisions (paragraphs 2 and 3).
3. It is requested that this transfer of responsibility and procedure specified in the reference letter be approved by Chief Signal Officer, 15th Army Group.
4. It is further requested the G-2 be informed of these arrangements.

For Chief Civil Affairs Officer:

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AMST/100.

*DB*  
CHARLES E. STAFFORD  
Colonel, U. S. A.  
Chief Staff Officer.

Inclosure - letter dated 6 Oct.  
45., I.R.S. to AMST.

HEADQUARTERS  
ISLAND BASE SECTION  
APO # 550



AG 311.3 (IB3SC-1)

6 October 1943

SUBJECT: Commercial and State Telephone Facilities.

TO : Chief Civil Affairs Officer, AMGOT. Attention: Signal Officer.

1. Reference is made to letter, this headquarters, dated 23 September 1943, file and subject as above. It is now proposed that certain Commercial and State communications facilities, in addition to those covered in the above letter, shall be released to AMGOT control by the Island Base Section, as enumerated below, and subject to the conditions enumerated hereinafter.

2. The following facilities are released for complete operation and maintenance to AMGOT, effective at 2400 hours, 30 September 1943, in accordance with verbal agreement with Signal Officer, AMGOT on 28 September 1943:

a. The telephone exchange and all local lines and cables in the town of PALERMO except those now in use by Seventh Army. These exceptions are, one hundred eighty (180) cable pairs to various underground terminals, including approximately one hundred thirty (130) telephones on the local S.E.T. dial system.

b. The long distance underground cable from PALERMO to CALTANISSETTA. (Circuit assignment in this cable is a responsibility of the Fifteenth Army Group).

c. Telephone exchanges with associated local distribution facilities, in the towns of CALTANISSETTA, LICATA, and PORTO EMPEDOCLE, except for the switchboards, and local facilities connected thereto, now in use by Seventh Army. These exceptions consist of one forty (40) line switchboard in each of these three towns.

d. All open wire or cable long lines routes except those listed below which are retained under control of the Seventh Army until further notice:

- (1) PALERMO - ALCAMO - TRAPANI (Along Route 113).
- (2) PALERMO - TRAPANI (Along railway route).
- (3) PALERMO - TERMINI - CEPALU - SAN STEFANO.
- (4) PALERMO - ROCCAPALUMBA - CALTANISSETTA.
- (5) TERMINI - ROCCAPALUMBA - CALTANISSETTA.
- (6) CALTANISSETTA - CANICATTI - LICATA.
- (7) LICATA - PALMA - NERO - AGRIGENTO.
- (8) PALERMO - LENCARA FRIDDI - CASTELTERMINI - AGRIGENTO.
- (9) AGRIGENTO - SCIACCO - CASTELVETRANO.

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3. Release to ANGOT of facilities described above is understood to be subject to the following conditions:

a. That all such facilities or any portion thereof shall be returned to control of the Island Base Section, upon demand, if considerations of military use or security shall render such recapture necessary or desirable.

b. That, in the event of such recapture by Island Base Section, or if service should be rendered via Commercial or State facilities, to the Island Base Section or other U. S. military organization, ANGOT shall permit or be responsible for the taking of such security measures regarding equipment and operations as may be prescribed by the Island Base Section.

c. That communications services, including the use of subscriber lines, toll telephone service, telegraph and cable message service, use of open wire or cable conductors, and other services, shall be made available, with priority rights, to the Island Base Section. It is understood that decision as to whether or not such service is to be paid for or rendered free of charge, and details as to method of billing or payment is not within the province of the Island Base Section, but must be settled by higher authority.

d. It is likewise understood that the matter of compensation to the United States Government for materials expended or other contributions toward the rehabilitation of the Commercial or State communications systems is not within the province of the Island Base Section, but must be settled by higher authority.

4. It is requested that agreement with the conditions of release described above be indicated in reply by indorsement hereon, to Commanding Officer, Island Base Section.



ROBERT SEARS  
Colonel, Ord. Dept.,  
Commanding.

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AMGOT HQ. SICILY, 15th Army Group, A.P.O. 777, 9 Oct. 43.

TO: Commanding Officer, Island Base Section, A.P.O. 550.

Approval has been received from G.S.O., 15th Army Group for AMGOT to accept administration of the communications facilities set forth in basic letter, under the conditions stated, except that the payment clause regarding rental shall be subject to confirmation by higher authority.

For Chief Civil Affairs Officer:

CHARLES M. SPOFFORD,  
Colonel, G.S.O.,  
Chief Staff Officer.

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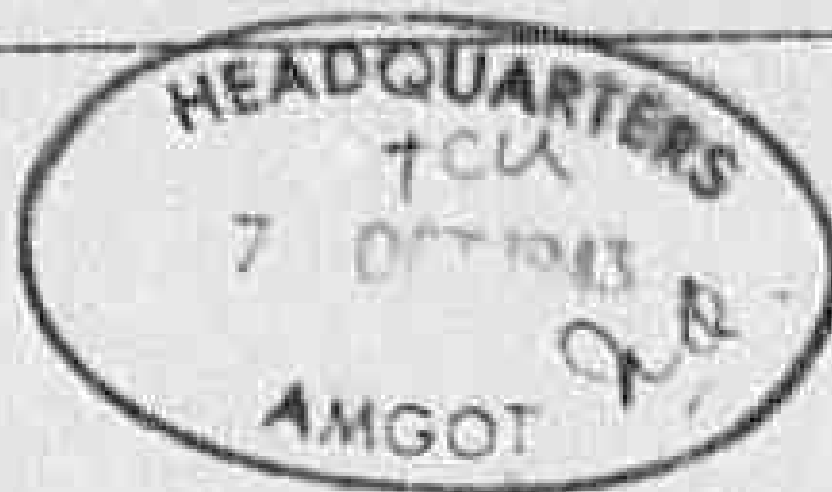
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SUBJECT: Restoration of Civil Telephone  
Service to Civilian Use

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Headquarters  
15 Army G. <sup>052</sup>

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C.C.A.G.,  
A.M.G.C.T.



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Dep., '43.

Ref. AMGOT/10027/TCU of 27 Sep., '43 forwarding copy  
of letter dated 23 Sep., '43 from I.B.S.

1. Agreed subject to confirmation by higher authority of  
the payment clause.
2. A rental is fair but the question of any capital  
charge or similar element in the rental must take into  
account the material and time expended by the Allied  
Forces in constructing or re-constructing the routes.

*W.R. O. PERRY*  
W.R. O. PERRY  
Major General,  
Chief Signal Officer.

WRCP/AM

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HEADQUARTERS  
ISLAND BASE SECTION  
APO NO. 590

AC 311.3 (IBSC-4)

23 September 1943.

SUBJECT: Commercial and State Communications Facilities.

TO : Chief Civil Affairs Officer, AMOT. Attention: Signal Officer.

