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US REPORT.

US CIPHER MESSAGE
THFOLIO NO: 03016
6 JAN. 44
TOD: 1420/06
TOR: 0028A/07

FROM: SEAS FROM HOOVER
TO: FOR ACTION ALL ALLIED CENSOR CONTROL OFFICERS AS
FOLLOWS: AMGOT HQ MESSINA FOR LT. SHEPSTON FOR LT.
STONIER. AMGOT HQ CATANBARO FOR LT. STORA. AMGOT
HQ COSINZA FOR LT. LEXXESH. AMGOT HQ LECCE FOR LT. DURATOLO
AMGOT HQ TARANTO FOR LT. CARPENTI. FATIMA FOR COLV. S FOR
CAPT. ATELLO. FILLOT FOR DICKSON FOR LT. GARZARELLI. FILLOT
FOR AMGOT HQ VIA COUNTER TO AMGOT HQ M/GYON 2 MATERA FOR LT.
UNSTO. PDS FOR AMGOT HQ BALEMPO FOR CAPT. LOMBARDI AND LT. COZZI.
FILLOT FOR AMGOT HQ POTENZA FOR LT. DELLARIA FAHER FOR STEVENS FOR
RAZZARINI. AMGOT HQ TRAPANI FOR LT. VERLIERE. AS T HQ MESSINA
FOR LT. SHEPSTON AND LT. FIDELI. AMGOT HQ EXIMORE FOR LT. LEAL.
AMGOT HQ CATANTISREYA FOR LT. LA OTRANTO. AMGOT HQ CATANIA FOR
LT. HINDKAY AMGOT HQ GAGLIAR SARDINIA FOR LT. ROBERTO.

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4, PARS TO REGION 2 AND POTENZA ACTIONSAC. 0510A/07
TT. 0540A/07 BK

1 Copy Region II for Matera

1 Copy Region II for Potenza

C.S.Q. Atoms for Maj. N/A required. You saw the news AFHQ circled by. including
of ships with chemical weapon cargo on board. It even from some incident. C.B.

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TELEGRAM OUT

TO: TRIPAWA

FROM: AMG 15 ARMY GROUP

Orig. No. PA 653

28. Dec

FOR HEMA FROM LUSH (.) NO repeat NO foundation known for story
referred your 5386 of 24 Dec (.) You may use my name in denial

If this message is liable to be
intercepted it should be sent in
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PRIORITY.....INP

.....Lt. Col.

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SUBJECT:- Subversive Literature and
Enemy Propaganda.

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

AMG Fifth Army
AMG Eighth Army *Given to G.A. Bureau*

AMG/8/1
10th November 43

I am directed by Major General The Lord Rennell to
enclose a copy of H.Q. 15 Army Group memorandum 15AG/1402/3,
C(1b) dated 7th November 43 on Subversive Literature and
Enemy Propaganda for your information.

DGP/ECB

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DGP
Major,
Military Assistant to
Chief Civil Affairs Officer

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7 NOV 1943
SUBJECT: Subversive Literature and Enemy Propaganda

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

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1549/1402/10(10)

7th November 1943

TO: Information and Censorship Section
AFHQ, APO 512, U.S. Army (Attn: Col. McChrystal)

1. Reference is made to your memorandum of 21 October 43, a copy of which is attached.
2. Before Lt. Col. McCrever left this HQ, there were several conversations between him and the counterintelligence and security branch on the subject of controlling the Axis published propaganda and various types of subversive literature which may be found in occupied territory. An agreement on principle was reached, summarized as follows:
 - (a) Anything to do with subversion among the civilian population and enemy propaganda within the area occupied by our forces is properly the function of C.I.C. and F.S.P. They should and do seek out literature and documents likely to further the enemy's efforts in this direction.
 - (b) The subject is a delicate one, involving many decisions on borderline cases as well as the reaction upon or assistance to our censorship and propaganda programs. For this reason local liaison in and should be effected with representatives of Information and Censorship.
 - (c) Both our own and the Axis propaganda is controlled on such high levels and is carried on over such wide territories that ideal liaison is not really equipped to make decisions on policy of seizure and suppression, especially since C.I.C. and F.S.P. are action agencies and not policy forming agencies.
 - (d) Generally speaking, press censors are responsible for censoring anything put out for the consumption of civilians, including communiques, civilian newspapers, radio programs, and various types of publications. They have special policy guidance controlled by IAC AFHQ for this purpose.
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(f) Information and Censorship controls both press censors and information (or propaganda) agencies. It is believed that close cooperation between the two agencies could produce a prescribed list of publications, pamphlets, books, etc., likely to be found for sale or distribution in occupied territory. Such a list though necessarily incomplete would be immensely helpful and valuable in supplementing the efforts of C.I.C./F.S.P. and AID officers to whom this HQ would supply it.

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3. Lt. Col. Hoover stated that he would take the question up with Information and Censorship to ascertain the possibility of instituting the action discussed. It is believed that such a concerted attack of the problem would accomplish better results than are at present possible.

4. Your comments in the light of the matter contained herein would be appreciated.

W. J. Gibson, Jr. CL

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

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Copy to: AMB HQ 15 Army Group.

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BJEOT:- P.W.D. Activities.

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L.M.G. Fifth Army.
A.M.G. Eighth Army.

30th October 1943.

1. Copy of letter from M.G.S., A.F.H.Q. (ref MGS-461) dated 22nd October 1943 is forwarded.
2. Will you please render the representatives of P.W.D. every assistance when they visit your area.

A.M.G.
15 Army Group,
C.M.F.
RUP/SCM

TO
THORNTON THORNTON
R. J. P. THORNTON
Colonel
Senior Staff Officer

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28 OCT 1943

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Military Government Section

22 October 1943

MGIS-461

SUBJECT: P.W.B. Activities

TO : Hq., AMG, CMF
Hq., AMG, 15 Army Group ✓

The following information has been received from PWB regarding their future activities in Italy.

1. The possibility of most radio stations being destroyed has been appreciated and the Publications Department has, therefore, been enlarged. A party of four officers and twelve EM from PWB Publications Department is shortly being sent to Italy to act as distribution agents for PWB publications.

2. The general directive given to the PWB party from the Publications Department is to provide entertainment and informative reading material as a carrier for PWB propaganda. Posters, hand-outs, etc. will be mainly appeals to self-help and normality as a necessary step in the fight against "the common enemy." A disintoxication of Nazism will be carried on by irony and ridicule and by the exploitation of cartoons, humorous pictures, etc. The endeavor will be made to impress the Italians with the sobriety of the Allied war aims by factual reporting of the world at war. Whilst encouraging self-help, the powers of the Allies to give aid will be made clear. No political parties will be supported. Concrete manifestations of the four Freedoms will be stressed as they occur in Italy.

3. You are requested to communicate to local AMG officers knowledge of the presence of this party and of their operations, and to direct them to afford the party cooperation in the development of this project. In this connection, it should be noted that PWB are anxious to obtain any suggestions from AMG regarding propaganda.

[Signature]
D. S. JACKLING
Lt. Col.

cc: AMG (P)
HQ AC

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