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CONTAINS PAPERS
FROM 14M 45
TO VUME 45
CATALOGUE.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE CHIEF

94.

Excerpt

Mr. Brown's report on the
Press Conference at Milan is
at 93. Copy for CC is loose.

Li 8/6.

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China Commission

I do not like this new set up. APB is left
as the successor to PWB under
Mr. Belmont, responsible for
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unacceptable.

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V. G. W.

P.R.O.

Please discuss in the above manner

30 File Room

P.R.O. has discussed 20-6-45

79P.R. Br.

Person see folios 71 & 76 for information,
 also folio 78 from which we will be attach sheet (1)
 the copies have been reported in form, the third copy
 will be passed to you for retention per (2) an additional
 copy of folio 71 & 76 have been reported, which will
 be passed to you in manifest. Person see

Minutes 66:

28 MAY 45.

W. C. A.
W. C. A.

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Folios 71-76 noted - also minute 66

P.B. PRO

86.Chief Commissioner

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1. Pl. See 85.
2. I suggest P.R.B. must be
 on the Technical Sub. Committee
 in fact should sponsor it.

Decls 71-76 noted - Also minutes 66

Q.D. PRO

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Chief Commissioner

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3. Your office has the original

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Ex. 1/6

~~8~~ Com:

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Chief Commissioner has directed Col Scudder to take action in accordance with #2 of folio 85. Col Scudder has been notified.

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Pat Scudder
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SO to 100

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Director,
Public Relations Branch.

1. The second part of Para 1 of Page 58 on which the rest of the argument of PWB is based raises the whole question of Allied military control in Northern Italy. So long as AMG is in operation in N. Italy, so long must the control exercised by PWB continue. Just as AMG control will progressively be reduced until finally the territory is handed back to the Italian Government, so can the control of information services, etc., be gradually reduced. But there can be no question of unilateral action or the removal of one without the other and the idea of transferring the responsibility as early as June 15 is not tenable.
2. It may well be necessary to set up a technical sub-committee at some future date to examine the progressive transfer of responsibility but it must be brought to the attention of PWB and COS, ARHQ, that coordinated action is necessary.
3. The Chief Commissioner together with the US and British Ambassadors agree with this approach to the question and the Chief Commissioner would be glad if you would get out a memorandum on these lines for submission to the COS, ARHQ and for discussion with PWB.

Prigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

16. May. 45.

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PH/Asb. PRO for letter signed by CC & - 955

12/16/81

minutes in answer
 Seen by Ex. Com.
 P.A.
P.A.G.R.
 18/5.

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Subje. V. K. known being approved - I agree ref your ts.

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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P.H. / Ash. P.R.O. for letter signed by C.C. & - 353
minute in answer to action. D.S. / 17/5.

64. Seen by Ex. Com. P.A. P.M.G.R. 18/5.

→ P.R.O.

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Subject's statement being approved - I agree re/ 4th 65.
(Rav. 65) (SEE M80) D.S. / 25/5.

44 - Seen D.S. / 5/5

Yes 8/5/5

cso
After perusal of folios 41, 43-46 recommended
file be limited to P.R.O. after perusal of 41 and 46.
Note only two copies of letter, received. Suggest
letters on folio 48 be signed and dispatched
which will permit distribution. To include P.R.O. in
future and not the same. There within copies of
41 and 46 for P.R.O.

M. J. M. J.

26 May.

CSO

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you should see ⁴⁷⁻⁵³ 4-7 if you have
not already done so.

4/4/45.

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Ex. Com.

To see folios ⁴⁷⁻⁵³ 1-7. pw SAs

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C.O.S.

Sir, Reference your Minute No. 33. PWB memo referred to therein is at Folio 29.

11. Feb. 45

SEEN BY CC and CSB. for 12/2

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See 35.

17 Feb 45

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See 35.