1. In confirmation of agreements reached in conference held on 20 September 1943, by officers named below, it is proposed that the Island Base Section shall release to AMOT control of certain Commercial and State communications facilities in Sicily, subject to conditions enumerated hereinafter. Officers attending conference:

Lt. Col. W. A. Topping, Sig. Co., Signal Officer, IES  
Lt. Col. J. B. Mathews, Sig. Co., Exec. Co., Signal Section, IES  
Capt. J. E. Davis, Sig. Co., Signal Officer, AMOT

2. The following facilities are released for complete operations and maintenance, effective at midnight, 30 September 1943.

a. All local commercial telephone exchanges, including distribution facilities within each local exchange area in the American portion of the island, except such facilities in the towns of Palermo, Licata, and Porto Empedocle.

b. All Commercial and State telegraph terminal facilities, excluding interurban wire lines. 620

c. All Commercial and State radio stations, except Radio Palermo and Solinto Jamming Station.

3. Release to AMOT of facilities described above is subject to the following conditions:

a. That all such facilities or any portion thereof shall be returned to control of the Island Base Section upon demand, if considerations of military use or security or other exigencies shall render such recapture necessary or desirable.

b. That, in the event of such recapture by Island Base Section, or if service should be rendered over Commercial or State facilities under the plan outlined hereinafter, to Island Base Section or any other military organization, AMOT shall permit or be responsible for the taking of such security measures regarding equipment and operations as may be prescribed by the Island Base Section.

c. That communications services, including the rental of subscriber lines, toll telephone service, telegraph, cable, and radio message service, and other services, shall be made available, with priority rights, to the Island Base Section,

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c. That communications services, including the rental of subscriber lines, toll telephone service, telegraph, cable, and radio message service, and other services, shall be made available, with priority rights, to the Island Base Section, in return for payments by the Island Base Section of such monthly rental charges, telephone toll charges, telegraph, cable, and radio message charges, or other charges as may be agreed upon as fair and just, by the Island Base Section and AMOT. The intent of this provision is that AMOT shall undertake to insure that all the above conditions are met by the Commercial or State operating organizations when and if the facilities described above shall be returned to them for operation.

4. It is understood that AMOT intends to return the above described communications facilities to the former Commercial and State operating organizations, for operation and maintenance, with a view to restoring normal civilian communications conditions on the island as soon as practicable.

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AIR LETTER

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Restoration of Civil Telephone  
Service to Civilian Use.

ANGOT/10027/TCU

Chief Signal Officer, 15th Army Group

27 Sept. 3

1. Attached is a copy of letter dated 23 Sept. 1943 from IBS authorizing ANGOT to take over certain specified communication facilities in Seventh Army territory and release them for civilian operation and use under ANGOT supervision.

2. We are prepared to indorse the letter and accept the conditions set forth in paragraph 3.

3. It is requested that this transfer of responsibility and procedure specified in the letter from IBS be approved by Chief Signal Officer, 15th Army Group.

4. It is further requested that C-2 be advised of these arrangements.

For Chief Civil Affairs Officer:

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Incl: (1)

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CHARLES M. SPOFFORD,  
Colonel, G.S.C.,  
Chief Staff Officer.

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5. Until further notice, Seventh Army retains control of the following facilities:

- a. Local telephone exchange facilities, including local distribution plant, in the towns of Palermo, Licata, and Porto Empedocle.
- b. All aerial, buried, and submarine cable, and all open wire facilities, both telephone and telegraph, except local exchange plant described in paragraph 2a above.
- c. Radio Palermo and Solisto Jamming Station.

6. When and if all or any portion of the facilities described in paragraph 5 above shall be released to IBS by Seventh Army, turnover of such facilities to AMXOT shall be the subject of a supplementary agreement.

7. It is requested that agreement with the conditions of release described above, be indicated in reply by indorsement hereon to Commanding Officer, Island Base Section.

/s/ Robert Sears  
ROBERT SEARS,  
Colonel, Ord. Dept.,  
Commanding.

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Memorandum

Emergency Repairs To Telephone Plant - Region II,  
Director, Transportation, Communications,  
and Utilities Division.

8 October

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1. The following materials will be required for immediate emergency repairs to outside telephone plants, in Region II.

| <u>Item.</u>                | <u>Unit.</u> | <u>Quantity.</u> |
|-----------------------------|--------------|------------------|
| Waxing Solder               | L B          | 1500             |
| Stearine                    | L B          | 200              |
| Paraffine                   | L B          | 100              |
| Cotton sleeves              | E A          | 10,000           |
| Whalin                      | REEL         | 500              |
| 104 copper wire             | L B          | 600              |
| 080 " "                     | L B          | 400              |
| 1 1/2 volt dry cell battery | E A          | 2,000            |

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2. Central equipment damage and repairs thereto cannot be estimated but will have to be determined by field survey.

JMB/NOG.

*JMB*  
J. HOWARD DAVIS,  
Capt., S. C.  
Transportation, Communications,  
and Utilities Division.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ISLAND BASE SECTION  
A.P.O. #550

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MEMORANDUM

6 October 1943

NO. 40

RECOVERY OF TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH POLES

1. Informal advice reaching this headquarters indicates that telephone and telegraph poles are available in stock piles near railroad stations and perhaps at other points. Other poles have been scattered in open areas by the enemy to prevent use of such areas as airplane landing fields. These poles are suggested for specific communications projects elsewhere.

2. Chiefs of Divisions and Sections, IBS, and Commanding Officers of all units assigned or attached thereto will report without delay to the Commanding Officer, IBS, (Attention of Signal Officer) the location of any such poles known to them or subsequently observed, so that arrangements may be made for their collection and shipment. Reports shall include: number of poles; approximate length; exact location.

By order of Colonel SEARS:

*F. T. Bonsteel*

F. T. BONSTEEL,  
Colonel, AGD,  
Adjutant General.



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To Sec  
Col. Seemann

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SUBJECT: Restoration of Civil Telephone Communications Services

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HEADQUARTERS  
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AMSDT

C.C.A.O.  
(For attention Maj.-Gen. Lord Rennell).  
28 Sep., '43.

Ref. AMSDT/10027/TCU dated 22 Sep. addressed to Ing. Magliavita,  
Societa Esercizi Telefonici, CATANIA.

In a draft which was brought to my notice a few days ago was a paragraph concerning billing of the military for services rendered to the Allied Forces.

I agreed to the draft with the exception of the above quoted paragraph, as it appeared to me that it was a one-sided transaction not covered by policy so far laid down by higher authority.

2. The letter to which reference is made above has now been issued, and includes paragraphs on charging for services which I consider are equally objectionable; in particular, paragraph 7 of the letter and paragraphs 2c.(5) and 2e.(6) of Supplement No. 1.
  3. I should like to refer in addition to paragraph 1b.(1)(a), which states that signal units of the Allied armies will co-operate and assist in this repair work insofar as practicable. It would appear to me that this is expressly the wrong way round. It is for the civil authorities to co-operate and assist the military.
  4. Insofar as finance is concerned, much re-construction and maintenance, including the installation of certain equipment, has been done by the Allied military forces since the occupation of SICILY.
- It would appear that no account whatsoever has been taken of this fact, and that if the instructions are carried out as contained in the letter under reference the Italians are going to bear no share of the cost of restoring a system damaged through their own participation in hostilities against us.

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W. R. C. PERCY

Major General,  
Chief Signal Officer.

15 Army Group,

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*W. R. C. FERRIS*

W. R. C. FERRIS  
Major General,  
Chief Signal Officer.

15 Army Group,  
FIELD.

Copy to: C.S.O., No. 1 District.  
Signal Officer, Seventh Army.  
C.S.C., A.P.H.Q.

