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PUBLIC RELATIONS
OCT. 1944-SEPT. 1945

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- (1) En. Com's Office.
- (2) P.R.O.

I agree with Mr. Jones' comment. I suppose we sh^d, as a matter of courtesy, pass on a copy of Dr. Smolenski's letter to the St. John's. — but it goes against the grain!

2. You have indicated by your own P.R.O.'s letter 307/PRB of Sept. 20th. to En. Com.

21/12/77

HZ. Ver. II.

Alfred
 HZ. Ver. II (RV).

93-102

Selene

Pl see 97. 101

Si 13/9

Seen by Ex. Com. 13/9.
CHOR.

102.

Min Newell

Can you ~~has~~ handle
106. by see C.C. writer.
to writ- by P. R. de
Ward was so direct
to P.R. 15/9.

108

Pol. 108
Pol. 108

I should be grateful for your comments on folio 106.

Can you handle
106. by see C.C. write
to write for Polack. V. case
David has to direct
to PRO
by 15/9.

108

~~Polack~~ (X)
~~Polack~~ (X)

I should be grateful for your comments on folios 106.

109. JCA. 6.11

19.12.45

PRO: I suggest AC reply directly to Smolleson pointing out that Allied military authorities do not exercise political censorship in Italy; that since Barr is in Italian Govt. territory we have transmitted a copy of his letter to the Italian Govt. for whatever action it may deem appropriate.

J. Welby Jones
Pol. Ad. (Am)
Sept. 21/45

86

Exline.

you appear to suggest for the
copy printing of 100,000 copies
of this Review. The cost of which will be
below \$20000 due to using PWB paper.
H. 31/7

(2)

87

CFA

Any comments?

Tis/31/70

88

Ex Comm.

As we are in fact getting 200000
copies for 2 million lire, we are not
doing badly. I would approve the
transaction

89 aps 1/11

Approved 12/11

1479

Tis/31/40

88

Ex Comm.

As we are in fact getting 2000000
copies for 2 million lire, we are not
doing badly. I would approve the
transaction

89 all 1/11

Approved 12/18

26

6.12

Excl 95 for information

DD/6/5

10-99

98

1 C.S.O.

Tobias 17 for the info of the Ex Com with
reference to his mem at 14.

8 Sep 45

M. Tobey S/Comd

SA,

77.

Executive Commissioner.

To see folio 76 for information.

12/5/45.

SS
CSO

See by Secret

13/17

80

Ex. Com.

79 for information. 778 (14/17)

14/17

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Executive Committee

Folio 81 for information.

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Ex. Comm.

79 for information: 778 (1417)

8/14/73

82
Executive Committee

7012 81 for information.

6.11
C.S.O.

10/2/45

778/514

84

C.S.O. 83 for info.
31 July 45

A. P. S. by J. P. C. and

1482

44

Executive Commissioner:

To see 43, please.

L.T. Montant Jr.
Capt, AGD



Est Sec, 22 Feb.

47

Deputy Exec Commr:

To see folio 46 -- "Request for permission to prepare and publish a pamphlet reviewing AC operations."

Do you wish to comment on the merit, etc., of this proposal before passing it on to the CC?


27 Feb.

48

Ex Commr.

Pl. see 46. This was discussed at
your meeting this morning, and you
approved subject to it being non-political.
CC should have seen.

St 2/3.

PRO

49

Seen by Ex Commr on behalf of CC. Will
you please carry on and produce a
draft?

St 3/3

Ex Com.

M. See 46. This was discussed at
your meeting etc. however, and you
approved subject to it being non-political.
CC should know see.

PRO

49
Seen by Ex Com on behalf of CC with
your plenary coming on and produce a
draft? § 3/3

6.15

Ex. Commission - 50

Draft underway 3/3

§ 3/3

C.S.O.

72.
Please see 71 for information.
11.4/6

40

Lot

Pr. Sec 39. Presumably you asked
for this. Is there any intention of
splitting the PRB in two as
referred to in last para?

Yes

P.A. 10/2

41

Establishments

Re four min 37. What is the current position? Feb 21 Feb.

42.
Chief Civilian Personnel Director (Maj. Caniffe):

To see 41 and reply, please...

15th Nov 1961
for Col. V.P.B.

Pr. Sec.
21 Feb

43

D. Cr. Com (Capt Montant)

Arrangements have been made between Mrs
Brown & Mar & Mrs G.W.I. to carry Mr. Ferris
income upon the P.W.B. payroll for an indefinite
period.

Establishments

Re four min 37. What is the current position? *for Col V.P.P.*
21 Feb.

42.
Mixed Civilian Personnel Director (Maj. Cundiffe);

To see 41 and reply, please...

for Col V.P.P.

43
P.A. Sec.

21 Feb

D. Cr. Com

(Capt Montfort)

Arrangements have been made between Mr Brown - Mr & Mrs C.M.I. to carry Mr Ferris home upon the P.W.B. payroll for an indefinite period. P.W.B. will make the necessary paper trans- for attaching Mr Ferris to Hq A.C. for duty with 5th Army AMG-CAC. He will continue his weekly reports to the Med. New Chief Mr Bennett, and will in addition make the necessary reports to Mr Brown. A letter is being drafted to AFH requesting he be recruited by USWD American Committee.

21 Feb 45

Attn: Mr. Personnel 35.
Director
(Major Cundiffe):

would you initiate necessary
(See 34.)

Action, please ...

W. Throulson,
for Col, DCBS,

2nd Sec.

2 Feb 44

36

Deputy C/S. Capt Montant

1. Major Fielden requested me to postpone action until he can take this matter up with 10/6/5
2. Mr Rock Ferris was order on 9 Jan 45 to AMG PRO Florence to report to Gen Home for duty. He was to cover activities of AMG unit & submit weekly report Meda. News Chief. (PWB thinks this is a temporary basis)

3. PWB will sign Mr Ferris to AC detail him to AC PRO for duty with AMG PRO but warns this could only last a short time because he is being released from PWB any day now for return to US, unless another agency will agree to pay him and take the responsibility for his return to the US.

4. Mr. Benjamin (PHD Personnel Officer) understands Gen. Home is trying to make the above arrangements.

7 Feb 45

JWm Cundiffe

37.

CO - 100-11111

RECEIVED
FEB 10 1944
OFFICE OF THE
DIRECTOR

over advances of AMG personnel.
Meda News Chief. (PWB thinks this is a temporary loan basis)
3. PWB will assign Mr Ferris to AC & detail him to AC PRO for duty with AMG PRO but warns this could only last a short time because he is being released from PWB any day now for return to US, unless another agency will agree to pay him and take the responsibility for his return to the US.
4. Mr. Thompson (PHD Personnel Officer) understands Gen. Home is trying to make the above arrangements.

7 Feb 45

JWM - Cundiffe

Mr. Thompson
Director

37.

Chief of Staff:

1. See memo to 36, above. 6:13
2. The matter of Mr. Ferris' assignment is being worked on, and you will be kept advised of progress.

W. J. J.

Thompson
for Col. OGB

Chief Commissioner

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✓ check & draft reply to Mr. Tizon
Taylor as you suggested. Richard Roya
Jan. 18

CG 167
JAN 19 1967

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CG Mr. Sec 30. Mr. Fern' must satisfy
"either be a member of PRRB
or not be there at all."

MS 3111

CG I agree. D.O. letter to DECATO. advise
him to put matter straight. MS 3111

* Spoke with CG. Let Section
to get Fern' in PRR Branch
We attached to S. Hwy.

EE 2/2

34

2. 2. 2. 2.

89 31/11

33

C80. I agree. D.O. letter to DECAD to advise him to put matter straight. MS/31/11

* Spoke with Capt. Sub Section to get 'Penny' in PR Branch. Was attached to 5 Army.

EC 2/2.

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Establishment

6.11

Re-assignment Rock Ferris. arrange to pick-up Mr Ferris and assign him to PRO and further attach to AMG-5th Army for duty (see min 32*)

Feb 2 Feb.

281

W.S.

By See 1 opposite Await the separate
minute - synoptically
MS/15/2
Spoke Plev 15 997
26/11/64
21/10

14. Chief Commissioners:

With reference to Banani at (10) please
read Major Fielden's note at (13). From this it
can be seen that there are two courses open to
your staff:-

- a) To draft a letter for your signature endorsing
the reasons of P.W.B. for not allowing the films
to be shown on
- b) To press to matter with P.W.B. with a view to
making them reconsider to allowing the have taken.

6.11

(16)

J.A. Quaglin

Think we are covered by
SAC's letter 1-5-64

read Major Fielden's note at (13). From this it can be seen that there are two courses open to your staff:-

- a) To draft a letter for your signature endorsing the reasons of P.W.B. for not shooting the films
- b) To press to make with P.W.B. with a view to making them reconsider to allowing any have taken.

6.11
J.A. Quayle
2.2.61

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Major Q
Think we are covered by
Section taken at JAC(TIP)'s meeting
on Film Industry
27/11

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CSO

Unless 21 passed through your hands incorrect channels have been followed.

20 Dec 61
Col. This was done because P.W.B. says Ken Co is in
expert. Do you wish to comment? 27/11/61
Ken - roughly & verbally
23/11/61

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*E.C.
Will you please handle?
92523*

cc 1720
SEP 11 1945
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSIONER

APO 394

PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

GSE/dp

R207/PRB

11 September 1945

SUBJECT: Extract from "Manifesto" and Complaint
from Yugoslav Delegation.

TO : Chief Commissioner

EC

Reference is to ~~your~~ Chief Staff Officer's memorandum 183/12/EC 28 August and to the attached letter of 10 September from Colonel Astley, PRO AFHQ.

You will note the Yugoslav Delegation has protested to PRO AFHQ and asked that punitive measures be taken against the weekly newspaper "Manifesto" of Bari.

You will note that Colonel Astley in his reply to the Yugoslav representative said that he was passing on the complaint to the Allied Commission inasmuch as there is no longer any military press censorship in this theater.

It is suggested that the advice of the Political Advisers be sought in this matter. Copies of this memorandum and the attachments are being sent to them.

PRB is of the opinion that the matter should be called to the attention of the Italian Government either through the Chief Commissioner's Office or through the two Embassies.