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EC showed See folios 38-43
25 Feb 45 in view of 9241/1/EC? Sh 26 Feb

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APC 394

PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

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22 June 1945. 23 JUN 1945

SUBJECT : Cessation of P.W.B. News Distribution in Northern Italy

TO : Associated Press
United Press
International News Service
Reuters
Aksa
Orbis
Si
Sidi
Agence France-Presse

1. This is to inform you that AFHQ has approved the hand over of responsibility for the distribution of press and radio news in Northern Italy (with the exception of Venezia-Giulia) from P.W.B. to private news agencies effective July 15, 1945.

2. This approval is still subject to the satisfactory solution of several minor technical problems. Unless these problems prove impossible of solution before that date please accept this as notice that private news agencies can begin to distribute news in northern Italy (except Venezia-Giulia) as of 0001 hours 15 July.

3. A system for the rationing of wordage which can be filed to the north is being worked out and a meeting will be held as soon as it is ready for discussion.

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[Signature]
G. STEWART BROWN,

Director,
Public Relations Branch.

DISTRIBUTION:

Chief Commissioner
Executive Commissioner
Civil Affairs Section
Communications Sub-Commission
Political Advisors - British and American
Major Anderson, American Embassy
Mr. Michael Stewart, British Embassy
Major F. Weidman, G-5 Section, AFHQ
Mr. George Tuman, P.W.B., Milan
Mr. Radford, P.W.B., Rome
Mr. G. Bancroft, P.W.B., Rome
Miss Vining, P.W.B., Rome
Mr. J. Linen, PWB, Rome

[Signature]
(CSO)

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Ref: 9267/109/80.

22 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Dissolution of PWB in ITALY.

TO : Public Relations Branch.

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Reference Paper No. SAC (P) (45) 31 dated 16 June 1945,
Copy No. 37 of which was passed to you by this office on 17 June,
attached please find extract from the Minutes of Sacred's 15th Meeting
(Political) at which this matter was discussed.

(Sgt) E. Tanbo,

Lieut. Colonel,
Chief Staff Officer.

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EXTRACT from the Minutes of SACMED's
15th Meeting (Political) held at AFHQ
on 18th June 1945.

MINUTE No. 10

10. TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR DISTRIBUTION OF PRESS AND
RADIO NEWS FROM PWB IN ITALY.

(previous reference Paper No. SAC (P) (45) 31).

THE CONFERENCE had before them a paper recommending that transfer of responsibility for the distribution of press and radio news from PWB to private news agencies should take place on 1 July 1945.

REAR ADMIRAL STONE stated that the Technical Sub-Committee appointed by him to investigate a date for the dissolution of PWB had recommended 1 July provided that three radio frequencies now being used by PWB should be made available to Ital-Cable for their use in Northern ITALY. Recently, however, he had been informed that private news agencies had been unable to complete negotiation of contracts as soon as anticipated and a new target date of 15 July was therefore more desirable.

MR. BARNES stated that he could see no reason why these frequencies could not be made available to the Italian agencies inasmuch as PWB had offered its transmitters in ROME to the Italians on a loan basis.

THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

- a. Directed the Chief of Staff to investigate the allotment of the three frequencies now held by PWB to Ital-Cable and to submit ~~them~~ to him a report of his investigation.
- b. Directed the Chief of Staff to give appropriate orders for the handover of responsibility for distribution of press and radio news from PWB to private news agencies effective 15 July 1945.

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COPY to: COMINS S/C ref 10(a) above. -22/b.
P.B.B (See F 109)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Supr : Allied Commander's Secretariat

SAC (P)(45) 31
16 June 1945

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SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE
(POLITICAL)

TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR DISTRIBUTION OF
PRESS AND RADIO NEWS FROM FMB IN ITALY

Note by Secretary.

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1. At SAC (P)(45) 15th Meeting, Minute 7 b, the Deputy Supreme Allied Commander directed that, when it became possible to recommend a definite date for the transfer of responsibility for the distribution of press and radio news from FMB to private news agencies, the matter should again be brought before the Supreme Allied Commander for final decision.

2. The Technical Sub-Committee set up by the Allied Commission to examine the problems involved in the admission of private news agencies to North ITALY in all but the VENEZIA GIULIA region, has completed its investigations and finds that sufficient communications facilities will be available to permit adequate coverage of North ITALY by private news agencies beginning 1 July 1945. A detailed scheme for the control of Italian press and radio in North ITALY after the cessation of FMB activities is attached as Annexure 1.