Palermo - Caltani (Citta) - Catania -  
Messina, State-owned Cable.

Chief Signal Officer, No. 1  
District, Catania.

ARGOT/1 65 27/TCU  
Kew 5

6 Oct.

1. Request that complete data covering present status of repair and restoration of the state-owned cable between Caltavuturo - Caltanissetta - Catania - Messina be furnished this office.

2. Also request that a list of circuit assignments in this cable, except those assigned to Seventh Army, be furnished together with information as to circuits available and the assignment procedure to be followed in making use of them.

L. D. BERNARD  
Lt. Col., Signal Corps.

ED/tbw

CHARLES M. SPOFFORD,  
Colonel, G.S.C.,  
Chief Staff Officer.

Use of Military Telephone System  
by the Carabinieri.

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AUGST/10027/TCU

Chief Signal Officer, I.R.S.  
Chief Signal Officer, No. 1  
District, Catania

6 Oct. 3

1. The Carabinieri have been designated by the Allied Military Government as the principal arm of Civil Law enforcement and telephone communications for this agency are essential if it is to effectively carry out its duties.

2. It is requested that the Carabinieri, located at Provincial Capitols from which military telephone connections or telephone connections over military circuits may be made to Palermo, be authorized to use the military telephone system for police matters.

3. If this authorization is granted, it is proposed to schedule two calls to be made each day, subject to proper military approval, in order that systematic reporting by the Carabinieri may be accomplished.

4. Only urgent calls of an emergency nature will be made outside of the scheduled calling periods.

5. May we have your approval and authorization to proceed with the establishment of this communication service for the Carabinieri.

For the Chief Civil Affairs Officer:

gcb  
JEB/tbw

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CHARLES M. SPOFFORD,  
Colonel, G.S.C.  
Chief Staff Officer

SUBJECT : Use of the Telephone System  
by the Carabinieri.

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Hov  
AMGOT HQ SICILY  
Public Safety Division  
Civil Police Section  
HQ CC. RR. Palermo

28 September 1943

TO : Colonel Denmore,  
Communications Officer. Attention Capt. Davis.

It is urgently requested that authority be secured from the Military Authorities for the use of the existing telephone system throughout the Island by the Carabinieri on the following basis:

That at least two calls daily be permitted from the Provinces and that a call may be made at any time in the event of an emergency.

The daily schedules of the calls can be arranged with your office by Civil Police Section after the approval is secured from the Military Authorities.

It can be explained to the Military Authorities that the Carabinieri have been designated by the Allied Military Government as the principal arm of Civil Law enforcement, and the use of the telephone to establish communication for this agency is very essential to enable it to carry out its duties. The use of the telephone will, of course, be confined to Police matters.

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*Russell A. Snook*  
RUSSELL A. SNOOK  
Lt Colonel  
Supt Civil Police.

*Labl*Restoration of Civil Telephone Communications  
Services in Sicily.

AMCOC/10027/TCB

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TO:

S.C.A.O., Trapani.

5 October

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1. Reference: your letter of 28 Sept. 1943, and attachment concerning restoration of telephone service in Marsala.

2. The S.E.T. Director in Palermo has contacted his Provincial Manager in Trapani, and arranged for the restoration of local civil telephone service throughout the Province.

3. The S.E.T. Provincial Director has been directed to collect service rentals, etc., from civil subscribers and pay such wages as are due in Trapani, Marsala and other towns or locations in the Province.

4. It is requested that your transportation officer co-operate with the S.E.T. in their request for transport to move essential repair parts and materials from the Warehouse in Trapani, to Marsala.

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JED/EDC.

*JD*  
L. D. INTERMEDI  
Lt. Col., S. C.  
Director, Transportation,  
Communications & Utilities.

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ANGOT/10027/TCU

Military Telephone Installation  
Request.

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Ing. Cuscink (S.E.T.)

5 Oct. 3

1. It is requested that an extension off of the  
ANGOT Headquarters P.B.X. be installed in Room 71 with  
a parallel extension on the same line in Room 72.

2. Upon completion of this work advise the ANGOT  
Signal Officer what extension number has been assigned  
these telephones.

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*led/tbw*

*LED*  
L. D. DENSMORE,  
Lt. Col., S.C.,  
Director, Transportation,  
Communications & Utilities

*Completed*  
*13 Oct 1963*  
*we found wire*

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10027 59  
Subject: Sale of Distilled Water.

AMCOT/5157/US  
AMCOT HQ SIGINT  
16 September 43.

To: La Societa Aronella.

1. Distilled water is necessary for the maintenance of vital communication facilities.

2. You are therefore authorized to sell distilled water to Societa Esorcini Telefonici at the quoted wholesale price of L. 1 per liter as often as it may be required..

WEP/EX.

Lt. Col., R. A. S. G.  
Deputy Director Civilian  
Supply and Resources.

*Lt. Col. Dances*  
*Subj.*  
*Col. Benmore*

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*FTD*  
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PALERMO, LI

14 SET. 1943



ON. LE AMGOT

PALERMO

PREGO DECIDERE SULLE SEGUENTI QUESTIONI :

- 10) CI OCCORRE L'ACQUA DISTILLATA PER GLI ACCUMULATORI. LA DITTA SANTORO, VIA LINCOLN 105 RICHIEDE L.3.50 LITRO, PREZZO INVERO ESORBITANTE SPECIALMENTE PER NOI CHE NE CONSUMIAMO CIRCA LITRI 350 MENSILI.

LA SOCIETÀ ARENELLA, CHE PRODUCE L'ACQUA DISTILLATA E LA VENDE ALLA DITTA SANTORO, POTREBBE FORNIRCI IL NS/ FABBISOGNO DIRETTAMENTE A L.1.- AL LITRO QUALORA PRESENTIAMO UN ORDINE DI CODESTO COMANDO.

- 20) NON DISPONIAMO PIÙ DI STAGNO E STEARINA PERTANTO SIAMO COSTRETTI SOSPENDERE LE RIPARAZIONI DEI CAVI DELLA RETE DI PALERMO. DESIDERIAMO SAPERE SE GLI OPERAI ADDETTI A TALE LAVORO DOBBIAMO SOSPENDERLI DALLA PAGA, A RISCHIO DI PERDERE TALE MANO D'OPERA SPECIALIZZATA.

- 30) ABBIAMO PRESO IN FITTO UN MAGAZZINO A PALERMO, IN VIA VILLAERMOSA, DIRIMPETTO LA NS/ SEDE, IN SOSTITUZIONE DI DUE MAGAZZINI, UNO A PALERMO IN VIA PARISI E UNO A BAGHERIA - PER RENDERE LIBERI QUESTI DUE LOCALI E NON PAGARE LA PIGIONE DI OTTOBRE E NECESSARIO TRASPORTARE I MATERIALI IN ESSI CONTENUTI, NEL NUOVO MAGAZZINO, ENTRO QUESTO MESE. PREGHIAMO DISPORRE CHE VENGA MESSO A NS/ SERVIZIO UN CAMION AMERICANO, PER UNA SETTIMANA, ONDE PROVVEDERE AL TRASPORTO, NON POSSEDENDO NOI ALCUN MEZZO.