Depends on

6.11
Stewart Brown
G. STEWART BROWN
Director
Public Relations Branch

cc: Political Adviser (A)
Political Adviser (B)

*Mr Brown and when I called to
see him also a Mr. [unclear]
[unclear] 11/19/45*

(C.R. [unclear])

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H.Q. PUBLIC RELATIONS

Central Mediterranean Force

10 September 1945

2/PRS/33 SEP 11 1945

SUBJECT: Complaint by Yugoslav Delegation

TO : Mr. G. Stewart Brown,
Chief Public Relations Officer
Allied Commission,
ROME.

1. Reference our conversation of todays date (Stewart Brown-Astley), I am forwarding herewith the letter of complaint from the Acting Representative of Yugoslavia to the Advisory Council for Italy concerning the article published in "MANIFESTO" of 19 August '45.

2. Also attached for your information is copy of my reply. Further, I have written to the Secretariat to the Chief of Staff, AFHQ enclosing copy of the complaint which may be of some interest to Mr. Broad the Deputy Resident Minister.

(sgd)

P R ASTLEY
Colonel
DDPR

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COPY

10 September 1945

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Subject:- Article in Bari weekly newspaper,
"Manifesto".

2/PRS/33/

TO :- Acting Representative of Yugoslavia,
Jugoslav Delegation,
Advisory Council for Italy.

1. I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Pov.br.
1245/45 dated 30 August 1945 on the above subject.

2. It should be noted that the Chief Public Relations Officer,
AFHQ, is only concerned with matters affecting accredited Allied War
Correspondents and has no control of any sort over the Italian
Press.

It is further pointed out that all military press and
radio censorship was abolished in this theatre as from noon 7
September 1945.

3. Your letter has been passed to the Chief Public Relations
Officer, Allied Commission, for such action as he may deem it
advisable to take.

P.R. ATLEY
Colonel
Public Relations Officer
A.F.H.Q.

Copy to: -Mr. Stewart Brown
Chief PR Officer, AC, Rome.

6.15

JUGOSLAV DELEGATION
TO THE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY

COPY

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ROME, August 30 - 1945

Pov.br.1245/45

The Acting Representative of Yugoslavia to the Advisory Council for Italy presents his compliments to the Chief of Public Relations, Allied Force Headquarters and has the honour to state as follows:

1. Attached hereto is a copy of the Bari weekly newspaper "MANIFESTO" of August 19, 1945 which

(a) on its first page, under the title "Josip Broz detto Tito" (Josip Broz called Tito) published an exceptionally insulting and calumniating article against Yugoslavia;

(b) on its second page, under the title "I ragazzi raccontano" (The boys are talking) published an impertinent and indecent joke insulting the Serbian flag.

2. There is no doubt that such behaviour of this newspaper is a result of profascist activities aiming to provoke national hatred between Yugoslav and Italian peoples, which is against the interests of the United Nations.

3. Accordingly the Acting Representatives of Yugoslavia is entitled to request:

(a) that "Manifesto" be punished and suspended;

(b) that in future, as requested in our note of March 20, every article regarding Yugoslavia be submitted to rigorous military censorship for the purpose of preventing from any calumniating and insulting attacks on our country.

(c) that the above Yugoslav Representative be informed as to what steps Allied authorities intend to make thus enabling him to report to the Yugoslav Government.

signed ???????

The Chief of Public Relations,
Allied Force Headquarters.

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10 : LT RICHARD POLLARD PRO MILAN

5180

11 SEPTEMBER, 45

PRIORITY

SEP 12 1945

RESTRICTED PD

PAREN TO PRO MILAN FOR LT RICHARD POLLARD FROM BROWN PRB ALCOM PAREN
AP SAYS PRIVATE REYNOLDS OF YOUR OFFICE POSING AS QTN AC PRO OFFICER
QTN GAVE NEWS REGARDING SHOOTING EIGHT BRITISH SOLDIERS PD IF TRUE
PLEASE RELIEVE REYNOLDS IMMEDIATELY ALL DUTIES CONNECTION YOUR
OFFICE AND EXPEDITE HIS TRANSFER AUSTRIA OR RELEASE FROM AC PD

From: Public Relations Branch
478719

NICHOLAS PICOMBINO
CWO USA
ASST ADJUTANT

Info Copy : Exec Comm

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S. H. A. 102
13/9

(CSO)

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ALLIED [REDACTED] COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Extract from 'Manifesto'.

FILE No. R307/PRE

TO : Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner

8 Sept 1945
SEP - 8 1945

Reference your memorandum of 7 September 1945, Ref: 155/15/EC. 97
SEP 9 1945
FOW

Kindly be advised that your letter dated 3 September was answered yesterday, 7 September.

H. Paragoe
For the
Director
Public Relations Branch
6.15

(unfiled)

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ALLIED [REDACTED] COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Extract from "Manifesto".

FILE No. R507/PRE

7 Sept 1945

TO : Chief-Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner.

SEP - 7 1945

In reply to your memorandum of 3 September 1945, Ref: 183/15/20, no action was taken on the extract "Manifesto". While we agree it is unlikely to create a friendly atmosphere with Yugoslavia it must be remembered that there is no longer any censorship of the Italian Press.

The only action which could be taken, and I do not personally recommend it, is that the Allied Commission call the matter to the attention of the Italian Government.

Stewart Brown
C. STEWART BROWN
Director
Public Relations Branch

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(s/cdr Rooy)

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Ref: 183/16/SC.

Tel : 735

7 Sept 45

SUBJECT: Extract from 'Manifesto'.

TO : PRO.

956

A reply to 183/15/SC dated 3 September is requested please.

n. prooy.

Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

B/V

6.10.45

18/9
Noted
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
ESTABLISHMENT SECTION
APO 394

CMP/BJO/js

GIA/M134

5 September 1945

MEMORANDUM:

SUBJECT : Public Relations Branch -- Additional Staff for Distribution of AC/AMG Review.

TO : Office of the Executive Commissioner, Hq Allied Commission.

1. Reference your 9252/94/EC, dated 28 August 1945, and attached copy of letter No. 603/PRB, dated 27 August 1945.

2. Assistance in the way of space, equipment and personnel has been arranged as follows:

1 Officer	- 1st Lt HAROLD L. WHITE, 01313360, Inf
2 EM	- Pfc Abe A. Gorelick, 32875728
	- Pfc Hugh D. Gorman, 31386954
10 Civilian typists	- Will be furnished by G-1 Civilian Personnel
Typewriters	- Will be supplied by S-4 Section
Space	- 4 rooms on 4th floor IWA Building, entrance Via XXIII Marzo.

3. Lt. White has already reported to and is cooperating with Major Leacacos to effect intentions of Public Relations Branch.

C. M. Parkin

C. M. PARKIN
Col Inf
Actg Vice President

6.00

see 1796

(cc)

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95B

Ref: 183/15/20.

Tel : 735

3 Sept 45

SUBJECT: Extract from "Manifesto".

TO : WRO.

95A

The Executive Commissioner is anxious to know what action has been taken on memorandum 183/12/20 of 23 August 45 on the subject of an extract from 'Manifesto'.


To Chief Staff Officer,
Executive Commissioner.

6/20/45
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200 98
Noted

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95A

Ref: 183/12/EC

28 August 1945

SUBJECT: Extract from "Manifesto"

TO : PRB

File 183/EC
Passed to PRB

I am directed to pass to you the attached extract from the "Manifesto" for 19 August, which has been received from the A.C. Liaison Officer, Bari, with the following comment: "This extract from last Sunday's "Manifesto" proves the freedom of the Press. I think you will agree it is unlikely to create a friendly atmosphere amongst the Jugo Slavs."

1 Incl:
as above

M.P.
M. PROBY
Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner

See 95B

Product 1/9
3/2 3/9
PLH

See P106

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Tel: 735

Ref: 9252/94/EC.

28 August 1945.

SUBJECT: Public Relations Branch - Additional Staff for
Distribution of AC/AMG Review.

TO : Establishment Section. 93

I am directed to pass to you the attached copy of letter No. 603/PRB dated 27 August, and to request that you will take up with the Public Relations Branch the points raised in the last three paragraphs and report to the Executive Commissioner what action you are able to take in the matter.

MP
ph
Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

Incl:
as above

See 95
6530
9
Noted
PA
2/8

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

August 27, 1945

Ref. 603/DRB

AUG 28 1945

SUBJECT : Assistance

TO : Executive Commissioner

The Review of Allied Military Government and the Allied Commission in Italy should be off the presses within 10 days. At that time we shall be faced with a temporary problem of emergency proportions which we are not equipped to handle. It is the problem of distribution. There will be 100,000 copies in English and 100,000 copies in Italian.

Of the English edition at least 40,000 copies will be taken off our hands at once by the armed forces but we will have the task of sending out individual copies to hundreds of selected names and small bundles to a list of institutions etc.

There also will be a copy distributed to every member, past and present, of the Allied Commission. I suggest that the Adjutant of 2575 Regiment take care of the American distribution and G-1, British, of the British distribution.

On the Italian edition, we have planned for an immediate bulk disposal of 40,000, but there remains a mailing list of 40,000 plus additional hundreds of special cases.

We need help in the way of space, equipment and personnel for this rush job because the essence of the project is wide and quick distribution.

Specifically, we need one officer, preferably a lieutenant

See 94

(S) (Cano. P. 101)

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experienced in office administration, two enlisted men likewise experienced, and ten civilian typists. A large room would be necessary to work in plus the required number of typewriters. The job should take about two weeks.


G. STEWART BROWN
Director,
Public Relations Branch

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R307/PRB

18 August 1945

AUG 20 1945

Dear Lt. Severi:

I have investigated the possibility of your going to the United States on the Queen Mary and find it is impossible to arrange. I do think, however, that your idea is a good one and I am sorry it cannot be carried out.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Yours very truly,

ELERY W. STONE

ELERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Lt. I.A.F. Gilberto Severi
Via Gregoriana 12
Rome.

pa MP.

6.53

PA
21/8
B.8

Eden Hotel

13. VII. 45

Dear Brigadier,

I am just off to Athens and to hand the Priests diary to Captain Pio to bring to you, with its little introduction. If you think it useful and AC would print it, I'd be very glad. It needs three maps and a few statistics still.