3. The recommendations of the Technical Sub-Committee apply only to press and radio. The question of distribution of films will be examined separately.

4. The Supreme Allied Commander, in conference, is requested to approve the handover of responsibility from FMB to private news agencies with effect from 1 July 1945.

(Signed) ROBERT T. HALLER, Major,
for, J. E. EASTON, JR.,
COLONEL, G.S.C.,
SECRETARY.

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(signed) ROBERT T. HANLEY, Major,
for, J. E. BASTION, JR.,
COLONEL, G.S.C.,
SECRETARY.

Executive Commissioner's
Distribution - 17 June 45

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" No. 36 - Executive Commissioner
" No. 37 - P.R. Branch.

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ANNEXURE 1.

PROPOSAL FOR THE REGULATION AND CONTROL OF ITALIAN
PRESS AND RADIO ON CESSATION OF FIVE ACTIVITIES IN
NORTHERN ITALY.

1. Italian Press and Radio in North ITALY will be free to use any news and information available from official sources and private agencies subject to the requirements of military censorship.
2. The elimination of material likely to inflame public opinion and the objective presentation of contentious issues to the Italian population resident in areas under Allied Military Government will be secured through Allied Press Officers whose functions and status are defined below:
3. Allied Publications Board, which will continue to meet at Rome, will appoint from among the civilian and military personnel at present employed by FVE, Allied Press Officers. These will be stationed in areas in which there is a Regional Commissioner, with whom they will act in close cooperation.
4. The Press Officers will act in accordance with directives prepared by Allied Publications Board concurred by AC/AMS and approved by the Chief of Staff, AFHQ. In case of emergency when public safety is endangered the Press Officer will act on the instructions of the Regional Commissioner; in the event of these instructions being at variance with the directives of Allied Publications Board, the matter will be referred back to higher authority for decision.
5. The Press Officers will be under the command of the Chief Press Officer, who is directly responsible to the Chairman of Allied Publications Board. The Chief Press Officer will be a member of Allied Publications Board and will act as Deputy to the Chairman as required.

6. The direction and control of the Italian Press and Radio, vested in Allied Publications Board, will be additional to that exercised by military censorship; it will normally be carried out by means of post publication scrutiny. In cases likely to inflame public opinion, and in controversial issues, which will be the subject of directives from AFHQ, Press Officers will have the right to demand from the non-political information newspapers, which will be authorized in each region, the pre-publication submission of editorial articles and comment and will be entitled to delete from such articles matter liable to inflame public opinion. Press Officers will also be entitled to require these non-political information papers to publish, in full or in part, official Allied statements and orders.

7. The Press Officer will have the power to exercise similar control over Radio scripts in any circumstances when he may consider this necessary.

8. Licensing of the press, including weekly and monthly magazines, and the allotment of circulation to newspapers and posters, will be the responsibility of Regional Allied Publication Boards, whose decisions will be subject to confirmation by the Central Allied Publications Board.

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9. Regional Allied Publications Boards will include the following:-

Press Officer	Chairman
Asst. Press Officer	Secretary
Representative of Regional Commissioner	
Representative of Military Censorship	

The Chairman, Allied Publications Board, will be ex-officio a member of all regional boards and may delegate the Chief Press Officer to attend as his representative.

10. The Control of Paper Supplies and Production will be the responsibility of AC/ANG.
11. The Press Officers will, if desired, act as the agents for OWI and MOI for the distribution of American and British publications within their areas, OWI and MOI providing the Italian staff necessary for this purpose.

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ADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO 394

PRB/9

18 June 1945

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SUBJECT: Cessation of P.W.B. Activities in Northern Italy

TO : Chief of Staff
AFHQ

1. References our PRB/9 of 13 June 45.

2. Enclosed herewith are the draft edmendments to AFHQ Administrative Memorandum No. 50 of 25 November 1944 which through error we neglected to enclose in our above mentioned memorandum to you.

