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1 telephone call

F: communication téléphonique

S: comunicación telefónica

The interconnection of two telephone stations.

2 call request

F: demande de communication

S: petición de comunicación

The first application made by the caller for a telephone call is called the call request.

In automatic service, the operation of the dial (or key-set) by the caller to obtain a call with his correspondent is comparable to the call request.

3 telephone message

F: conversation téléphonique

S: conferencia telefónica

An effective call over a connection established between the calling and the called stations.

4 telephone circuit (international or trunk circuits)

F: circuit téléphonique (international ou interurbain)

S: circuito telefónico (internacional o interurbano)

4.1 The whole of the facilities whereby a direct connection is made between two exchanges (manual or automatic) is called a telephone circuit.

4.2 A circuit is called an international circuit when it directly connects two international exchanges in two different countries.

4.3 The term *trunk circuit* is reserved for the designation of exclusively national circuits.

Note - The above definitions relate solely to the use of the terms in operational procedures, no matter how the circuits are actually made up.

5 international exchange

F: centre international

S: central internacional

The exchange (at the end of an international telephone circuit) which switches a call destined to or originating from another country.

¹) The word "international" is applied to any relation between countries whether those countries are in the same continent or not.