SOCIETÀ ESERCIZI TELEFONICI

Reggente Distretto Palermo

*[Handwritten signature]*

CUG/MF.  
14/9.43

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Telephone Installation Request

Reg. Casimir (S.S.S.)

6 October

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1. Prof. Casimir Lelito, Via Europa 104, Telephone  
Number 13916 has requested that his telephone service be re-  
established.

2. Because of work being done for Military Unit by Prof.  
Lelito you are urged to make this reconnection as rapidly as  
possible and forward notice of completion to the Signal Offi-  
cer.

*[Signature]*  
L. D. DEWITT  
Lt. Col. S.S.C.  
Director, Transportation  
Communications & Utilities

*[Handwritten: 608]*  
Comp 7/20/43  
JBS advised  
via Telephone

C. P. C. NAPOLI N. 20857

*Società Esercizi Telefonici*

TELEGRAMMI SET - NAPOLI

ANDROMA - CAPITALE VERSATO L. 100.000.000  
NAPOLI



PALERMO, LI

8 OTT 1943

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SPEET/

AMGOT H.Q.

VIA BARI N.8

P A L E R M O

OGGETTO: RICHIESTA INSTALLAZIONE TELEFONO -

A V5/ DEL 6 CORR. -

IL TELEFONO N.13516 PROF. CARMELO LODATO,  
VIA GIACOMO SERMOTTA N.104 È STATO MESSO IN  
FUNZIONE ~~IN FUNZIONE~~ IL 7 CORRENTE.

SOCIETÀ ESERCIZI TELEFONICI

*M. Luciani*  
Regione Distretto Palermo

CUG/mf  
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I.B.S.  
advised via Telephone  
Opt. Davis

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HEADQUARTERS  
ISLAND BASE SECTION  
A.P.O. #560



3 October 1943

A2 676.1 (IBSRP)

AMGOT Headquarters  
Via Bari No. 8  
Palermo, Sicily

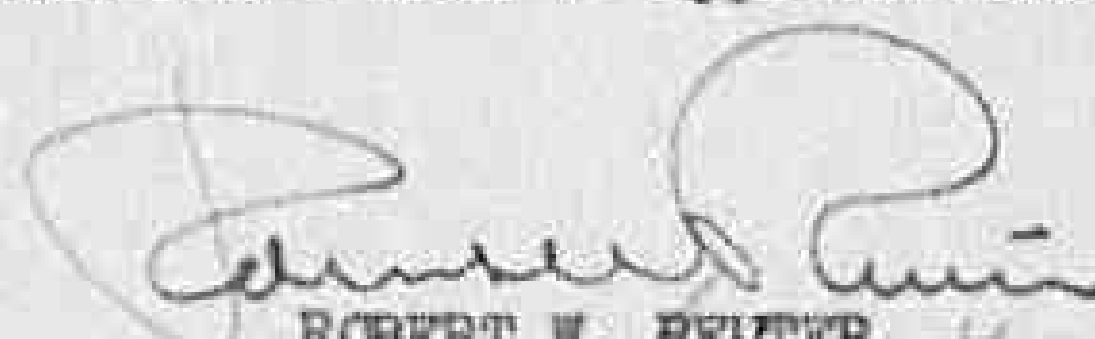
Attention: Lt. Colonel Densmore

The attached letter from Professor Carmelo Lodato, L'Eliotecnica, requesting service on his telephone is submitted for your consideration.

L'Eliotecnica does considerable photostat work for Headquarters, Island Base Section and it is necessary that they be contacted daily regarding the work.

The telephone service requested would greatly facilitate the work and eliminate the necessity of using a Government vehicle several times daily.

Any assistance that can be rendered this contractor will be appreciated.

  
ROBERT W. REUTER,  
Lt. Colonel, QMC.  
Base Purchasing Agent

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L'ELIOTTECHICA

Due to the Air-raids of the past my telephone has not been working since the 9th of May. Although no damage occurred on my line and service was renewed for a few days in July it was again interrupted by order of the Allied Government.

In the meantime many Officers of the Allied Government have given me work. This work being of a technical nature it necessitates their coming up to my apartment and they are complaining of the inconvenience. Since much time would be saved, which is our common interest I, therefore, request that the S.E.T. be authorized to re-establish my telephone service.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) Prof. LODATO

Translated 3 October 1943

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# L'ELICOTTECNICA

PROF. CARMELO LODATO

PALESTRO, 1 Ottobre 1943.  
VIA C. MARCONI, 104  
TEL. 1376

LABORATORIO MODERNO  
PER LA RIPRODUZIONE DI DISEGNI  
FOTOGRAFIA INDUSTRIALE  
FOTOGRAFIE D'INTERI E DI ESTERI - SPEDIMENTI  
FOTOGRAFIE DI DISEGNI E CARTE TOPOGRAFICHE IN  
SCALA SU CARTA FOTOGRAFICA O DIRETTAMENTE  
SU CARTA TOPOGRAFICA - CONSERVAZIONE  
DEI DISEGNI - CARTE SCHEDA - COPIA DELLA DITTA  
A. E. C. A. - CARTE E TUBI TRASPARENTI PER DISEGNO  
COLLA GLUTOLIN S. L. 100  
COLLA IDEALE PER DECORAZIONE E  
M. E. M. B. R. A. N. I. T. E.  
FISSATIVO IDEALE PER VERNICIATURE E  
F. N. T. E. N. I. 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10.  
A. R. I. S. T. O. G. E. N. O.  
FARMACI STIMOLANTI INDICAZIONE PER ISO-  
LAZIONE ED INTERCOMUNICAZIONE DI EDIFICI ECC.  
B. I. C. E. I. L. A.  
(SOSTITUTO INIZIABILI DEL VITRO)  
TAVOLE TECNICHE GRAFICHE  
E MATERIALI TECNICI PER INGEGNERI ED ARCHITETTI DELLA SOCIETA' CONODE, DI MILANO

ILL. no SIG. MAJOR R. W. LYONS Q.M.G.  
H.C. ISLAND BASE SECTION

Sin dal 9 maggio c.a. a causa dei bombardamenti la S.E.T. non ha fatto più usufruire del telefono, qualunque nessun guasto si fosse verificato nelle mie linee, e solo nel mese di luglio per soli pochi giorni ha riallacciato la comunicazione, ma in seguito per disposizione del Comando Alleato ha nuovamente interrotto la comunicazione.

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Intanto i diversi Uffici Tecnici del Comando Alleato si servono della mia opera per il lavoro a loro occorrente e si lagmano che per darmi degli ordini o per volere delle informazioni circa la esecuzione del lavoro, debbono fare disturbare degli ufficiali al mio studio, mentre col telefono eviterebbero tanta perdita di tempo. Pertanto Vi prego nell'interesse comune volere autorizzare la S.E.T. a volere riattivare il mio telefono.

ILL. no SIG. MAJOR R. W. LYONS C.H.C.  
H.C. ISLAND BASE SECTION

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D E V. mo

*Proffamulo Losato*

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FOTOGRAFIE D'INTERNO E DI ESTERNO - BRUCIATILLI  
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I MATERIALI TECNICI PER INGEGNERE ED ARCHI-  
TETTI DELLA SOCIETA' "CORRADO" DI MILANO

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

SUBJECT Installation of Telephone.  
TO Communications Engineer.