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for 70/64/EC

13/ ELLERY W. STONE
ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Encl. (1)

DISTRIBUTION:

Executive Commissioner
Civil Affairs Section
Communications S/C
Political Advisors - American and British
P.W.B. - Mr. J. Linen, Rome
Mr. G. Edman, Milan
Mr. R. Barnes, Naples
Mr. Radford, Rome
Maj. F. Weidman, G-5, AFHQ
Information & Censorship Sec, Att: Col. Hobson
PRB Files

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AMENDMENTS TO APHQ ADA. ISISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM

NO. 50, of 25th November, 1944, the

AMENDMENTS TO TAKE EFFECT ON THE CESSATION

OF PWB ACTIVITIES IN NORTH ITALY.

1.

Paragraph 1 is rescinded and the following substituted:

1a. The Allied Publications Board comprised of representative of the following has been created:

- (1) Psychological Warfare Branch, APHQ (Chairman)
- (2) Censorship Branch, INC
- (3) G-2 Section
- (4) Allied Commission
- (5) OWI and M of I.

b. Allied Commission will be represented by the following:

- (1) Representatives of the political advisors.
- (2) Representatives of the Economic Section.
- (3) The Director of Public Relations.

c. Psychological Warfare Branch will be represented by the following:

- (1) Head of PWB Italy (Chairman)
- (2) The Chief Press Officer (Executive Secretary)
- (3) Representative of the Director, PWB APHQ

2.

Paragraph 3A is rescinded and the following substituted:

The Communes of Naples, Ancona and Livorno will be regarded for Allied Publications Board purposes as territory under Italian Government jurisdiction but copies of applications for license to publish newspapers and magazines in these areas will be forwarded to the AMG Regional Commissioner by the Italian Press Commission.

3.

Paragraph 3C is rescinded.

8. Allied Commission will be represented by the following:
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3. Paragraph 3C is rescinded.

4. The following sub-para is added to paragraph 4:

- a. Provide for the direction and control of the Italian Press and radio in Italian territory under AMG in accordance with the instructions the Chief of Staff AFHQ and directives approved by him.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

PRB/9

13 June 1945

JUN 1945

SUBJECT: Cessation of P.W.B. Activities in Northern Italy

TO : Chief of Staff
AFHQ

1. On 29 May the Supreme Allied Commander's Conference (Political) directed the Allied Commission to set up a Technical Sub-Committee to recommend a date for the transfer of responsibility for the collection and dissemination of news from P.W.B. to private news agencies, Allied and Italian.

2. The report of this Sub-Committee is attached herewith as "Tab A". It should be noted that communications facilities will be available to private news agencies on July 1. If this is the date on which AFHQ desires that P.W.B. shall cease its distribution of news in northern Italy and to turn over the responsibility to private agencies, the approval by AFHQ should be forthcoming at an early date in order to allow the private news agencies sufficient time to make their plans.

3. There is also attached as "Tab B" the proposal recommended by the Allied Publications Board for the control of press and radio in AMG territory after the dissolution of P.W.B. as directed under II 2 of SAC(P)28. This proposal is submitted for approval by AFHQ.

4. There is also attached as "Tab C" the directive under which the press officers would operate. This is also submitted for AFHQ approval.

ELLENY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Encl. Tab A
Tab B
Tab C

DISTRIBUTION:

Executive Commissioner (2)
Civil Affairs Section
Communications S/C
Political Advisors - American and British
P.W.B. - Mr. J. Linen
Mr. G. Edman
Mr. H. Barnes
Mr. Radford

Maj. F. Weidman, G-5 Sec.
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Information & Censorship
Section, Att: Col. Hobbs

(SIGNED AND TAKEN BY CC TO CASERTA - 14 JUNE 45)

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Tab a

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Communications Sub-Commission

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13th June, 1945

SUBJECT: Distribution of News by Private News Agencies
in North Italy (excluding Venezia Giulia)

TO : Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission

1. The Technical Sub-Committee appointed by you to study communication facilities available to private news agencies for distribution of news in North Italy is satisfied that as of July 1st, 1945 facilities will be available to permit adequate coverage of North Italy by private news agencies provided that:

a. radio frequencies now used by P.W.B. for news distribution be allocated to the Italian Government for use by Italcable. Request for such allocation is being made to A.F.H.Q.