I think Chatham House would like it, but I was thinking of speed and making it handy for AMG up in Venezia Giulia, right now, as they say. The Athens plane never came this morning. It got stuck in Marseilles with engine trouble, but I'm hoping for better luck tomorrow, with my kind regards. Yours sincerely,

Sylvia Spry

VP CTS mc. 198

P. R. O.

May 9 have your records to

150

I think Chas. and making it handy for add up in Venezuela Galle. right now, as only
 The Athens plane never came this morning. It got stuck in
 difficulties with engine trouble, but I'm hoping for better luck tomorrow.
 Yours sincerely,
 with my kind regards,

Sylvia Spriggs

Get from 9/13/8

VP C.A.S. inc. 198

P.R.O. May I have your views on

- (1) the value to V.G.
 - (2) propriety of our handling it.
- It is good reading and
 DS/10/8

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9252
4.
21/8. CSO. interesting, reading. I agree however with minutes 1 + 2 that it would not be proper for AC to publish. Please prepare acknowledgment for Brig back signature on return.

Avoidance of Delay was one of the chief factors which made Mrs S. able to go to print. I fear we have added to it - see date of last minute & the Please drop letter explaining regrettable to Mrs

Mr/31/2.

6.

Diary has been returned by hand to Mrs. Spragg today

2/9.
S.

6.5.53

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made use of
added to it - see date of last minute & the
Please draft letter explaining & reflecting to me
Mr. Blair.

6.

Diary has been returned by hand
to Mrs. Sprague today
S. J. G.
6.5.53

[Handwritten flourish]

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Vice President Civil Affairs Section

~~Days~~ ~~Chief of Staff~~

Executive Commissioners

As regards handling and printing the document
I have no experience or precedent to go on but
my personal opinion is that we should not
handle it.

I consider the diary would be of interest
to A.M.G. Venezia Giulia but I presume
we should not circulate it unless we must

17/8/45

M. Can Ray
V.P.C.A.S.

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Executive Commissioners:

- 1) Interesting and I should think of some value to U.G.
- 2) I do not think we should handle it. It would
tend to make views expressed seem those of U.G. and
further would set a precedent for publishing these kind
of study. This would be a new policy and I think not
a wise one. I have not been able to show it to Mr. Brown
J.G. Birge, Maj D/DPK. 20/8/45

A/Executive Commissioners Please see VPCAS & D/DPK's comments above 11

20/8/45

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Ref: 9252/90/20

2 August 1945

SUBJECT: Publication of PRB Review

TO : Public Relations Branch 95

1. Reference your 66/PRB dated 30 July 45. I am directed to inform you that approval has been given for the printing of an initial run of 100,000 copies of the PRB Review at an estimated cost of 2,000,000 lire.

2. The Chief Commissioner has noted and approves of the arrangement referred to in paragraph 4 of your letter.

B.P.

Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

GSB/cb

66/PRB

30 July 45

JUL 31 1945

SUBJECT: Publication of PRB Review

TO : Executive Commissioner, A.C. ✓

1. Authority is requested to proceed with publication of the Review of Allied Military Government and the Allied Commission in Italy, which has now been approved by the Chief Commissioner, AFHQ and Field Press Censors.

2. Arrangements are being made to obtain paper from PWB which should materially reduce the printing bill, now estimated to run in the neighborhood of \$20,000.

3. We would like to have an initial run of 100,000 copies. The British and American army educational services are interested in obtaining quite a number of copies.

4. We have arranged with U.S.I.S. to have an Italian edition of 100,000 copies printed free of charge.

Stewart Brown
G. STEWART BROWN,
Director,
Public Relations Branch

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(S) (Enc. Photo)

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EC
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

SUBJECT: Review of Allied Military Government
and Allied Commission in Italy.

27 July 1945.

JUL 30 1945

Dear Admiral

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With reference to your FRB/66 of 10 July and CC 9251 of 14 July and to my memo of 12 July authority to proceed with the issue of the above mentioned review is given. One small point arises on page 65 of the review with regard to the statement that the rations of the Italian soldiers were increased to 3700 calories a day. There are various ways of figuring the calorific value of rations. Using the scale adopted by the CCS, the value of the Italian ration is 3378 calories. In view of the fact that the British ration, using that scale, is less than 3700 calories and the U.S. ration approximately 3500 calories, there might be odious comparisons. It is desired that you either use the figure 3378, or better yet, an indefinite phrase such as "the rations of the Italian soldiers were increased to a calorific value which compared favourably with that of the Allied armies in Italy". The increase was definitely not the highest in Italian history.

Education Br. (G-1(B).A-5) and I & E (A) this Headquarters have confirmed that they can undertake distribution of the review to troops and, as an indication of numbers of copies required, I & E(A) state that at this time it would require approximately 5000 copies to provide for distribution to company level.

This section would like to have on hand a small stock of the publication to hand out to visitors and I should be glad if you would let this Section have 50 for that purpose.

Sincerely yours

A. L. HAMBLEY,
Brigadier General G.S.C.,
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone, USNR,
Chief Commissioner,
Headquarters, Allied Commission,
APO 394.

cc DIST - 30 July 45

ACTION : P.R.Br
INFO : CHIEF COMMR (orig)
EXEC COMMR

MSH to SC

(S/Comm Pres)

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CC 9251

14 July 1945.

JUL 16 1945

Dear Arch:

Thank you for your letter of 12 July in reply to my letter PRB/66 of 10 July forwarding a draft copy of A Review of Allied Military Government and the Allied Commission in Italy and requesting your clearance of the proposal to issue it for general informational purposes.

In my letter of 10 July I stated that I was then engaged in reading the Review. I have now completed this, and although I have made a number of minor modifications, I am prepared to endorse the manuscript completely and to take full responsibility for its issuance. In contrast to an earlier effort along this line, I am satisfied that the present manuscript raises no controversial questions.

Because the need for the issuance of such a publication, particularly to Allied journalists and others, is very great, I should be grateful if you would authorize me to proceed with its issuance.

Sincerely,

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Brigadier General A. L. Hamblen, G.S.C.,
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5,
Allied Force Headquarters,
APO 512, U.S. Army.

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From: AMC 13 CORPS FROM BELIECH

To: ALLIED COMMISSION ROOM FOR PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH FOR BROWN

JUL 13 1945

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SCAO AMC 13 CORPS who is giving Mondays press conference in place of General HARDING, Commander 13 CORPS does not want representatives of Italian agencies present. This is not permanent policy but only until question of Yugoslav journalists accreditation regularised.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

12 July 1945.

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JUL 14 1945

Dear Admiral,

I have received to-day the draft review of Allied Commission's activities transmitted under cover of your letter of 10 July to General Spofford.

The matter of clearance will be taken up immediately and a decision will be given to you as speedily as possible.

Sincerely yours,

A. L. HAMPLEN,
Brigadier General, U.S.C.,
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone, USNR,
Chief Commissioner,
HQ Allied Commission.

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EXEC COMMR

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PRB/66

10 July 45

JUL 11 1945

Dear Chuck:

I am transmitting to you under the same cover a copy of A Review of Allied Military Government and the Allied Commission in Italy, which has been prepared by our Public Relations Branch. The need for such a pamphlet has been apparent for some time. We have many demands for the type of information it contains.

The Review covers the period from 10 July 1943 to 2 May 1945, the date of the German surrender in Italy. It is proposed that this be published as a pamphlet, with appropriate photographs, for distribution to Allied troops and visitors in the Italian theater through the British Education Office of AFHQ and the Intelligence and Education Section of AFMUSA, and to Italian education agencies through other channels.

The facts and statements in the Review have been cleared with all responsible officials in this headquarters, except myself. I am now reading it.

I would appreciate your clearance of the project as soon as is conveniently possible.

Yours very truly,

Note: Spoke with chief clerk, PRB. At the present time there were only two typewriters in the room, one with C.C. and one with the branch to Brig. Gen. C. M. Spefford, GSC Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5 AFHQ

ELDERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner
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Executive Commissioner
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

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12 June 1945
JUN 13 1945

Dear Mr. Yaselli:

We have discussed the matter raised in your letter of May 15 to Admiral Stone with P.W.B. and according to our information the matter has now been settled directly with the S.T.E.

According to the information received from P.W.B. the linotype machine in question was returned to S.T.E. on June 4 and S.T.E. certified that they renounced any claims whatsoever against P.W.B., the Allied Forces, British or U.S. Governments.

We assume, therefore, that the matter has been settled amicably.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER,

G. STEWART BROWN
Director,
Public Relations Branch

Mr. E. Paul Yaselli
45 A. Via A. Depretis
Rome

Info copy to: Chief Commissioner
Executive Commissioner
PRB Files (2)

(c.s.c.)

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New York Office
51 Chamber Street

E. PAUL YASELLI
American Lawyer

Residence:
6 Via Lovanio
Tel. 867.126
Office:
45 A. Via A. Depretis
Tel. 41.912

Rome, Italy, May 15th 1945.

To Admiral Ellery W. Stone,
Allied Command,
Via Veneto,
Rome.

From,
E. Paul Yaselli, as attorney for the Società Tipografica Editrice
Italiana.

Subject - Claim for the purchase of a Linotype machine.

Dear Sir;

As attorney for the above firm, permit me to submit to you, for your consideration a claim by the said firm for the sum of lires 1,200.00. for a Linotype Machine taken from the said firm, by the P.W.B. on Nov. 28th. 1944. Up to date same has not been settled.

The undersigned presented a bill, for the above sum, to Mr. Robinson, of the P.W.B. in Feb. 1945. Mr. Robinson referred me to Mr. Paget, for his approval. Mr. Paget offered to pay lires 400.000.00. This sum the owner would not accept it, because to get such a machine today in Italy, one must pay about lires 2,000.000.

I took up the matter of the refusal on the part of my client with the R.A.A.C. and they referred me to the claims and hirings Department, at Via delle Botteghe Oscure 46. This Dept. referred me to the U.S. Claims service, at Piazza dei Lombardi, Rome. This office said they had no jurisdiction in the matter and suggested I take the matter up with you personally.