FILE No. 6062/CP. *Rcw 57*

AMGOT HQ. SICILY

4 Octr 1943.

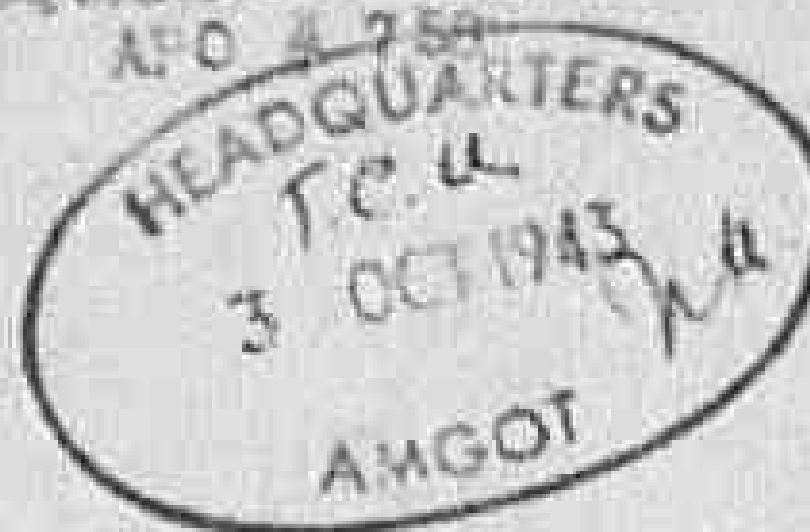
Request that Lt. E. A. Suben, Controller of Property Division, be furnished with a telephone in his office, Room 72, B, Via Bari.

Directory listing is required.

*H. P. [Signature]*  
Lieut-Colonel,  
Controller of Property.

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HEADQUARTERS SEVENTH ARMY  
APO 4 259



FWB/snj  
1 October 1943

AG 613.230-3

SUBJECT: Civilian Telephone Service.

TO : Commanding Officer, AMGOT, Palermo.  
(Attention: Signal Officer)

Herewith copy of letter, Headquarters 16th Army Group, subject: "Restoration of Civil Telephone Communications Services", file 2733/1/X dated 28 September 1943, which is forwarded for your information and guidance.

For the Commanding General:

*John E. Pederson*  
JOHN E. PEDERSON,  
CAPTAIN, A.G.D.,  
ASST ADJUTANT GENERAL c  
*CAF*

Incl: - 1  
Ltr 16th Army Group

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SUBJECT: Resumption of Civil Telephone  
Communication Services

2733/17

C.C.A.C.

(For attention Maj.-Gen. Lord Rennell).

28 Sep., '43.

Ref. AMOOF/10027/TCU dated 22 Sep. addressed to Ing. Tagliavia,  
Societa Esercizi Telefonici, CANTANIA.

In a draft which was brought to my notice a few days ago was a  
paragraph concerning billing of the military for services rendered to  
the Allied Forces.

I agreed to the draft with the exception of the above quoted para-  
graph, as it appeared to me that it was a one-sided transaction not  
covered by policy so far laid down by higher authority.

2. The letter to which reference is made above has now been issued,  
and includes paragraphs on charging for services which I consider are  
equally objectionable; in particular, paragraph 7 of the letter and  
paragraphs 2a.(5) and 2a.(6) of Supplement No. 1.

3. I should like to refer in addition to paragraph 1b.(1) (a), which  
states that signal units of the Allied armies will co-operate and  
assist in this repair work insofar as practicable. It would appear  
to me that this is expressly the wrong way round. It is for the civil  
authorities to co-operate and assist the military.

4. Insofar as finance is concerned, such re-construction and mainten-  
ance, including the installation of certain equipment, has been done by  
the Allied Military forces since the occupation of Sicily.

It would appear that no account whatsoever has been taken of this  
fact, and that if the instructions are carried out as contained in the  
letter under reference the Italians are going to bear no share of the  
cost of restoring a system damaged through their own participation in  
hostilities against us.

15 Army Group,  
FIELD.

/s/ W. R. C. Penny  
W. R. C. PENNY,  
Major General,  
Chief Signal Officer.

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Copy to: C.S.O., No. 1 District.  
Signal Officer, Seventh Army

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/s/ W. R. C. Penny  
W. R. C. PENNY,  
Major General,  
Chief Signal Officer.

15 Army Group,  
FIELD.

Copy to: C.S.O., No. 1 District.  
Signal Officer, Seventh Army  
C.S.O., A.F.H.Q.

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Kew  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

SUBJECT

Telephone Directory, AMGOT H.Q.

FILE No. 246/122

TO

Communications Engineer, AMGOT H.Q.

AMGOT HQ. SICILY

Sept. 29, 1943

Please make the following corrections to the issue of this Directory dated 25 September 1943:

1. On first page under "Administrative Officers" insert:

Major W. H. Pearey Room 28 11"

2. On third page delete "Transportation" and all detail and substitute:

Transport

British Garage (Capt. J. Carter) 26 Via Vicolo  
Guccia 15131

American Garage (Lieut. R. Zimmerman) 14 Franciscan  
Benvinto 15732

Dispatch Office Ground Floor 38"

3. On third page under "Supply" delete detail and substitute:

British Quartermaster (Lieut. S. F. Sinclair) 26 Via  
Vicolo Guccia 15131

American Supply Officer (Lieut. J. J. Davis) Ground  
Floor 38"

*Charles M. Kofford*  
CHARLES M. KOFFORD  
Colonel, U.S.C.,  
Chief Staff Officer.

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*Noted  
2 Oct  
1943*

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

Restoration of Civil Communication  
Subject: Services.

TO: Chief Signal Officer.

No. 1 District, Catania (PORTBASE)

REF No. AMGOT/10027/TCU

AMGOT HQ, SICILY

28 Sept. 1943

1. All of the civil telephone exchanges in the Provinces of Messina, Catania, Siracusa, Ragusa and Nizza except the exchange in the town of Augusta have been released for civilian management, operation and maintenance in accordance with our directive to Ing. Tagliavia dated 22 September, 1943, a copy of which has been forwarded to you.

2. Ing. Tagliavia of Catania, as Director of S.E.T., has informed us that his Company has no wiping solder or stearine to use in repairing cables which have been damaged.

3. Should these cables be exposed to rain before being repaired the results will be very bad for civil communication services and any military organization which may be using S.E.T. facilities.

4. We have placed an order on AMHQ for this type of material but have not yet received any shipment.

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5. If possible, could your Royal Signals Organisation furnish the S.E.T. through Ing. Tagliavia with approximately 200 kilograms of wiping solder and 50 kilograms of stearine to meet their immediate need for this repair material.

6. It is recommended that the S.E.T. be properly charged with the cost of furnishing such material as you are able to supply them.

7. We would like to be advised of any action you may take on this matter.

For the Chief Civil Affairs Officer:

forwarded to you.

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3. Should these cables be exposed to rain before being repaired the results will be very bad for civil communication services and any military organization which may be using U.S.T. facilities.

4. We have placed an order on AFHQ for this type of material but have not yet received any shipment.

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5. If possible, could your Royal Signals Organization furnish the U.S.T. through Ing. Tagliavia with approximately 300 kilograms of wiping roller and 50 kilograms of stearine to meet their immediate need for this repair material.