/s/

M.H. SCUDDER

Lt. Colonel, Sig. C.
Director.

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OFFICE OF THE
ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD
62 Via Veneto, Rome
Telephone 489171 Extension 178

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12th June, 1945

TO : Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission,
Copies to Director, PWB AFHQ

FROM : Chairman, Allied Publications Board.

SUBJECT : Direction and Control of Italian Press and Radio.

1. A detailed scheme for the control of Italian Press and Radio in North Italy after the cessation of PWB activities is submitted herewith. The scheme provides for direction and control through press officers and a directive to govern the work of these officers is annexed thereto.
2. The scheme and directive have been adopted by APB, in accordance with recommendation 2 of the annexure to SAC(P) (45) 28, after discussion with representatives of the APB Regional Commissioners in North Italy and of OWI and NOI.
3. The scheme does not apply to Venezia Giulia or to that part of Italian territory lying east of the security control line.
4. The scheme does not provide for the control of Southern Italian transmitters, such as Rome II, which are audible in North Italy. This question was fully considered both in consultation with representatives of the Regional Commissioners in Milan and by APB. However, from the point of view of AMG, the desirability of such control was fully appreciated. APB considers that any attempt to impose political censorship over stations such as Rome II and that I would be out of place at the present time, when the tendency is towards a relaxation rather than a tightening of Allied control. It was further of the opinion that the reimposition of such control would require a use of Allied personnel and would arouse Italian opposition out of all proportion to the advantages to be gained. In reaching this conclusion APB was influenced by the consideration that such control to be effective would have to be extended to British and American transmitters.

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2. The scheme and directive have been suggested with recommendation 2 of the annexure to SAC(P) (45) 28, after discussion with representatives of the MM Regional Commissioners in North Italy and of OWI and MOI.
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5. The annexed scheme calls for the amendment of the AFBQ Administrative Memorandum defining the powers of constitution of AFB. A draft of the required amendments is attached.

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6. ABE invites the AC to forward the attached scheme and directive to the Chief of Staff, AFHQ, for submision to the Supreme Allied Command's Conference (Political) and to forward the draft amendments for issue as an AFHQ Administrative Memorandum subject to the Conference's approval of the scheme.

/s/ GEORGE W. EDMAN

Chairman,
Allied Publications Board

CONFIDENTIAL

12th June, 1945.

ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD

PROPOSAL FOR THE DIRECTION AND CONTROL OF
ITALIAN PRESS AND RADIO ON CESSATION OF
PWE ACTIVITIES IN NORTHERN ITALY.

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5. The Press Officers will be under the command of the Chief Press Officer, who is directly responsible to the Chairman of APB. The Chief Press Officer will be a member of APB and will act as Deputy to the Chairman as required.
6. The direction and control of the Italian Press and Radio, vested in APB, will be additional to that exercised by military censorship: it will normally be carried out by means of post publication scrutiny. In cases likely to inflame public opinion, and in controversial issues, which will be the subject of directives from AFHQ, Press Officers will ⁴³ have the right to demand from the non-political information newspapers, which will be authorised in each region, the pre-publication submission of editorial articles and comment and will be entitled to delete from such articles matter liable to inflame public opinion. Press Officers will also be entitled to require these non-political information papers to publish, in full or in part, official Allied statements and orders.
7. The Press Officer will have the power to exercise similar control over Radio scripts in any circumstances when he may consider this necessary.
8. Licensing of the press, including weekly and monthly magazines,

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and the allotment of circulation to newspapers and posters, will be the responsibility of Regional APBs, whose decisions will be subject to confirmation by the Central APB.

9. Regional APBs will include the following:-

Press Officer	Chairman
Asst. Press Officer	Secretary
Representative of Regional Commissioner	
Representative of Military Censorship	

The Chairman, APB, will be ex officio a member of all regional boards and may delegate the Chief Press Officer to attend as his representative.