Enclosed herewith is a photostat copy of the receipt left when the machine was taken; it was never requisitioned. The above firm has a large printing plant, employing over 100. persons and need such a machine very badly. If a satisfactory settlement in cash cannot be made, my client would be satisfied to get the machine back.

Trusting that this matter will receive your kind attention, I beg to remain,

Respectfully yours,
(Sgd) E. Paul Yaselli

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Adm. O.

FROM - ALCOM FROM FRB
TO FOR ACTION - LOMBARDIA REGION FOR LUSH

1 JUN 1945

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NO. 9064

ONE. ARRANGING TO SEND PHOTOGRAPHER AND ESCORT TO BOLZANO ON
REFUGEE STORY.

TWO. 5 ARMY AMG PRO ALSO ALERTED

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Refer 1054
2/2 June

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ROUTINE

From: LOMBARDIA REGION FROM LUSH
To: ALLIED COMMISSION ROME ACPHO

JUN 3 1945

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1. Excellent publicity obtainable for refugee camps BOLZANO. Transport provided by CIN and VATICAN daily evacuates hundreds of refugees from the camps to their homes.
2. Send Public Relations officer and photographer. Suggest newreel might usefully be made.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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TO AFHQ

MAY 28 1945

REF. No: 8611

DATE: 28 MAY 1945

PRECEDENCE: PRIORITY

(See notes on reverse)

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PARA TWO PD CORRIERE D'INFORMAZIONI STARTED PUBLISHING TWO TWO MAY
AFTER COMMITTEE NATIONAL LIBERATION OF NORTH AT MEETING TWO ZERO MAY
WITH COLONEL WALKER AND PWB RELUCTANTLY AGREED NOT OPPOSE ITS PUBLIC-
ATION AS AN INDEPENDENT NONPOLITICAL NEWSPAPER UNDER PARA SEVEN OF
PWB PRESS PLAN PD PREVIOUSLY THEY RESISTED REAPPEARANCE OF AN EPUATED
CORRIERE DELLA SERA AND ONLY AGREED NOT OPPOSE IT FURTHER WHEN IT WAS
SUGGESTED NAME BE CHANGED TO CORRIERE D'INFORMAZIONI PD ON FRIDAY
WITHOUT WARNING GROUP ARMED PARTISANS VISITED NEWSTANDS SIEZED BURNED
APPROXIMATELY TEN THOUSAND COPIES OF PAPER PD LOCAL POLICE ARRESTED
THREE PARTISANS PD PAPER CAME OUT SATURDAY WITHOUT INCIDENT PD
COMMUNIST NEWSPAPER UNITA OF MILAN COMMENTING ON INCIDENT SAID THAT
CORRIERE IS NOT MERELY PAPER OF INFORMATION BUT REACTIONARY NEWSPAPER
BASED ON THE OLD FASCIST STYLE PD THIS CONNECTION SHOULD NOTED THAT
PAPER DOESNOT CARRY EDITORIALS AND IS STRICTLY NONPOLITICAL INFORMATION

OFFICE OF ORIGIN:

Authenticated:

TEL. No.

ORIGINATOR'S SIGNATURE

A. C. - Feb. 1945

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NEWSPAPER WITH A COMMUNIST AS COMMISSIONER AND MARIO BORSA AS EDITOR

For Executive Commissioner for Info

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OFFICE OF ORIGIN: PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

TEL. No: 478719

ORIGINATOR'S SIGNATURE

Authenticated:

NICHOLAS PIOMBINO
CWO - U.S.A.
ASS'T ADJUTANT

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MAY 28 1945

From: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE PRGEG
To: ALCON ROME

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Facts and reasons behind demonstration MILAN Partisans
required here urgently. Repr 8490.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

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27 May, 1945

MAY 28 1945

SUBJECT : CORRIERE D'INFORMAZIONE

TO : Chief Commissioner, A.C.

For your information the following signal dated Saturday, May 26th has been received from Lt. Robbins, PRO, IV Corps, Milan:

"Ten thousand Corriere d'Informazione were taken off stands and burned yesterday (Friday). There was no other disturbance and no recurrence of incident today. Local police handling and have arrested three men but don't know what charges are. Will try to wire more this afternoon".

No further wire has been received as of Sunday afternoon.

GB
G. STEWART BROWN,
Director,
Public Relations Branch.

cc. to: Executive Commissioner
Political Advisor (A)
Political Advisor (B)

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26 MAY 1945

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MAY 26 1945

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1. HOME NEWS PAPERS CARRY MILAN DISPATCH STATING THAT ARMED PARTISANS YESTERDAY VISITED ALL NEWSSTANDS IN MILAN AND SEQUESTERED BURNED COPIES OF THE NEWSPAPER "CORRIERE DI INFORMAZIONI" WHICH IS THE OLD "CORRIERE DELLA SERA".

2. THIS PAPER STARTED APPEARING TUESDAY UNDER THE DIRECTION OF PEB AND COLONEL WALKER OF IV CORPS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA 7 OF THE PRESS PLAN FOR NORTHERN ITALY

CHIEF COMMISSIONER
489081 EXT. 222
/S/ STEWART BROWN

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PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH
P.W.B. UNIT No. 12 U.S.A.P.O. 512

Ex. ConnR

21 May 1945

MAY 22 RECD

TO : Press Office, British Embassy.
Press Office, American Embassy
U.S.I.S.
Allied Commission: Office of the Executive Commissioner.
Allied Commission: Director of Public Relation.

The following cable has been received from
Lt. Col. Munro in Florence:

Have arranged publication of "Corriere della Sera"
on May 23 under non party editor Mario Borsa. Advise everyone
against pre-publication publicity or further party discussion.

R.A. VINING
Press Liaison Officer.

E.C. List - 22 MAY 45

ACTION: g Rf B

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From MEMRO VENICE

TO: ACTION : MINIFIS EDMAN FLORENCE
VINING ROSE FOR AC

INFO: GHUDI MILAN COUSLAND FLORENCE

MAY 21 REC'D

IN CLEAR.

Have arranged publication of CORRISSE DELLA SERA on May 23 under non party editor RA NIO BORSA. Advise everyone against prepublication publicity or further party discussion. Reporting back to MILAN on May 22 to see matter through. Meanwhile in VENICE conferring with Col SKINNER KOFFLER CONNABEND and local authorities for newspaper coverage of VENETO and ALTO ADIGE and to adjust PWB newspaper contracts.

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21 MAY 1945
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20/PHB

16. May 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

We have made inquiries into the questions raised in your letter of May 8th number 287.

For some time P.W.B. has been endeavoring to derequisition the printing plant at Via Quattro Novembre 149 and to rent a certain amount of the equipment. So far their efforts have not been successful because they consider the rental price demanded by U.S.S.I.S.A. to be entirely excessive. If the matter of rental fees could be settled, P.W.B. would immediately derequisition the plant in question.

As for the four linotypes which the Germans placed in the Messagero printing plant, we are informed that the Army newspaper, Stars & Stripes, is using two of them and the other two are being used by the Messagero printing concern to publish several newspapers. Stars & Stripes would be willing to derequisition three of the machines, keeping only one to publish the newspaper for the troops as long as they are in Italy. If three linotypes were derequisitioned it would be a matter for the Italian Government to determine whether they should remain in their present location for the use of newspapers currently being printed there or returned to the U.S.S.I.S.A. printing office. This is not a question which the Allied Commission can determine.

Yours very truly,

ELDERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi
The President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
Rome

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

16 May 1945.

Ref: 9252/EC.

SUBJECT: Daily Digest of Rome Press.

TO : Public Relations Branch.

I suggest that the Digest of the Rome Press be restricted in future to items which affect Italy. It really does not interest the Commission to know that the Rome papers have reported that Mr. Eden has left San Francisco or that the United States has sent a note to Russia, unless the matter has to do with Italian affairs. I think if we follow this rule the digest would be shorter and more valuable.

Indicated! The digest was expanded some time ago at the request of Mr. Hopkinson and others who felt they would like the DWR round up.

MSL/JG.

MSL
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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This memo refers to
the publication of
"Corriere della Sera" in
Milan.

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13 May 1945

MAY 15 REC'D

MEMORANDUM TO BRIGADIER LUSH

Sir:

1. Admiral Stone's answer is that "No change in name can be made without concurrence of Italian Government and AFHQ withwhom matter so far has not been discussed.
2. Passed this to Colonel Monro in Florence who is carrying it back to Milan tonight.
3. We are to inform Colonel Monro if the date set by General Crittenberg of this coming Tuesday can be extended until CLMAI Delegation returns.
4. Admiral Stone is waiting to discuss this with Mr. Brown as soon as we can locate him.

/s/ J. LANNIN
Flag Lt. USNR
Aide

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/s/ J. LANNIN
Flag Lt. USNR
Aide

PRO has telegraphed to say Admiral
Stone feels same should be maintained.
Crittenberger. C. W. Walker.
RPL3 inform General W/145

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Translation

The President of the Council of Ministers

Cap
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Rome, 9 May 1945

MAY 10 RECD

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Dear Admiral,

In reference with your answer of April 10th, to make clearer the subject of my previous letter of the 9th, I want to tell you that the derequisition requested concerns the U.S.S.I.O.A. printing-office, in via IV Novembre 142, in which the former paper 'Il Lavoro' was being printed till September 1943, and which was later requisitioned by P.A.B.

Besides, during the Nazi occupation, the Germans obliged the above-mentioned firm to lend 4 linotypes to the Messagero printing-office. The present management of the Messagero refused to give back these 4 linotypes, under the pretence that the Allied authorities are using them.

As the requisition of the U.S.S.I.O.A. plant by P.A.B. and the keeping of the 4 linotypes by the Messagero on account of the Allies is causing great difficulties to the management of some newspapers for the printing of their dailies, would you very kindly consider the possibility of granting the derequisition of the said plant and the restitution of the 4 linotypes kept by the Messagero management.

I shall be most grateful if you can give us some informations on this subject.

Yours truly,

S. I. Bononi

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Admiral Henry H. Stone
Chief Commissioner of the Allied Commission
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ATTENTION PRB (2)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

GEB/mcw

20/PRB

17 April 1945
APR 17 1945

Dear Sirs:

Admiral Stone has asked me to reply to your petition of April 4, your number 14152/12, concerning night transport for Italian typographers.

