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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
POLITICAL SECTION
APO 394

Ref 243

8 August 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: G-5, Allied Force Headquarters
Copies to: British Resident Minister, U. S. Political Advisor.
SUBJECT: Italian Government Broadcasts to Italian Prisoners of War.

The Italian Government have approached P.W.B. with a request that facilities should be given to them to make weekly broadcasts to Italian prisoners of war in Germany, the United States and the various territories of the British Commonwealth and India where they are held. The purpose of these broadcasts will be to maintain the morale of the Italian prisoners, to eradicate the feeling that they have been forgotten by the Italian Government and to let them know of the changes which have been going on in Italy. It is proposed that the broadcasts should be made by leading personalities beginning with the High Commissioner for Prisoners, General Gazzera, and including the Prime Minister and other members of the Cabinet.

From the point of view of the Allied Control Commission there is obviously advantage in this proposal politically provided that satisfactory arrangements can be made for vetting the speeches before they are broadcast. There are some one to two million Italian prisoners abroad and the question of their assimilation after the war will in any case be a difficult problem. These Italian prisoners are likely to be all the more embittered and hard to handle if they return with the feeling that they have been abandoned by the present Italian Government during their confinement. In addition the fate of these prisoners is one which is closely followed by a large section of the Italian public. The Italian Government would therefore gain in standing in Italy should it become known that they were making this effort to show their interest in Italian prisoners.

At the same time it is fully realized that each individual broadcast must be more carefully vetted before it is made and in the event of the Italian request being authorized, it is proposed that a committee should be formed for the purpose of scrutinizing each broadcast consisting of representatives of the following organizations: P.W.B. Censorship, Allied Control Commission (Political Section, Prisoners of War Subcommittee, and P.R.O.). A sample of the kind of messages which the Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War would wish to send to Italian prisoners interned in Germany, as the first broadcast in this series, is included.

It will be appreciated if an early decision can be reached whether the Italian request and our proposed method of scrutiny of speeches is approved.

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Copies of this Memorandum have been sent to Mr. Alexander Kirk and Sir Noel Charles, as well as to F.W.B.

Harold Caccia
Vice President

(Translation)

OUTLINE OF RADIO MESSAGE
TO BE SENT TO PRISONERS OF WAR INTERNED IN GERMANY

In this hour full of hope for total victory but in which you are still because of German barbarity cut off from all contact, the voice of your Italian Fatherland, wishing to speak to you openly, tries to reach you if only in a faint echo.

Your situation is known to us. This says everything without need of adding that it wrings our hearts and lines our faces. We are trying everything to have recognized on your behalf the rights of prisoners, or at least the most elementary rights of man.

The goal has not yet been reached but we shall not on this count cease insisting with all the means at our command so that you, condemned by catastrophic events to an undeserved imprisonment after having been confronted with an agonizing dilemma, should cling desperately to the weapons of the spirit which you never laid down.

For your deperate resistance your native land will always consider you among its finest sons, fighting in the worst trenches.

cc: Col. Campbell,
N.M.D. S/c

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GENERAL ORLANDO CMA MINISTER OF WAR FOR ITALIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF
THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE COULD BE TRANSMITTED PARCEL TO FREEDOM FROM FATIMA REAR
SIGNED MACFARLANE PARCEL QUOTE TO COL PETTINAU AND COL RITA CMA CAMP MANELLI
FOR ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR IN USA PD I WISH TO EXTEND MY WARM GREETINGS
FOR A HAPPY EASTER TO YOU AND ALL ITALIAN POW IN USA PD SIGNED MINISTER
ORLANDO UNQUOTE

AUTHENTICATED:

FRANK J. SLAUGHTER,
Captain, AGD
Deputy Secretary General.

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6th. April. 1944.

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FREEDOM REPEATED HEADQUARTERS A.A.I

BADOGGIO HAS REQUESTED ME TO ALLOW HIM TO BROADCAST TO ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR ON
EASTER SUNDAY PD PAREN TO AFHQ FROM FATIMA FROM MACFARLANE PERSONAL PAREN HIS PROPOSED
TEXT CONTAINS NOTHING CONTENTIOUS AND IS QUITE HARMLESS PD I HAVE APPROVED IT AND AM
ARRANGING FOR THE BROADCAST TO BE MADE FROM NAPLES RADIO PD BADOGGIO HAS REQUESTED THAT
HIS MESSAGE BE REBROADCAST FROM LONDON OWING TO THE LIMITED SCOPE OF NAPLES RADIO PD
I HAVE REFERRED THIS REQUEST TO FWD WHO WILL TAKE IT UP IF APPROVED BY AFHQ WITH
BBC

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NOEL MASON MACFARLANE.
Lieutenant-General.
Chief Commissioner.



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April 3

The Chief of the Government

Dear General:

For Easter I would like the prisoners^{to} hear my voice.