6. It is recommended that the U.S.T. be properly charged with the cost of furnishing such material as you are able to supply them.

7. We would like to be advised of any action you may take on this matter.

For the Chief Civil Affairs Officer:

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*[Signature]*

CHARLES H. SPURFORD,  
Colonel, U.S.C.,  
Chief Staff Officer.

# CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICE

PROVINCE OF TRAPANI

13 Via Regina Margherita

TRAPANI (Sicily)



24 Sept. 1943

SUBJECT: - Restoration of Civil Telephone Services in Sicily.  
10 : - Col. Denmore, Communication Services - A.M.G.O.T.  
Hq. Palermo.

Herewith submitted application for the restoration of Civil telephone Services.

The area in question is not in the sphere of direct interest of the Military but appears to come within the scope of the instructions laid down in directive No. 15 dated 2 Aug. 1943 and in view of this I recommend that the application be favourably considered.

Submitted for directions.

J.A. Langfitt  
Lt. Col. J.A.G.D.  
Acting SCAO

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*G. L. Denmore*

**CIVIL AFFAIRS**

**A.M.G.O.T.**

**MARSALA**  
Prov. of TRAPANI

To Senior Civil Affairs Officer  
TRAPANI



From Civil Affairs Officer  
The New Town Hall, San Carlo, Marsala.

Date 20th Sept. 1943

SUBJECT: - Telephone Report -

1. The Telephone Company serving Marsala is Soc. Esercizi Telefonici of NAPLES.
- 2x (a) The Area Representative is: TRASSALLE PASQUALE Trapani .
- (b) The Marsala Representative is : ALONZI ALFONZO .
2. Chief Technician ALONZI advises he has only two men at work on repairs. He and the workmen have not been paid since May. He says two years will be required to make repairs at the rate they are working. He requests:
  - (a) To be authorized to get 40 essential phones in operation;
  - (b) To be furnished transportation to move 3,000 Kg. of materials from Trapani to Marsala;
  - (c) To be furnished funds to pay seven repairmen L.6,000 (six thousand lire per month;
3. The estimated revenue is L.250,000 (two hundred and fifty thousand lire) per year from 40 Sub-scribers.
4. Some telephones can be put in service within two days after funds and supplies are received.
5. Since the Main Office is at TRAPANI it is suggested that negotiations be made with the Trapani Head of the Telephone Company.

*[Signature]*  
R.D. HILDEBRAND  
Major, C.M.P.  
Civil Affairs Officer.

*2. Current and past telephone rates and other arrangements for pay for all employees.*

*Noted  
R.D.  
Ref. Com. Dario  
2/10/43*

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RCW

Reconnection of Civil Telephones

H.C.A.C. Palouse

AMCOT/10027/TOT

25 Sept.

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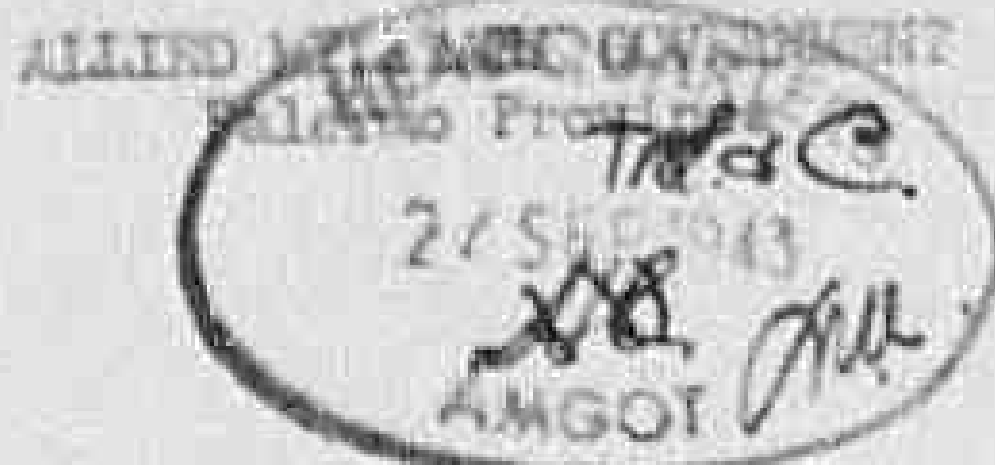
1. Reference your letter of 24 Sept. 43.
2. Action requested has been taken and recommendation made to the C. S. C., Seventh Army that telephone reconnections to various food distribution agencies be made through the C. S. C.

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*25/31*

*AS*  
L. B. HENNINGSON  
Lt. Col., S. C.  
Chief of Communications,  
Utilities & Public Works Division

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10027 *KLW*  
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 CP/PS



24 September 1943

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Deputy Chief Civil Affairs Officer - AMGOI HEADQUARTERS

1. Hon. Musotto tells me that under no circumstances should Headquarters reconstitute the Milizia Post telegrafonica.
2. In case consideration is being given to matter, would appreciate having an officer designated by you to talk to Musotto to obtain his views.

*Charles Poletti*  
 CHARLES POLETTI  
 Lt. Colonel  
 Senior Civil Affairs Officer

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*What get*

*Police  
 Col. [illegible]*

23 Sept.

There is no intention on the part of Trans, Comm, & Utilities Div to reconstitute the Milizia Post telegrafonica.

*DD*  
 L. D. [illegible]  
 Lt. Col., Signal Corps

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
Palermo Province

CP/ASA/ep

24 September 1943

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Captain Davis - Civilian Supply - AMGOT Headquarters

1. Attached is a list of telephones deemed essential for us in functioning of food supply services, with former numbers, and subscribers' names and addresses.
2. It is requested that if possible these lines be restored to service at once.
3. Please advise action taken.

*Charles Polletti* 594

CHARLES POLETTI  
Lt. Colonel  
Senior Civil Affairs Officer

*Taken  
Capt. Davis*

*Letter to Capt. Davis  
24 Sept 1943*

*P. A. Polletti  
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Necessary Telephone

Sez Prov Alimenc'ione

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PBX 15610 }  
15611 } Praga A. Gentile 21  
15612 }  
15613 }

Idem. Rep IV. Distribuzione

PBX 15565 }  
15566 } Praga A. Gentile 21  
15567 }

Consortio Agrario

15492 - Praga A. Gentile  
PBX 15500 }  
15501 } Tra Archirafi  
15502 }  
17016 Direzione Generale  
18652 Direzione Archirafi

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Zootecnia

ZOOTECNIA, ZOOTECNIA  
19116 - Via XX Settembre 5

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AMGOT/10027/TOU

Reconnection of Civilian Telephone  
Subscribers.

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TO

Chief Signal Officer, Seventh Army. 24 Sept. 3

1. It is requested that the following civilian  
business telephones, essential to operation of the sulphur  
industry, be connected for use:

a. Ente Zolfi Siciliani (formerly Ente Zolfi  
Italiani)  
Via Principe Belmonte, 80  
Tel. Nos.: 15-317  
14-634

b. Consorzio per i Magazzini Generale della Sicilia  
Via Roma, 194  
Tel. Nos.: 16-852  
12-910

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L. D. BENMORE,  
Lt. Col., S.C.,  
Director of C., U. & P.W.  
Division.