This matter has been carefully considered by the Land Forces Sub-Commission of the Allied Commission and it is their opinion that this service cannot be continued after April 30. In their view the provision of transport for civilian employees is not in any way a military responsibility.

I am extremely sorry that we shall not be able to assist you in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

G. STEWART BROWN
Director,
Public Relations Branch

Associazione Editori Giornali
Via San Nicola da Tolentino, 21
Rome

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Subject : Night Transport for Italian Typographers.-CIVILIAN

LAND FORCES SUB COM A.C.
(S.M.I.A.) ROME
Q/5
16 Apr 45

TO : PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH (3)
Copy to : Ministry of War (for attention Col FERRONE)

Reference your 20/PRB of 7 Apr.

This matter has been carefully considered and it is regretted that permission can not be granted for the continuance of this service.

The provision of necessary transport for employees of the newspapers is not in any way a military responsibility.

The employment of military vehicles and expenditure of petrol from Allied sources on this service can not be permitted to continue, nor has this Sub Commission any authority to approve such an undertaking.

The War Ministry are required to withdraw the five lorries at present engaged in this work immediately other arrangements can be made, and in any event, not later than the 30th April, and to report to this H.Q. as soon as this has been done.

R.A. Curties
R.A. CURTIES, Lt. Col.
for Major General,
S. M. I. A.

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ASSOCIAZIONE EDITORI GIORNALI

B. 14152/12

Al Sig. Ammiraglio STONE
Presidente dell'A.C.

R O M A

Trasporto notturno giornali politici

S.V.

Ci si permette esporre quanto segue alla cortese attenzione della

Il Ministero Italiano della Guerra con sua nota n. 842 del 4 gennaio 1945 ha comunicato che non si trova nella possibilità di lasciare temporaneamente a disposizione per il servizio notturno di trasporto dei giornali dei giornali i cinque automezzi militari che vi erano adibiti.

Ha aggiunto il Ministero della Guerra che il servizio avrebbe potuto essere continuato soltanto dietro autorizzazione delle Autorità militari Alleate.

Poichè non sono venute a cessare le ragioni per le quali il vizio in parola venne istituito, ma al contrario le aggressioni e le azioni notturne, come è certamente noto alla S.V., continuano a verificarsi pressochè ogni notte, in parte a danno dei tipografi e dei giornalisti sottoscritti rappresentanti delle imprese proprietarie dei giornali e lavoratori dei giornali medesimi pregano vivamente la S.V. di voler urgentemente intervenire presso il Ministero della Guerra del Governo Italiano autorizzandolo a lasciare gli automezzi a disposizione.

Si ringrazia per un cortese e pronto interessamento che toglie i lavoratori addetti ai giornali dalla necessità di sospendere il lavoro notturno per garantire la propria incolumità personale, con grave pregiudizio dei giornali che si pubblicano al mattino che in tal caso sarebbero costretti a sospendere tutti loro pubblicazioni che, l'altra parte, non potrebbero verificarsi in altre ore della giornata in quanto le tipografie di Roma non sarebbero in grado di poter ⁶³⁹staggiare contemporaneamente tutti i giornali.

naio 1945 ha commesso un errore. Il servizio notturno di trasporto dei prigionieri è disposizione per il servizio notturno di trasporto dei prigionieri. I cinque automezzi militari che vi erano adibiti.

Ma aggiunge il Ministero della Guerra che il servizio avrebbe potuto essere continuato soltanto dietro autorizzazione delle Autorità Alleate.

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P. LA FEDERAZIONE LAVORATORI DEL LIBRO
IL SEGRETARIO
(G. H. V. A. B. E. N. E.)

P. L'ASSOCIAZIONE NAZIONALE

EDITORI GIORNALI

IL SEGRETARIO

(A. S. G. A. V. C. C. S. O.)



Forché non sono venute a cessare le ragioni per le quali il servizio notturno venne istituito, ma al contrario le pressioni e le sollecitazioni, come è certamente noto alla S.V. continuano a verificarsi. Invece, in quanto a danno dei tipografi e dei giornalisti, pressoché ogni notte, in quanto a danno dei tipografi e dei giornalisti sottoscritti rappresentanti delle imprese proprietarie dei giornali e lavoratori dei giornali tedeschi pregano vivamente la S.V. di voler uelmente intervenire presso il Ministero della Guerra del Governo Italiano autorizzandolo a lasciare gli automezzi a disposizione.

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16 April 1945

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My dear Duke of Pietrategliata:

The Chief Commissioner has asked me to thank you for your letter of March 28 enclosing a communication to the High Commissioner for Sicily.

In view of the fact that control of Sicily has been turned back to the Italian Government by the Allied Commission, the matter no longer is within the competence of the Allied Commission. Nevertheless, he has read the memorandum with great interest.

Yours faithfully,

N.E. FISKE

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Acting Executive Commissioner

Duke of Pietrategliata
Palazzo Pietrategliata
14 Via Bandiera
Palermo, Sicily

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Mrs. Picken

We are returning original
letter to you - You have
already received copy of
our (PRB) reply of 16-4-45
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Lieut. Lannin

9 April 1945

TO: Mr. Brown, PRB

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Is it necessary for the Chief Commissioner to
see the attached letter?

[Signature]

To: Col. Fiske

Lieut. Lannin

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Palermo, li 28 Mar 20 1943.
Palazzo Pietragnella
14, Via Bandiera
Tel. 14-213

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Signor Generale STONE

Commissione Alleata di Controllo

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Perché la Signoria Vostra possa averne conoscenza, mi reco a dovere di rimetterle qui compiuta copia autentica della lettera che in pari data è diretto all'Alto Commissario per la Sicilia.

La prego, Signor Generale, di erudire i sensi della mia più alta considerazione.

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DUCI DI PENTRACCIATA
Fabrizio Allata

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DUCE DI PISTOIA

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Palermo, 11 26 Marzo 1945.

ON. SALVATORE ALBISIO

Alto Commissario per la Sicilia,

Eccellenza,

il 27 Febbraio u.s. chiesi alla Consulta la discussione del seguente ordine del giorno:

"La Consulta Regionale della Sicilia, in omaggio a quei principi democratici che costituiscono la base della nuova organizzazione politica nazionale;
"Considerato che le elezioni amministrative non potranno rispecchiare la volontà del popolo senza la garanzia per tutte le correnti del pensiero di un'assoluta libertà di stampa, riunione e parola;
"Delibera:
"che, come ai partiti del Comitato di Liberazione, anche a tutti gli altri partiti e movimenti politici sia immediatamente concessa libertà di stampa, di riunione e di parola, sacro diritto di una nazione democratica."

Nelle sedute del Febbraio, con lo specioso pretesto che l'ordine del giorno era esaurito, si volle rinviare la discussione al 24 Marzo. Mi rassegnai in quanto il rinvio mi venne personalmente promesso dalla M.V. che, nonostante le mie insistenze reiterate fino alla noia, non credette di mettere la mia richiesta in discussione per il fatto di aver mancato alla promessa di inserirla nell'ordine del giorno di quella tornata.

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Pertanto, per quei sentimenti democratici che professo, il mio impenitente antifascismo, per quel culto che è sempre avuto per la libertà, mi accorgo che nella Consulta non c'è posto per me e rassegnò le mie dimissioni da Consultore dell'Alto Commissariato per la Sicilia.

6.10.

Voglia gradire distinti saluti.

F.to: F. ALLIATA di PIZZATAGLIATA

Storico nazionale.
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6.00

Vorrei gradire distinti saluti.

F.to: N. ALLIATA di PIETRATAGLIA

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Signor Generale STONE

Commissione Alleata di Controllo

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Mittente: Duca di Pietratagliata, 14, via Bandiera, Palermo

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10 April 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

We have looked into the matter mentioned in your letter of 5 April concerning the printing presses of the former "Il Lavoro".

From our investigation it is not clear where these presses are located. According to our information "Il Lavoro" until September 1943 published on presses located at 149 via Quattro Settembre. These presses have been under requisition by P.W.B. but recently P.W.B. opened negotiations with the Commissario and the interested parties to derequisition the premises and rent, under contract, certain flat bed presses which the United States Information Service wishes to use. The rotary presses, we are informed, are not used.

I assume Your Excellency is informed of the efforts of P.W.B. to derequisition this property and if these are the premises to which you refer in your letter I believe the matter will be regulated shortly. If these are not the presses to which your letter refers, we would appreciate additional information.

Yours very truly,

15/ ELLERY W. STONE

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi
The President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
Rome

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7 April 1945

APR - 7 1945

SUBJECT : Night Transport for Italian Typographers

TO : Director, Land Forces Sub-Commission

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1. Reference the attached.
 2. The Italian liaison with the Ministry of War informs me that this service for typographers was to have ceased on April 1 but was continued on a temporary basis following protest from the newspaper editors.
 3. The matter is being handled by Col. Ferrone of the Italian Ministry of War, who told the Italian liaison at AC that the Ministry of War would be glad to continue the service if the Land Forces Sub-Commission had no objections.
 4. The Public Relations Branch hopes that the Land Forces Sub-Commission will view this request in a favorable light and will so inform the Italian Ministry of War. We would appreciate knowing what action you intend to take.
- 6.5.65

G. STEWART BROWN,
Director,
Public Relations Branch.

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Chief Commissioner

Notes: Letter of 4 April to Stone from S.A. Scialvico
S.G. Rivabene

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The President of the Council of Ministers
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Rome, 2 April 1945

APR - 6 1945

Dear Admiral,

the management of some newspapers let me know that they had difficulties in publishing their dailies, for they have only few printing presses at their disposal and they are insufficient for the requirements of the newspapers.

They pointed out to me that this difficulty might be overcome if they could dispose of the printing press of the former 'Il Lavoro'.

As this printing press is still requisitioned by the Allied authorities, the management of the said papers asked for my intervention with you to obtain its derequisition.

Will you kindly see whether this derequisition might be possible. I shall be most grateful if you will keep me informed on the subject.