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The control of Paper Supplies and Production will be the responsibility of AC/AMG.

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The Press Officers will, if desired, act as the agents for OWI and MOI for the distribution of American and British publications within their areas, OWI and MOI providing the Italian staff necessary for this purpose.

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DIRECTIVE FOR A.P.B.I. AIMS

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2. The institutional question.
3. The disposal of the Italian colonies, the Italian

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 4. Local or general industrial unrest or strikes.
 5. Expulsion trials of high ranking Fascists.

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Extract of Minutes of Executive Commissioner's Meeting - 8 June 45.
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PWB in the North.

PRO had attended a meeting regarding the turn over of PWB and control of the press in the North. A compromise was agreed that press officers would stay in the North in an advisory capacity to the RCs. A draft directive on control was being sent to AFHQ for approval. PWB would like to withdraw from Northern Italy by 15 July if possible.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

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7 June 45

SUBJECT: Conference in Milan on Press Problems in North Italy

TO : Chief Commissioner

1. A conference was called by P.W.B. in Milan on Tuesday, June 5 to discuss press problems in north Italy. The chief problems were 1) plans for supervision and control of Italian press and radio in the north when P.W.B. disbands under orders from the Combined Chiefs of Staff, and 2) problems connected with the reappearance of pre-Fascist independent newspapers in Milan, Turin, Genoa, Bologna and Venice as called for under paragraph 7 of the Press Plan for the North.

2. Present from the Commission were Mr. Henry Hopkinson, Mr. L. White, Commerce Sub-Commission, and Mr. G. Stewart Brown, PRB. All AMD regions sent representatives, and IV Corps was represented by Col. Walker. P.W.B. was represented by its northern director, its press officers and commanding officers of all P.W.B. regional offices in the north. The British Embassy was represented by Mr. Michael Stewart and the American Embassy by Mr. James Linen.

3. The conference had before it a draft of a proposal for the supervision and control of the Italian press and radio after P.W.B. will have ceased its distribution of controlled news in the north and have turned over this responsibility to private news agencies. A draft of the proposal is attached as roughly amended in the discussion, subject to more careful redrafting by P.W.B. for submission to a meeting of the Allied Publications Board on Monday, June 11. If approved by APB it will be submitted to AFHQ through the AC for final approval.

4. There is great doubt as to the wisdom of instituting the control provided in paragraph 4 of the proposal. This control does not exist at the present time and there might be strong protests 933

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from the Italian government if an attempt were made to place a control over the Rome and Bari radio stations. No such control exists at the present time. P.W.B. suggested the views of the Chief Commissioner be ascertained before a decision is taken by the APB on June 11. It would be appreciated if your views could be had before June 11. I concur with P.W.B. that this paragraph should be eliminated.

5. Your views on the entire proposal would be welcomed before Monday, June 11. For your information paragraph 7 is being redrafted to make it clearer that the control to be exercised by the Press Officers is supplementary to the normal military censorship which has considerable latitude in stopping the publication of stories or editorials which might endanger public safety and military security.

6. The second item on the agenda concerned the difficulties in getting the pre-Fascist papers started again. Each city reported and following is a summary of the individual situations and the views of the conference:

A) MILAN: The Corriere d'Informazioni is appearing regularly and without further incident. In Milan it is popularly known simply as "Il Corriere". Its editions are exhausted on the newsstands before those of the party newspapers, thus attesting to its popularity;

B) TURIN: Commissioners are being appointed for the newspapers "La Stampa" and "Gazzetta del Popolo" and after epuration they will start publication in two or three weeks. They will appear under their old names and will have a circulation of 125,000 each. There are five party papers in Turin with a circulation of 75,000 each.