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Restoration of Civil Telephone  
Communications  
C. S. C. No. 1. District, Catania (Fortbase)

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1. Reference your teletype message dated 23 Sept. 1945.
2. S. E. T. is now ready to take over the Catania automatic telephone switchboard and will be ready to take over the one at Messina in the near future.
3. Proper authorization for this action will be forwarded to Ing. Tagliavia, Director of S. E. T., Catania immediately.
4. Copies of all correspondence pertaining to this matter will be forwarded to you.

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L. D. BERNARD  
Lt. Col., S. C.  
Chief of Communications,  
Utilities & Public Works  
Division

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SUBJECT: Restoration of Civil Telephone Communications Services.

ALCOT/10027/101  
ALCOT HQ SICILY  
22 September 43.

TO : Ing. Tagliavie, Società Usual Telephone, Catania

1. The following information and directives are to confirm those given to you verbally by Captain J. E. Davis, Communications Engineer, ALCOT Headquarters, on 17th September 43.
2. You are hereby authorized to open all of the S.E.I. telephone exchanges in the Provinces of Messina, Catania, Siracusa, Novara, Ragusa, except those located in the cities of Catania and Augusta, under the following conditions:-
  - a. Telephone exchanges are permitted to provide only local telephone service to civilian customers.
  - b. Such steps as are necessary shall be taken to prevent subscribers from placing telephone calls in trunk circuits.
  - c. All inter-urban pole lines, wires, cables and central office switchboard equipment are reserved for Allied military use only, and will be operated and controlled by Allied military personnel until further notice.
3. You will immediately begin the operation and control of telephone exchanges, within the limits stated above, by regular civilian S.E.I. personnel.
4. You will undertake at once to restore urban cable, wire and central office facilities to as near normal conditions as possible.
5. Particular emphasis shall be placed on work necessary to protect cable facilities from further damage by the coming rains or other hazards.
6. Allied military requirements shall receive first priority in the establishment and/or maintenance of operational S.E.I. facilities used by them.
7. No priority is established for S.E.I. civilian customers at this time; however, essential services will be given priority if a shortage of material or facilities make such action necessary.

7. You will prepare appropriate billing to be rendered military units in Siracusa for local commercial services during first 4 Sept. 43.

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- b. Such steps as are necessary shall be taken to prevent subscribers from placing telephone calls on trunk circuits.
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3. You will immediately begin the operation and control of telephone exchanges, within the limits stated above, by regular civilian E.M.T. personnel.
4. You will undertake at once to restore urban cable, wire and central office facilities to as near normal conditions as possible.
5. Particular emphasis shall be placed on work necessary to protect cable facilities from further damage by the enemy, mines or other hazards.
5. Allied military requirements shall receive first priority in the establishment and/or maintenance of commercial E.M.T. facilities used by them.
6. No priority is established for E.M.T. civilian customers at this time; however, essential services will be given priority if a shortage of material or facilities make such action necessary.
7. You will prepare appropriate billing to be rendered military units in Syracuse for local commercial services during from 4 Sept. 43, using as a base local telephone facilities being used by them on that date.
8. You will prepare as soon as possible, a realistic estimate of material required to restore to workable condition and maintain the telephone facilities in your territory for a period of six months beginning 1st October, 1943.
9. Billing and collection methods for civilian subscribers and other actions to be taken by S.E.C. during the restoration period shall be in accordance with the attached supplement No. 1.

For the Chief Civil Affairs Officer:

CHARLES M. STORVEN,  
Colonel, C.S.C.,  
Chief Staff Officer.

Copies to: 15 Army Group, C.S.C.,  
PORTAGE, C.S.C.,  
I.H.S.  
All S.C.A.C.'s  
JCS, AFHQ

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SUBJECT: Restoration of Telephone Communications in Sicily

AMOR/10017/100  
AMOR HQ SICILY  
22 September 43.

Supplement No. 1 to Directive issued to S.E.T. Dated

22nd September, 1943

PROCEDURE 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) Wherever 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 controls can be installed.

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b. Inspect urban cables and lines within the towns and counties 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. X

X 1. 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, materials will be salvaged and repaired locally.

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

(1) Civil personnel shall not work on any lines carrying military circuits until special approval for such work has been granted by proper military authorities.

(2) Signal units of the Allied Armies will make repairs to interurban lines whenever required for military use.

## 2. Administrative

a. Subscriber Service.

- (1) Using last billing, put out by the General Office in Naples for the 2nd trimester 1943 on a basis, prepare the billing for the 3rd trimester (July, August, September) and for 4th trimester (October, November, December) in order to be able to collect the money as lines are put back into service.
  - (a) Where telephone services have been interrupted or discontinued appropriate adjustments should be made in billing.
  - (2) Control the subscribers, installations (names, addresses, amount to be paid, classification according to 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 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 inventories of materials in warehouses.
  - (2) Make inventory of telephone facilities, including office, furniture and fixtures, stationary 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 received by both Allied and Axis military units or troops.
- D. Personnel.
- (1) Staff of 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.

- (2) Control the subventions, installations (rents, 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.

f. Cash Service.

- (1) Collected money will be deposited daily at a bank or in a postal account not credited at Palermo or Catania as appropriate.
- (2) To meet current operating expenses the provincial directors will receive a monthly allowance from their headquarters.
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- (1) Make inventories of materials in warehouses.
- (2) Make inventory of telephone facilities, including offices, furniture and fixtures, stationary 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.

h. 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.
- (4) Make up and organize a Mutual Sickness Cash benefit arrangement as a temporary substitute for the existing before the Allied occupation which had its headquarters in Naples.
- (5) Wages and salaries shall be in accordance with wage policy established by ANMOT.
- (6) Arrange for contracts and proper economic treatment of personnel in charge of small agencies which operate on such a basis.
- i. Miscellaneous.
- (1) Transportation facilities shall be provided as required to facilitate restoration and maintenance of telephone service.

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- (2) Require rapid reconstruction of central office building such as the one at Palermo which has been damaged.
- (3) Make agreements or contracts as required between S.E.T. and specialized construction and maintenance organizations.
- (4) Make agreements or contracts as required between S.E.T. and other pole line and wire using organizations such as telegraph and railroads.
- (5) Arrange for S.E.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.E.T. to Allied military organizations and prepare billing in accordance with current rates.
- (7) 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.

For the Chief Civil Affairs Officer:

*Charles M. Spofford*  
CHARLES M. SPOFFORD  
Colonel, G. S. C.  
Chief Staff Officer.

COPIES TO: 15 Army Group,  
G.S.C. Postbase,  
G.S.C. T.B.S.  
Adj. S. C. A. G.  
MES, AFM

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SUBJECT: Civilian Telephone Connections,  
Request for.

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AMGOT HQ, SICILY

TO : Communications Officer.