Yours very truly,

G. I. Bonomi

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6.5.45

Admiral Henry H. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
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ACTION : P.R.Br. (2)
INFO : CHIEF COMR.
EXEC COMR.

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Association of Newspapers Editors
n. 14158/12

Rome, 4 April 1945

APR - 5 1945

To Admiral Stone
Allied Commission
Rome

Night transport for typographers

We take the liberty of drawing your kind attention on the following facts:

The Italian War Department informed us in letter n. 412 of January 24th that it could no longer leave at our disposal for the night service to transport newspaper typographers the five military vehicles which had been allotted for this service.

The War Department added that this service could only be carried on if the Allied Military Authorities gave their authorization.

As the causes for which this service was established still exist, and as aggressions and murders, as you certainly know, go on happening practically every night, the typographers and newspaper men being most of the time the victims, the undersigned representatives of the newspaper firms and of the newspaper workers beg your Excellency to intervene with the War Department of the Italian Government, so that the vehicles may be left at their disposal.

We shall be most grateful for your kind interest thanks to which the newspaper workers will not have to interrupt their night work for their own personal safety. This would greatly prejudice the papers which come out in the morning and which we would have to suspend their publication, which could not take place at some other time for the Rome printing offices couldn't print all the dailies at the same time.

FEDERAZIONE LAVORATORI DEL LIBRO
THE SECRETARY
G. G. Rivabona
Italo Pivani
Godeardo Portinger

ASSOCIAZIONE NAZIONALE
EDITORI GIORNALI
THE SECRETARY
S. A. Belavideo

c.c.

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ACTION: PROR

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Extract of Minutes of Executive Commissioner's Meeting held on 2 March 1945.

Proposed Booklet on AC Activities. Est Sec said that Public Relations had put forward a suggestion that a small booklet be issued briefly summarizing the activities of AC since its inception. This was intended to be a guide to people who come in without any knowledge of AC. It was agreed that this was a good idea and Ex C directed that a single booklet could be got out. It must be non-political. He would leave it to PR to get the material from Sections and prepare the booklet.

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13/PRB

26 February 1945.

FEB 27 1945

SUBJECT : Pamphlet reviewing A.C. operations.

TO : Chief Commissioner

1. There is real need for an informal printed pamphlet or booklet summarizing, in a popular form and perhaps with photographs, the achievements of the Allied Commission since its inception.

2. Such a document would be very helpful to new members of the A.C. staff, to newspapermen and visitors from Allied countries who wish easily digestible material on the work of the A.C.

3. I recommend that PRB be authorized to prepare such a review and, after approval of the contents, to have it printed in sufficient quantity for fairly wide distribution.

G. Stewart Brown
G. STEWART BROWN,
Director,
Public Relations Branch.

Co : Mr. Macmillan
Brigadier Lush

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Extract of Minutes of Executive Committee's Meeting held on 20 February 1945.

Weekly Bulletin. PRC asked whether:

- (1) the bulletin was useful
 - (2) it was not possibly too long
 - (3) it should be printed instead of mimeographed
 - (4) the classification "Secret" was not too high.
- After discussion Ex C said that it was extremely useful, that it was possibly too long but that any shortening of it should not be at the expense of the "Gdms and This" column, and that there was no objection to the printing of it. Ex C regards classification, as an experiment Ex C directed that it be classified "Restricted". Ex C was doubtful the wisdom of this, but it was agreed to give it a trial. PRC was instructed to overhaul the distribution of the bulletin with a view to including the Area and District Commanders.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

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13 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Work of Public Relations Branch.

TO : Chief of Staff, Allied Commission.

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1. The following is a summary, in brief, of the activities of the Branch. I am making it as short as possible for convenient reference. The various headings are discussed more in detail in Major Fielden's memo to you, dated 3 February and he will be here later in the day himself to supply additional information.

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- (a) Service to Allied Journalists. News releases, arrangement for interviews, press conferences, etc. Responsibilities for Political correspondents. The Via Romagna Mess. Billeting and rationing of Political correspondents will be more important if AFHQ moves forward.
- (b) Liaison with Italian Journalists. Screening and accrediting. Also interviews etc. as above. This leads to liaison with Italian Press Commission, APB and sometimes Political and other Sections of AC.
- (c) Liaison with Undersecretariat for Press, Films, Theatre and Tourism. Matters of censorship, paper supply, movement of personnel, requisitioning and derequisitioning, etc.
- (d) Film Board.
- (e) Allied Publications Board. Press control and authorization, particularly for Northern Italy.

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- (f) Radio
- (g) Epuration. Our responsibility is for the Sottosegretariato per la Stampa and its dependent bodies.
- (h) Work yet to be done in the North.
- (i) Routine services within the Commission, Daily Digest of Rome Press, Weekly Bulletin, Information Branch. Archives.

2. It may be recalled that Major Fielden suggested the possible desirability of splitting the Branch into two sections; one to concern itself entirely with Allied press relations, the other dealing solely with the Italian side.

T. G. Bergin
T. G. BERGIN,
Major, AUS.
DDPR.

EXTRACTS FROM ORIGINAL LETTER

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APC 394

PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

Personal File

3 February 1945

TO: The Chief of Staff, A.C.

At your request I am setting down on paper the points which immediately occur to me as a result of the change in command of this Branch which, you tell me, it is now proposed to make.

There is, for example, our work with the Italian papers. There will shortly be 25 daily papers in Rome, and an even larger number of weeklies. We have already, as you know, set up a number of accredited Italian correspondents - about 70 - by giving cards after very careful screening. In my view the publicity of the Allied Commission will depend more and more on a successful liaison with the Italian press, which is quoted and copied by numerous Allied correspondents. Almost none of the Italian journalists speaks English. In dealing with them and their articles and their screening, and with the numerous cases which come up for review either by AC or APB or the Italian Press Commission, a knowledge and understanding of the Italian point of view, and of course a knowledge of the language, seem essential. And there is very considerable work still to be done in this field.

There is also our liaison with the Undersecretariat for Press, Films, Theatre, and Tourism. Under this head fall not only the constant interchanges with Libonati, the Undersecretary (who again speaks no English) on matters such as censorship, paper supply, movement of personnel, and epuration, but also the subsidiary but increasingly important questions of the requisitioning and derequisitioning of hotels, theatres, cinemas, printing presses and premises connected with any of the four. Under this head will also fall the interchange of cultural facilities to which specific reference is made in the C.C.S. note.

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There is also the Film Board, about to be set up, which as you know has been established largely through my efforts. I am convinced that this Board, if it is properly organized, can play an immense part in directing one of the most potent sources of propaganda into decent channels. It is obvious from the conversations which I have had with Libonati on this

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There is also the Allied Publications Board, of which as you know I am a member, involving the difficult questions of press control and authorization particularly in Northern Italy. From recent meetings of the N.W. Italy Planning Committee, and other indications, it is clear that the APB's task in Northern Italy is going to be extremely complex and difficult, and a good deal of responsibility is going to fall on AC in the regularising

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of the Italian press in the North, whilst some commitments and headaches - such as paper supply - will still remain in the south.

There is also the radio, which, it seems to me, is going to give us some trouble, and will inevitably - even when technically handed over to Italian responsibility - remain to some extent an AC responsibility. On the one hand there will be continuing questions of the amount of time reserved to PNB: on the other I have no doubt at all from what I now know that Fascist elements are creeping back into RAI and that we shall presently have to deal, on the radio, with complaints similar to those about the Press (e.g. VOCE REPUBBLICANA, L'UOMO QUALUNQUE etc.) which, whatever we do, get referred to AC in the end. And the whole functioning of RAI with its new Board of Governors will have to be watched - if only because the effect of radio cannot be limited to Italian Government territory.

There is also the question of epuration, this Branch being responsible to the Civil Affairs Section for epuration in the Sottosegretariato per la Stampa and its dependent bodies. We have to attend the regular meetings held by C.A. Section and report progress, which means checking the lists of employees and taking up cases with the Minister on the Epuration Committee of the Ministry. This, as you will realize affects the Press, Films, Radio and so on.

There is also the whole business of the accrediting, rationing, billeting and transport of Political correspondents - including neutral correspondents. This has involved and will involve a fair amount of work particularly in the running of a permanent mess and hotel. When AFHQ PR moves forward, as is expected, the responsibility for Rome correspondents will fall entirely on this Branch.

Apart from these six or seven distinct functions, which are really not so much PRO as policy work, there is the whole question of AC PR work in Northern Italy. There will still be plenty of work at Rome HQ for the very small staff we have: but the problems arising, from a PR point of view (and also under the policy heads which I have indicated) in cities like Milan, Turin, Genoa, Bologna and even Alessandria, Parma, Mantua, Verona, Padua and Venice will be enormous. In other words, while the present commitments of the Rome section will remain, similar work on a large scale will rapidly develop in the North.

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/s/ LIONEL FIELDEN
/t/ LIONEL FIELDEN
Major
Public Relations Director.

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Interviews by representatives of JICA. Col Sec said JICA representatives interviewed Heads of Sub-Commissione, Public Safety, Local Government, etc. and we had no control over the distribution of their reports. PRC said JICA were very cooperative and Pol Sec stated they had given useful information from time to time. COS directed PRC to ask them informally to report to him so that some indication could be found of what they wanted before sending them on to interview other officers.

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• Extract of Minutes of Chief of Staff's Meeting held on 2nd February 1945.

Article in "Voce Republican". PRO drew attention to a mischievous anti-Allied article on the Allied bombing of Verona. COS stated the Censorship Branch of AFHQ should have censored this article and likewise the article in the same paper attacking service chiefs. If the Censorship had not power to censor such articles CM Sec contended that the ambit of military censorship must be considerably extended. COS would discuss with Col. Estley and PRO.

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Ref: 9252/53/SON.

1 February 45.

Subject: Dr. Hook Ferris.

Fielden tells me that Bullock has written a report as follows:
"At long last AMP Fifth Army has a full-time Public Relations Officer of its own". He refers to Dr. Hook Ferris, an American civilian, who, Bullock says, has been on General Hume's staff since 1 January. Dr. Ferris must either be a member of the Public Relations Branch or not be there at all. We have had no official intimation of his appointment. Fielden is perfectly happy to have him on his staff.

Will you please approach the SCAG and explain the matter to him.