Naturally, I would deliver the speech which I enclose through the radio of Naples, but it would be the London radio which would have to broadcast it.

Please inform me if you have any objections.

Cordially yours,

/s/ Badoglio

Political Section

Any comments?

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Mr. Caccia: Marshall Badoglio will record his speech at 10:30 Friday Apr 7. It will be played, according to present plans, simultaneously from Italy, London & New York at 1300 hours Sunday.

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la mia voce ai prigionieri -
Naturalmente pronuncerei il
discorso, che vi mandò, alla
radio di Napoli; ma sarebbe
la radio di Londra che
dovrebbe trasmetterlo -

Disemi se avete nulla
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DEAR COMRADES-IN-ARMS ON LAND, ON THE SEA, IN THE SKY:

Your old Marshal is speaking to you, with the affection of the old soldier for his younger co-militants so far in space, but always so close to his heart. And he speaks to send to all of you whom the misfortune of our Fatherland now keeps far from the native soil, in the name of all the Italians, the most Cordial Easter Wishes. Wishes for an Easter which means hope for us, who are inspired by the sure faith in the Victory and in the rapid reconstruction of our country, to which we all--you among the first--have offered and want to continue to offer the best that is in us.

Here in the Fatherland, we know well the aspirations of your spirit, the intensity of your affections, the just impatience within you, and we can fully realize your moral sufferings. I know-we all know--that you have done your duty bravely under the most difficult circumstances, sometimes tragic; We know that you have been almost forgotten for a long time when it seemed that something more should have been done for you. However, under the difficulties of every sort in which our country is struggling, fully intent to give its maximum support to the co-belligerency on the battle front and behind the lines, while it seeks to heal with the help of the Allies some of its deepest wounds, I assure you that every effort is now being made on the part of the government of His Majesty the King to ameliorate your conditions, to regain for you as completely as possible your individuality as Italian soldiers, to give you the certainty that you are always our beloved sons, in whom we recognize ~~the~~ unfortunate combatants, proven by the long anguish of separation, and who will find upon the day of their return the comfort for their sufferings in their beloved families.

The Fatherland will still be in need of your work, but I know that in the thanks to your firm will, your energies have improved, your aims have become clarified, your experiences have been extended and deepened.

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In reply refer to:
PS/16.2
DCC 383.6

10 June 1944

OSH 346
11 JUN 1944

SUBJECT: Parcels for Italian POW in Germany and French North Africa
TO : The Civil Censorship Officer, Palermo

Reference the letter transmitted by you to this Commission on behalf of M. George Kuhns of the International Red Cross, will you please pass the enclosed reply to him, and inform him that a copy has also been sent to the I.R.C. delegate for Italy, Dr. Burkhardt.

1 Incl:
Ltr, DCC ACC,
No. DCC 383.6, 10 Jun 44

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

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11 JUN 1944

10 June 1944

DCG 383.6

SUBJECT: Parcels for Italian POW in Germany and French North Africa

TO : M. Georges Kuhne, International Red Cross delegate for Sicily,
Palermo

1. Reference your letter of 30 May forwarded to this Commission by the Civil Censorship Officer at Palermo.

2. While fully appreciative of the humanitarian motives which have prompted your excellent plan for the forwarding of parcels to the Italian prisoners of war in Germany and French North Africa, and while sympathizing sincerely with the men placed in these unfortunate circumstances, it is regretted that the export of items of food and clothing cannot at the moment be permitted from any part of Italy or the Italian island possessions.

3. It is common knowledge that food and clothing are being imported into this country because the quantities available locally are below that essential to life. While this is the case, exports of these items cannot be allowed.

4. It is suggested that the possibility of making up parcels in areas outside this theatre might be explored by your Committee; it is understood that some such arrangement has already been under consideration by members of the International Red Cross, and it would appear to offer a practicable solution to this urgent and difficult problem.

HARRY W. STINE

Captain, USNR

Deputy Chief Commissioner

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cc: Dr. F. Burkhardt, I.R.C. delegate for Italy,
38 Via Tasso, Naples
M.C.S., A.F.M.C.

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TRANSLATION

No. 117 - 29 Mar 44 - Sgt Sorisi

MINISTRY OF WAR

P.M. 107, 27 March 1944

File No. 3797/II

Dear Commander,

My thanks for your letter dated 24 March, and I assure you that the matter referring to packages for Italian Prisoners of War corresponds exactly to the agreements already made with General MacFarlane, as follows:

Supplies shall be sent boxed to the Italian Military Mission in care of Allied Headquarters in Algiers, which shall distribute them among the various concentration camps;

The above supplies shall not include food or clothing, but only books, newspapers, magazines and articles of personal use, such as shaving brushes, soap, safety razors, razor blades, tooth paste, etc.

If some civilians have brought parcels to the Post Office this is certainly due only to personal initiative, since this Ministry has not issued to any of these offices either orders or information on the subject.

