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SUBJECT: Communications for the Italo-French Frontier.

TO : G-2 (CI-111) Section, AFHQ, APO 512, US Army.

1. This frontier is 607 kilometers in length with nine pre-war crossing points:

- a. Frejus tunnel (rail)
- Monginevro (road)
- Ventimiglia (rail)
- Grimaldi (road)
- S. Dalmaso (rail and road)
- Piana (rail and road)
- Colle la Madalena (road)
- Moncenisio (road)
- Piccolo S. Bernardo (road)

2. Assuming that Turin will be the main headquarters of this section, the following situation is seen, as regards distances from the most important posts to headquarters.

- a. Frejus to Turin - 148 kilometers
- Monginevro to Turin - 169.7 kilometers
- Ventimiglia to Turin - 307 kilometers
- Grimaldi to Turin - 307 kilometers

b. In addition, one sees the distance from Turin to either Aosta or Turin will serve to complicate rapid communication and centralization of control, i.e.:

- (1) Turin to Aosta - 201.4 kilometers
- (2) Turin to Como - 273 kilometers

c. See attached map for detailed information.

3. Lateral road communication between the frontier posts is impossible due to the mountainous terrain with the exception of a road that goes between Mount Cenisio and Clavieres.

a. All other roads pass back and forth across the frontier into French territory.

4. The efficient utilization of telephonic communication between frontier control posts and Turin remains to be seen. It is quite possible however, that telephonic communications will be the feasible

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approach to this problem. Certain Signal Corps equipment and personnel could help solve this problem, since past experience in this theater has indicated an ever present lack of organic parts for any type of communication equipment.

a. Telephonic communication between Turin and Como should be easier to arrange, and at the outset no problem is envisaged in this line.

b. In addition, no doubt, No. 2 District will set up a set of Army signals that could be utilized by this section, if so permitted.

5. Since this section will be working in a British area, necessarily this section will be dependent on the British for proper functioning of communication and supply.

a. A prior arrangement in this connection with No. 2 District would seem feasible and necessary for future operation.

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