Yours

Colonel N. W. DUFFY
SCAG 15 Army Group.

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Copy to: Establishment Section.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394.
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

17/PRE

29 January 1945.

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SUBJECT : Mr. Rock Ferris
TO : Chief of Staff, A.C.

In a report made for the Bulletin, Major Bullock sent the following (which I did not include):

"At long last AMG Fifth Army has a full-time Public Relations Officer of its own. He is Mr. Rock Ferris, an American civilian, who joined the American Field Service shortly after Pearl Harbour and went to the British Army in Egypt in April 1942. He remained with AFS until 18 March 1944 when he joined PWB. He has been on General Hume's staff since last New Year's Day. Mr. Ferris is a graduate of Princetown University, and was widely known in North America as a brilliant concert pianist. He is giving a concert in the Pitti Palace, 3 February, for the benefit of the poor of Florence".

I have had no official intimation of Mr. Rock Ferris' appointment. Am I to regard him as a part of this Branch, or is he on General Hume's staff? In the latter case, I presume all Regional Commissioners can appoint Public Relations officers.

Lionel Fielden
LIONEL FIELDEN

Major

Public Relations Director.

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Extract of Minutes of Chief of Staff's Meeting held on 26 January 1945.

Press Agency Reports.

COS observed that the local press agencies would produce sheets giving summaries of news and directed PRD to see if the scheme could be tried for a week for Heads of Sections.

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19 January 1945.

Dear Mr. Taylor:

With further reference to your enquiry concerning Dott. Pietro Sessa, who desires to start a news agency, there is now no veto, as far as we are concerned, on the functioning of any such agency. Since January 15, when outside news agencies were permitted to sell their news to the Rome newspapers, Italian agencies have also been free to operate. If any authorization for such agencies were needed, it would come from the Italian government.

Yours sincerely,

78 Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

The Honorable Myron C. Taylor,
Personal Representative of the
President of the United States
to His Holiness The Pope,
2 Via Boncompagni,
Rome.

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Ext: 308.

Ref: 9252/C/S

23 December 1944.

SUBJECT: Italian News Agency.

TO : FRD.

1. I enclose correspondence from the Secretary of State to His Holiness The Pope which was forwarded to the Chief Commissioner by Mr. Byron Taylor.
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3. Will you please take the necessary action.

Charles E. Taylor

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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(Sgt.) E. J. [illegible]
Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTER OFFICE MEMO

From: Office of the Chief Commissioner

SUBJECT: Attached letter, with inclosures, from Mr. Myron C. Taylor (21 Dec 44) FILE No. 22 December 1944

TO: Office of the Chief of Staff

Passed to you for correlation and necessary action.

cc: CC Files

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J. A. [Signature] [Signature]

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21 December 1944

Dear Mr. Taylor:

Thank you for your letter of today's date enclosing the notes and memorandum from the Secretary of State of His Holiness The Pope. These matters will severally receive urgent attention and a reply will be forwarded to you after proper consideration.

Sincerely,

/s/ Hilary W. Stone

HILARY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

The Honorable Myron C. Taylor
The Personal Representative of the
President of the United States
To His Holiness The Pope
2, Via Boncompagni
Rome

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THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
TO HIS HOLINESS THE POPE
2, via Boncompagni, Rome.

December 21, 1944.

My dear Admiral Stone:

I enclose three Notes from the Secretariat of State
of His Holiness dated November 27, 1944 (Nos. 87031/S,
87032/S, and 87034/S) and an appunto (memorandum) dated
November 6, 1944 from the same source, regarding the desire
of Dott. Pietro Sessa to obtain authorization for the publi-
cation of material of the Italian Press Agency.

It would be appreciated if you would be kind enough to
see that these communications are forwarded to the competent
Allied authorities and that all proper consideration be given
to the questions raised therein.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,



Myron C. Taylor

Enclosures:
Three Notes.
One appunto.

Rear Admiral Ellery Wheeler Stone, USNR,
Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission Headquarters,
Rome.

Action
see 27 file and
31 file 9002.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 384
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

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SUBJECT: Temporary Film Board.
TO : Chief Commissioner (Thru Chief of Staff)
22 December 1944.
22 DEC 1944

I attach a copy of the proposed terms of reference for the Temporary Film Board, in English and Italian. These have now been approved by PWB. You wished to discuss them with the Prime Minister. May I suggest the following points for that discussion:

- (1) It should be verbal. I need not remind you that Spataro is now at the Presidenza del Consiglio and his influence on film activities has not been a very happy one. If this matter goes through his hands I am afraid he may try to plant special representatives on the Board.
- (2) It should be stressed that the Board is temporary, as its name implies, and will be dissolved by you as soon as a more satisfactory stage is reached in the industry.
- (3) The Board will NOT be a technical one. It will, as in the case of the Allied Publications Board, co-opt experts or appoint technical sub-committees as and when necessary: but its main function will be to settle the outstanding questions which mainly regard requisitioning of premises and equipment, permits to make new films or exhibit old ones, unfreezing, allocation and possibly importation of raw material, censorship of films, and the coordination of interested parties.
- (4) At present, the conflicting claims of interested parties (e.g. PWB, Allied Army Film Units of various nationalities, Italian film companies, requisitioning authorities such as Rome Area Command, and foreign companies) are so manifold that it is virtually impossible to reach agreement on any point. The Board will provide the channel for such agreement.

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M. J. W.

(5) The film industry will obviously have an immense effect on the growth and tendency of Italian opinion. The Film Board will probably come in for sharp criticism, two ways of avoiding it are to see that (a) the Italian representatives are young - because the film isn't an old man's job, and (b) that one of them represents the left, which will kick continually at the Board if it is not represented.

(6) The membership could be extended to 9 or 12 if the Italian government desired. But a large Board will work slowly, and our experience of APB suggests that a small Board, co-opting experts when necessary, is preferable.

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

Original received in R.R. file 22 Dec 44.
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LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

20 December 44.

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20 DEC 1944

SUBJECT : Reuters Service
TO : The Chief Commissioner, A.C.

Mr. E.C. Aguilar of Reuters has just arrived here to settle plans for bringing in the service. Reuters wish to set up a receiving station, and he wishes to know how to proceed regarding a permit for this, e.g. whether it would be given by the Allied or Italian authorities. I told him that I thought on Italian Government territory there should be a permit from the Italian Government. He then said that at first Reuters would like to have such a permit free since they would be operating at a loss; later they would be in favour of a fairly high charge. He thought Reuters would distibute in Rome, but use an Italian agency, if such existed, for distribution elsewhere in Italy. As you are the expert in these matters I wondered whether you would care to see him? He would, I think, appreciate an opportunity of talking to you.

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Public Relations Director.

Copy to : Chief of Staff.

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Extract of Minutes of Chief of Staff's Meeting held on 16 January 1945.

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Article in "Parti uni." GCS drew attention to a misleading article in this paper and asked PCD if the paper could be suppressed. PCD stated it was a matter for the Italian Press Commissioner, unless it was taken up on the grounds of military security. GCS would bring the matter to the attention of CG.

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Translation

Perrone - Corso Umberto, 357

11 January 1945
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To His Excellency,

we want to submit to your kind examination the enclosed letter which we sent to P.W.B., about the 'Corriere di Roma'.

Truly yours,

s. Pio Perrone

Mario Perrone

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Rear Admiral Ellery Stone

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11 January 1945

To: Psychological Warfare Board

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through the same press and official informations, we have noted that the decisions about the 'Corriere di Roma' were being examined.

The hypothesis that the paper would no longer be issued would mean the dissolution of a tradition which is now very reverently remembered; at the same time, it would throw these honored families on the movement and endanger the fate of the property because of the unexpected burden of the punitive and important liquidation, and because of the stoppage of every productive activity.

The continuation of the 'Corriere di Roma' would, on the contrary, keep up a political and journalistic initiative, which, for public opinion, is linked with the liberation of Rome, and the going back of Italy to its traditions of 1917-18.

In homage to the Allies, and trusting in the promises it has been given, the Societa' Editrice has employed all its activity in supporting the 'Corriere di Roma': when the 'Messaggero' was suspended, it passed on to it all its technical and industrial organization, refusing to make other arrangements, fearing it might have unfavourable not a chance for its affirmation and diffusion of the 'Corriere di Roma'.

We think it is therefore our right that the continuation of the publications of the 'Corriere di Roma' should go over to the Italian allies.

Considering the present circumstances, we repeat what we have already declared to the British Government: to be ready to adhere to whatever proposal directed to guarantee the political, democratic and popular character of the newspaper, and its character of big organ of international informations, supporting the new European policy of the Allies.

If required, we can also make definite proposals: in accordance with our spirit and with our traditions of the past which eliminate in our concrete collaboration to the victory of 1917-18 with the decisive industrial production of the Ansaldo plants.

Trusting that the decision of the Allies will avoid the above mentioned serious and unfair dangers, and will be inspired by a sense of justice, we remain,

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Mario Perone

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serious and unfair dangers, and will be inspired by a sense of justice, we
remain,

S. Pio Serrone
Mario Lattuada

P.S. we deem it unnecessary to answer to the personal attacks of the Roman
press, for we have already communicated the matter to the Council of
State, as from the mentioned appeal.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
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9 December 1944

SUBJECT: Comments on History of Allied Commission
12 DEC 1944

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
(Attn: Brig. M.L. Lush)
APO 394.

Enclosed per your request to Colonel Henn, is a copy of Lieutenant General J.G.W. Clark's comments in reference to the History of the Allied Commission.

Norman P. Seagrave
Major, G.S.C.
Executive Officer

Incl:
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
C.A.O. Office

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MEMO to : G.5.

SUBJECT : Survey of Work of the Allied Control Commission.