This Ministry will clarify the situation in this matter.

As for the censoring of books, magazines and newspapers we have already contacted the Army Control Sub-Commission (AMIA) Of Lequile, which has been informed of the location of collection centers, and of whom has been requested the censorship and supervision of the articles to be put into the parcels.

In regard to air transport, this Ministry has already sent an officer to Bari in order to discuss the matter with the Air Sub-Commission (Air Commodore Foster).

Cordially yours,

/s/ Gen Orlando

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To: Ellery W. Stone
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner
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In reply refer to:
DCC 383.6

24 March 1944

Subject: Parcels for Italian Prisoners of War

Dear General Orlando:

There has been some confusion over the permission given to you by Lt. Gen. MacFarlane to send parcels to the Italian Prisoners of War in North Africa. Apparently this has been interpreted as a permission for personal parcels to be sent to individual prisoners, and some parcels have been handed into Post Offices for transmission. This was not intended.

The permission given is for a bulk carriage of gift parcels for the Italian Prisoners of War in North Africa to be made from any suitable place in Italy to the Italian Liaison Mission in Algiers for distribution by them. The parcels may not contain any food or clothing, and will normally be restricted to books, pamphlets, newspapers and similar material. They will not be addressed to individual persons.

All arrangements for collection, transportation and distribution will be made by the Italian authorities, the transportation being made by Italian planes up to a maximum of one plane a fortnight (for the first journey three planes are permitted), authorization for the journeys being obtained from the Air Sub-Commission (Air Commodore Foster), subject to operational availability.

It will be necessary to arrange for Allied censorship on the consignments; if you will let me know where the parcels are being collected, this will be arranged.

Yours very truly,

HARRY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

His Excellency General Taddeo Orlando
The Under-Secretary of State for War
Italian Government

cc: Air Sub-Commission
Army Sub-Commission
Telecom & Posts Sub-Commission
Censorship Liaison Officer

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C O P Y

Subject: Easter Parcels for Italian PW in NORTH AFRICA

Army Sub Commission, ACC
Main HQ (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
AQ/14/5
23 Mar 44

Air Sub Commission
Allied Control Commission, BARI

Copy to: Adv HQ, Army Sub Commission, ACC
SALERNO
Ministry of War

1. The Italian Minister for War, General ORLANDO has initiated a scheme for sending Easter parcels to Italian PW who are still in N. AFRICA. As he attaches high political and moral importance to the scheme, Minister is taking a personal interest in its development; the scheme has been approved in principle by the Chief Commissioner, A.C.C. (see ref.)
2. On arrival in N. AFRICA the parcels will be distributed to the various camps under arrangements to be made by General CASTELLANO's Mission in ALGIERS.
3. The most urgent requirement is Air Transport. The Ministry of War have stated that if they could have the use of one S - 82 plane per week, starting immediately, the parcels could be ferried across in time for Easter.
4. The Ministry of War states that an Italian Officer has already been nominated to make preliminary enquiries with you, and the Ministry for Air as to the availability of aircraft.

This letter is written to endorse the application for the weekly plane and to request you to give every consideration to the matter; it is realised that operational demands on the Italian machines are great

N. B. ref att. (note in pencil)

S/S/ F. J. NOAM

Lt Col for Brig 3331
Army Sub Comm, ACC

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1 March 1944

Memo to: Colonel Monfort.

The following cable was telephoned here from Salerno by Captain Slaughter on Captain Stone's instructions;

"General Orlando visiting Salerno today by road. Wishes to see Chief Commissioner regarding gift parcels for Italian POW in North Africa. Chief Commissioner has heard of project. Revised proposals stand 170,000 parcels containing 1/2 the food originally proposed. Transport by Italian planes to North Africa. Distribution by Italian Liaison Mission in conjunction with Red Cross. Recommend acceptance. Wants to send two plane-loads of books and one plane-load of newspapers and also one plane-load of newspapers fortnightly afterward. Will you arrange appointment with Chief Commissioner or Deputy Chief Commissioner."

The cable reached the Salerno office from 94 Sub-Area, who said they received it from 71 Sub-Area (Brindisi), but no originator was indicated. I have asked Captain Slaughter to have 94 Sub-Area service the message to see who actually originated it.

It is expected that General Orlando will arrive at Salerno between 5 and 6 tonight. Captain Stone desires to know whether the General wishes him to handle the whole matter or whether the General wishes to make an appointment to see General Orlando tomorrow. Please let me know as soon as possible so that I can telephone Captain Stone.

R. E. D.

*To Gen. Mac Farlane
It is not known who originated
message (probably Hurschene)
Suggest Stone handle with
Orlando and tell him the
answer is No*

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*Food NO.
Books + newspapers
Subject to clearing
and aircraft
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*NE 71
Capt. Stone advised
12.30 hrs*

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