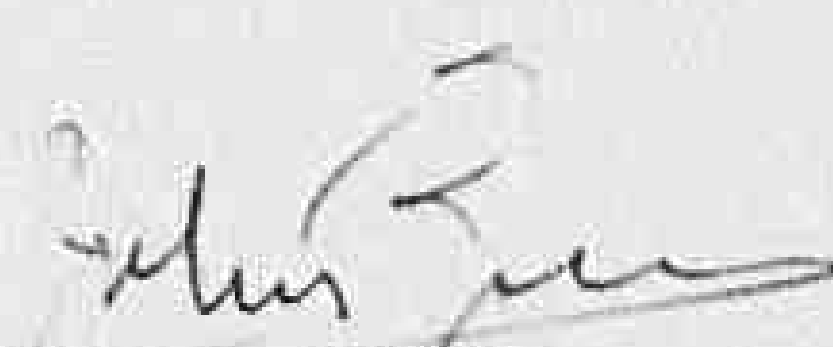
23 Sept. 1943

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1. It is requested that the following civilian business telephones, essential to operation of the sulphur industry, be connected for use:

- a. Ente Zolfi Siciliani (formerly Ente Zolfi Italiani)  
Via Principe Belmonte, 80  
Tel. Nos.: 15-317  
14-634
- b. Consorzio per i Magazzini Generale della Sicilia  
Via Roma, 194  
Tel. Nos.: 16-852  
12-910

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JOHN T. ZEIGARS,  
Colonel, Infantry,  
Acting Director Civilian  
Supply and Resources.

*John T. Zeigars*  
*Col. Zeigars*

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23 SEP 1943

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FROM FORTBASE

TO CAPT DAVIS ANGOT PALERMO

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FROM CSO. GRATEFUL IF YOU CAN TAKE OVER CATANIA AND

MESSINA CIVIL AUTO SWITCHBOARDS AS SOON

AS POSSIBLE. ADDRESS ALL FURTHER CORRESPONDENCE CSO NO. 1.

DISTRICT CATANIA

TN1 2131

SENT 0020 EBL

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Reconnection of Civilian Telephone  
Subscribers.

AMGOT/10027/TCU

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TO : Chief Signal Officer, Seventh Army. 22 Sept. 3

1. The following firm is being operated under the supervision of the Controller of Property Division of AMGOT and reconnection of their telephone is authorized.

2. Ente di Colonizzazione del Latifondo Siciliano  
Via Ruggieri Settimo  
Tel. 13308 e 13309

gld/tbw

L. D. DENMORE,  
Lt. Col., S.G.,  
Director of Transportation  
Communication and Utilities  
Division.

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*Ente di Colonizzazione del Latifondo Siciliano*  
ENTE DI COLONIZZAZIONE DEL LATIFONDO SICILIANO

*Palermo* 21 settem. 1943 *6*

UFFICIO DEL COMANDANTE GENERALE  
TELEGRAMMI: "L'ESPRESSO" - "L'ESPRESSO"  
TELEFONO: Direzione Generale ufficio 101-102

QUARTIERE GENERALE  
DEL GOVERNO MILITARE ALLEATO  
PALERMO

*Per il*  
*Allegato*

*Allegato 1*  
*Allegato 2*

ARGOMENTO Uso telefoni

*Richiesta di*  
*Capit. Bordonaro*

Per imprescindibili necessità di funzionamento di questo Ente si prega di volere esaminare benevolmente la possibilità di autorizzare lo sblocco dei seguenti apparecchi telefonici urbani :

n.13308 e 13309 (uffici dell'Ente di Colonizzazione del Latifondo Siciliano)  
*30 Via Ruggiera Settem.*

n.12181 (telefono del Commissario  
Cav. Lucio Tasca Bordonaro)  
*Monastero Villa Zama*

n.13070 (telefono del Vice Commissario  
Cav. Vincenzo Paravino)  
*via D'Adda (Palazzo)*

n.14828 (telefono del Capo Servizio  
Comm. Emanuele Coniglione)  
*via San Marco*

n.10784 (telefono del Capo Servizio  
Ing. Filippo Pasquini)  
*Forc. via Sant'Agata*

IL COMMISSARIO SPECIALE  
(Lucio Tasca Bordonaro)

*residence*

*via* COSTANTINO NERA 7

*[Signature]*

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Reconnection of Civilian Telephones,  
Palermo.

ASGOT/5077/C2

XI  
TO

: Signal Officer, Seventh Army.

21 Sept. 3

1. It is requested that the following civilian telephone be reconnected for service because of the importance of maintaining constant contact with electric power supply:

The Generale Elettrica della Sicilia  
Via Giacomo Cusmano, 46  
Telephone No. 14401

2. Your assistance will be required in assuring that the S.E.T. complete this reconnection as rapidly as possible.

*Law/tbw*

L. D. DENSMORE,  
Lt. Col., S.E.,  
Director of Transportation,  
Communications and  
Utilities Division.

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Subject: Telephone Directory Amendments

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AMEOT HQ, SICILY

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21 Sep 43

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Communications Engineer,  
Industries and Resources Section,  
Civil Supply Division (Room 43):

Changes have to-day been made in the disposition of Finance Division officers at AMEOT HQ, necessitating changes in the telephone directory.

The entry for this Division should now read as follows:-

|             |                               | <u>Ext.</u> |
|-------------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Room No. 35 | CPI - Maj J.R. Knight         | 18          |
| Room No. 36 | CFO - Col A.P. Grafftey-Smith | 19          |
| Room No. 37 | Clarks -                      | 20          |
| Room No. 38 | DCFO - Lt-Col R.B. Menapace   | 21          |
| Room No. 1  | CRO - Lt-Col A.F. Cross       | -           |
|             | DCRO - Maj B.D. Nash          | -           |

*A.P. Grafftey-Smith*

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A.P. GRAFFTEY-SMITH,  
Colonel,  
Chief Finance Officer.

(5077) C-1386

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SIGNAL SECTION

21 SEPT, 1943

A.M.G. VIA BARI 2

PICK UP

21 SEPT, 1943

LT. LAWTON

6N7533

SOLDER, 50/50 WIPING

100 LB

6N2003

STEARINE FOR USE AS FLUX

50 LB

-LAST ITEM-

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Packed up and placed in Supply Room -  
Ground Floor 8 Via Bari  
Issued to SET thru Airba Supply

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G. Lee

Col. Lawrence

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REQUISITION

TO Signal Supply Officer, 1. S. S. No. Sheets: 1 No. of Sheets: 1  
 Requisition No. 43-2 Date 17 Sept. 43 Period Special  
 SHIP TO: Signal Officer, A. H. G., Via Para 9

Requisitioned by: (Show Signature, Rank, Organization, Destination. If Different from "Ship To" include Address):

APPROVED BY:

J. EDWARD LEVIE  
 Capt. S. S.

L. S. LEVIE  
 Lt. Col. S. S.

| Stock No.                                                                                                                                                             | ARTICLE                                                             | Unit     | On Hand & Due | Required                    | Approved |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|---------------|-----------------------------|----------|
| (N) 522<br>1. S. S.                                                                                                                                                   | Solder, wiping, for lead telephone cables                           | LB<br>16 | 0             | 110 @ .25<br><del>200</del> |          |
| (N) 513<br>2. S. S.                                                                                                                                                   | Steaming, for use as flux in wiping joints in lead telephone cables | LB<br>16 | 0             | 50 @ .09                    |          |
| <p><u>Notes:</u></p> <p>All items required to restore and protect civil telephone communication circuits being used in the conduct of Allied Military Government.</p> |                                                                     |          |               |                             |          |

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