1. The questions asked in para 3 of your attached minute are not easy to answer. One can agree in principle that the A.C.C. should publish a survey only if one determines its nature and general contents. I do not think therefore that the questions can be answered as set but my comments are as follows:-

- (a) The report as it stands is a curious mixture of popular narrative, official and unofficial statistics which may or may not be accurate, interlarded with comments which in some cases call in question, if only indirectly, the policies of the U.S. and British Governments.
- (b) It makes only casual reference to such important problems as Fuel and Transportation and nowhere makes clear the problems which had to be faced and the steps taken to deal with them.
- (c) It enters into unnecessary detail on purely military matters which may or may not be at variance with official records.
- (d) It makes too much play with names.
- (e) Its general tone is one of propaganda rather than objective reporting on past events and here and there indicates that one of the difficulties which it had to overcome was the organisation and functions of the Armed Forces.
- (f) At one place at least, it quotes a Secret Government document.
- (g) It mixes the record of events with comments on them in such a way as to make it difficult to distinguish between these two essentially different elements. 600
- (h) In places it deals with matters outside the scope of the A.C.C.

2. It would seem therefore that if it is desired that a survey should be published, a directive guiding the composition of the survey should be issued to the compiler. This record might

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reasonably direct him to prepare a factual report without comment in some orderly manner such as :-

- (A) Functions.
- (b) Organisation
- (c) Operations
- (d) Developments

with appendices dealing in greater detail with any aspects which are considered worthy of special notice e.g.:-

- a. The Effect of the Political Situation on the Working of the A.C.C.
- b. Public Utility and Internal Distribution Problems.

From this might be derived a brief running narrative of events which would be suitable for issue to the Press. The existing document attempts to combine an official report with an article or, series of articles, suitable for popular consumption. In my view, it is not desirable to attempt to achieve both objects in a single publication.

/s/ J.C.

25 Nov 44.

J.G.W. CLARK,
Lieutenant General,
Chief Administrative Officer.

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3 December 1944

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SUBJECT: Survey of Work of the Allied Control Commission.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.
(Attention: Chief Commissioner).

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The suggested survey of ACC has now been studied at this Headquarters in detail. The general consensus of opinion however is that it should not be published in present circumstances and authority to do so must therefore be withheld.

T.R. Henn

T. R. HENN, Colonel,
Acting Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5.

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, HQ ALLIED COMMISSION, APO 394, 5 Dec 44.

TO: Chief of Staff, Hq Allied Commission, APO 394.

The above is passed to you for information and necessary action.

For the Chief Commissioner:

J.A. Quayle
J. A. QUAYLE
Major, R. A.
Staff Officer to CC

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25 November 1944.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I regret the delay in replying to your letter No. 3002 of November 14 regarding the use of "Luce" documentary films in Italian cinema houses. The matter is one which I have been obliged to refer to the PWB which is the body at present responsible for the control and distribution of films. I am informed by them that up to the present there has been a steady and sufficient supply of short films dealing with the war effort to fill out programmes, and the use of "Luce" documentary films made during the Fascist regime would necessarily entail the curtailment of pictures of war interest or propaganda which the PWB feel for the moment at least should have priority. Apart entirely from this consideration the PWB inform me that they have not yet had time to examine the documentary films held by "Luce" and they do not desire to release them without examination and, where necessary, modification.

A Board is being established to examine the whole situation of the Italian film industry, and I think that perhaps such a Board will afford the best opportunity for deciding this and similar questions.

Yours very truly,

/s/Elmer W. Stone

ELMER W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi
President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
Rome

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to P.M. Bonomi

date 25 Nov 41

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Tel: 388

Ref: 9252/12/008

12 November 1944

SUPJ 02: Italian Newsreels.

TO : PR.

1. I refer to the translation and original of letter No. 5082 dated 14 November 1944, from Prime Minister Bonomi to the Chief Commissioner, forwarded to you under this office reference 9252/11/008 dated 16 November 1944.

2. I shall be glad to receive the draft reply for the Chief Commissioner's signature, as requested.

Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff

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Office of the Chief of Staff.

Italian Newscasts.

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16 November 1944.

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Enclosed translation and original of letter No. 3002 dated 14 Nov 44 from Prime Minister Bonomi to the Chief Commissioner is forwarded. I do not understand the first sentence in regard to AMXIF. Will you please draft a reply for the Chief Commissioner's signature.

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Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

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Translation

M/ The President of the Council
of Ministers

Rome, 14 November 1944

n. 3002

Dear Admiral,

By a decree of April 21st 1939 the Fascist Government has forbidden the projection of all the 'Luce' newsmagazines - this is quite logical as these were Fascist edition of 'Luce' - and also of all short Italian film of a documentary character. Thus, the Institute 'Luce' has not been able to show the documentary films which were ready and have never been made public, in the cinemas of liberated Italy, especially, in those of the South which belong to the Institute. This material has an artistic value, and is interesting from the national point of view because it shows works of art, interesting Italian localities, etc. This Institute has thus lost the possibility of making a considerable benefit.

Will you kindly see whether it would be possible to authorize the projection of these documentary films.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

/s/ I. Benigni

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission

A. O. M. C.

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*M. G. Presidenti
del Consiglio dei Ministri*

Roma, 14 NOV. 1944

Prot. N° 3002

Caro Ammiraglio,

con ordinanza in data 21 aprile dell'ANGOT, è stata proibita la proiezione di tutti i giornali cinematografici Luce - e questo è logico perché si trattava evidentemente dei giornali "Luce" dell'edizione fascista -, e di tutti i corti metraggi italiani, anche a carattere documentario, impedendo così, all'Istituto "Luce", di poter fare circolare, nei cinematografi dell'Italia liberata e specialmente in quelli dell'Enic, del quale l'Istituto stesso è proprietario, i documentari che aveva già pronti e che non sono mai stati pubblicati. Questo materiale rappresenta effettivamente un valore artistico, ed ha un interesse di carattere nazionale in quanto, sopra tutto, si riferisce ad illustrazioni di opere d'arte, di interessanti località italiane, manifestazioni turistiche, ecc. In questo modo è venuto a mancare a detto Istituto, la possibilità di un realizzo notevole.

La prego, pertanto, di esaminare benevolmente la possibilità di autorizzare la proiezione dei suddetti documentari.

In attesa di un Suo cortese cenno di riscontro, La saluto cordialmente.

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Al Signor Ammiraglio
Ellery W. STONE
Capo dell'A.C.

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& It is believed by AGWAR as stated in their cable W-60763 of 10 Nov 44 that MANUEL SANCHEZ has completed his Mission with Allied Commission. AGWAR desires that he be sent to ETO if his mission is completed.
2. Will you advise as to status of mission.

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5 November 1944

SUBJECT: Move of M. OUKRIEVSKEI.

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TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394

1. In the course of a visit connected with other matters Lieut. MITZKIEVITCH, PA to General VASSILIEV, requested Liaison Section, this Headquarters to assist in the move of M. OUKRIEVSKEI from ALGIERS to ROME.

2. M. OUKRIEVSKEI, it was stated, was formerly attached to the Soviet Embassy in ALGIERS. This Embassy has of course now moved to PARIS and M. OUKRIEVSKEI has been posted to the Soviet Embassy in ROME in a similar appointment which appears to be that of Cinematograph and Film publicity expert and advisor.

3. As the whole question of the distribution of Soviet films in liberated Italy is pending, it is requested that you inform Lt. MITZKIEVITCH that you regret that M. OUKRIEVSKEI's application, like that of M. and Mme. Ermolov, cannot very well be considered until after a reply has been received to the letter addressed by Brigadier Lush to the Soviet Representative on 18 October.

For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

T. B. JACKMAN
Lt. Colonel.

Copy to:- Liaison Section
AFHQ.

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Office of the Chief of Staff.

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Requisition of Paper Stock
by P.W.E.

8 November

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1. Attached letter from Editrice Italiana Arti Grafiche dated 14 October 1944, is passed to you for action please.
2. It is a matter for Claims & Hirings to settle.

Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

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SUBJECT: Oliari del Popolo.

TO : P.R.C.

1. This week as last week the P.W.B. Directive included a paragraph saying that we would continue to plug "Oliari del Popolo". But story writers said that they were having difficulty in obtaining material from A.C.C. Could we help?

2. P.W.B. also showed concern whether we should be able to move the people's oil if amassed, since it was a fundamental rule of propaganda not to have a campaign which could not succeed.

H. A. GACCIA
Vice President, Political Section

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Office of Chief of Staff
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18 October 44

SUBJECT : Distribution in Liberated Italy of
films produced by the Soviet
Cinematographic industries.

TO : Soviet Representative, A.C.C.

1. The Commission has received an application from an Italian citizen, Dr. Giovanni de Berardinis, for circulation permits for two automobiles to be used in connection with the distribution in Italy of films produced by the Soviet cinematographic industries.
2. Applications have also been received from Lt. Commander Grishchinsky of your office for circulation permits for five automobiles, one of which was also included in the request from Dr. de Berardinis.
3. Applications have also been received at Algiers from Peter and Sadura Ernolov for entrance into Italy in connection with the proposed distribution of Russian films.
4. This letter is addressed to you in thought that perhaps it has not been called to your attention that the distribution of films in liberated Italy is controlled by Psychological Warfare Branch of Allied Force Headquarters, which supervises the dissemination of all the films and arranges for the deposit of film rentals into a special account with the Allied Control Commission.
5. The Commission will be pleased to transmit any official request which you may care to make in this regard to the authorities concerned, who I am sure will give it sympathetic consideration.

For the Chief Commissioner.

(Sgt) M S LUGAT
Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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A.F.H.Q. - G-5 Section.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB/R57

13 October 1944

SUBJECT: Press Clippings

13 OCT Recd

TO : Chief of Staff.

With reference to your enquiry for the latest issue of Time Magazine you may like to know the position about clippings and periodicals generally. Back in December last I started a campaign to get a proper coverage of cuttings from UK and US. Even since then we have continued to press for this but without success. General HILDRING wrote to say that he could not supply what we wanted; eventually we got the postat service from US, which is something. In UK the MOI said they could not supply our needs and even my requests to newscutting agencies failed owing to shortage of copies. I eventually got Lady GRIGG to send a weekly batch. Unless this Branch subscribes to every paper in US and UK there seems to be no means of covering every article which may come into the hands of someone in the AIC. I still think however, that this problem could very possibly be solved, or at any rate partially solved, if I were allowed to go to London and Washington, as I suggested a long time ago. It needs someone to establish a method of collecting relevant material, and then setting up a quick and regular method of getting it here. This ties in with other matters on which I shall send you a separate minute.

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LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

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