

Section 5. Transit traffic.

The traffic normally handled over direct radiotelegraph circuits shall be restricted to traffic originating in and destined for the countries between which the circuits are operated. This does not preclude the use of such circuits as "voies de secours" in emergency. Transit traffic may be handled over direct radiotelegraph circuits in any case where it is agreed that it would otherwise be subject to excessive delay.

ARTICLE II. TELEGRAPH RATES

Section 6. Ceiling rates.

(i) The ceiling rate between the United States on the one hand and the countries of the British Commonwealth on the other shall be 30 cents or 1s. 6d. per ordinary full rate word.

(ii) The ceiling rate between the United States on the one hand and the countries of the British Commonwealth on the other shall be 20 cents or 1s. per word for code (CDE) telegrams.

(iii) For categories of telegrams charged at lower rates, the existing international proportions of the ordinary rate shall be maintained.

(iv) These arrangements shall not involve any increase in existing rates.

Section 7. Press rates.

(i) The ceiling rate for Press traffic between the United States and the countries of the British Commonwealth shall be 6-1/2 cents or 4d. per ordinary word. No rate already below this ceiling of 6-1/2 cents or 4d. per word shall be increased.

Note:

The existing Press rate within the British Commonwealth of 1d. per ordinary word may be extended to press traffic between the countries of the British Commonwealth and any other country.

Section 8. Terminal and transit charges.

(i) The terminal and transit charges for traffic to which the ceiling rate of 30 cents or 1s. 6d. per ordinary full rate word applies shall be uniform.

(ii) For the purposes of applying these charges countries shall be classified in two categories, as follows:

(a) Countries of extensive area, such as Canada, Australia, India, South Africa, and the Continental United States.

(b) All other countries.

(iii) For traffic to which the ceiling rate applies, the terminal and transit charges for an ordinary full rate word shall be:

(a) A terminal charge of 4 cents or 2½d. for countries in category (a) and 2-1/2 cents or 1½d. for countries in category (b).

(b) A transit charge of 3-1/3 cents or 2d. for countries in category (a) and 1-2/3 cents or 1d. for countries in category (b).

(iv) Terminal and transit charges for other classifications of traffic shall be proportional to the charges collected.

(v) No terminal or transit charge shall exceed the charges prescribed in paragraphs (iii) and (iv) above. Subject to this provision, existing terminal and transit charges at rates below the proposed new ceiling shall be maintained pending review by the interested parties.

(vi) Terminal and transit charges shall be regarded as payments for services rendered. The terminal charges are payable for traffic originating in or destined for a country. The transit charges are payable for traffic carried