C) GENOA: This is the most troublesome city at present. Because the Perrone brothers are owners of "Il Secolo" there is great opposition to its reappearance both by the C.N.L. and the population. This fact was verified by both AMO and P.W.B. They reported there would be serious trouble if the paper reappeared under its old or even under a new name because of its ownership and past history. There have been negotiations between the C.N.L., AMO and P.W.B. for the organization of an independent nonparty newspaper to replace the P.W.B. paper when it ceases publication. The proposal for the parties to buy half of the stock, equally divided between them, and to sell the other half to the public. The paper would be governed by a public committee representing civic interests, the church and the university. This proposal has been supported by the AMO Regional and Provincial commissioners and the P.W.B. Press Officer in Genoa. As a result of this situation they have asked P.W.B. to recommend to AFHQ that Genoa be exempted from application of para 7 of the Press Plan which would call for the reappearance of "Il Secolo". 938

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P.W.B. is submitting such a recommendation to the APB at its meeting on June 11 and if approved it will be submitted to AFHQ for concurrence. Your views on this question would be appreciated before the meeting. I recommend that AC concur in the recommendation because I am convinced, knowing the Perrones personally, that there will be trouble if we insist on the reappearance of their paper. Our main objective of having an independent nonparty paper in Genoa will be achieved by the proposal outlined earlier.

D) BOLOGNA: There is no great demand for the reappearance of "Il Resto del Carlino" but there would be no trouble if it did reappear providing there was sufficient newsprint for all the papers. The lack of newsprint has delayed the reappearance of "Il Resto del Carlino". There is some demand for the reappearance of the "Avvenire d'Italia", a pre-Fascist Catholic paper with national circulation. At the present time Bologna has one C.N.L. paper representing all parties and therefore fairly independent, and the P.W.B. paper.

E) VENICE: The public is in favor of the reappearance of the "Gazzettino di Venezia" but its publication has been delayed because of the lack of newsprint and the fact that the newspaper's offices are presently occupied by P.W.B. These difficulties will be solved shortly and the Gazzettino will reappear shortly before or simultaneously with the disappearance of the P.W.B. paper.

G. STEWART BROWN
Director,
Public Relations Branch

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Political Advisers
Civil Affairs Section
Commerce S/C, Mr. L. White

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PROPOSAL FOR THE SUPERVISION AND CONTROL OF ITALIAN PRESS & RADIO

1. Italian Press and Radio in North Italy will be free to use any new and information available from official sources and private agencies subject to the requirements of military censorship.
2. The elimination of material likely to inflame public opinion and the objective presentation of contentious issues to the Italian population resident in areas under Allied Military Government will be secured through Allied Press Officer, whose functions and status are defined below.
3. APB, which will continue to meet at Rome, will appoint from among the personnel at present employed by PWB, Press Officers. These will be stationed at each regional commission and will act in close co-operation with the Regional Commissioners, 5th AMG, 8th AMG Armies and advanced echelon of A.C.
4. Similar Press Officers will be appointed at Rome and Bari who exercise a like control over the output of the stations Rome and Bari or any other stations, which are audible in North Italy.
5. The Press Officers will act in accordance with directives prepared by APB, concurred by AC/AMG and approved by the Chief of Staff, AFHQ, and in accordance with the instructions of the Regional Commissioner of AMG.
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8. The Press Officer will have the power to exercise similar control over Radio scripts in any circumstances when he may consider this necessary.

9. The normal team at each of the above centres will consist of a Press Officer, an Assistant Press Officer, an Italian Press Reader, together with the necessary secretarial assistance.

10. Licensing of the press and posters, and the allotment of circulation to newspapers will be the responsibility of Regional APBs, whose decisions will be subject to confirmation by the Central APB.

11. The Regional APB will consist of:-

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Representative of Military Censorship	
Representative of AC Paper Supply	

The Chairman will be ex officio a member of all regional boards and may delegate the Press Officer to attend as his representative.

12. The control of Paper Supplies and Production will be the responsibility of AC/AMG.

13. If the Press Officers will act as agents of OWI & MOI will be responsible for the distribution of American and British publications in their areas and will have the Italian staff necessary for this purpose.

14. Milan will be responsible for Lombardy; Turin for Piedmont; Genoa for Liguria; Bologna for Emilia and Velice for the Veneto and Trentino.

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DIRECTIVE FOR A.P.B.

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EXTRACT from the Minutes of SACMED's 13th
Meeting (Political) held on 31st May 1945

MINUTE No. 7.

7. DISSOLUTION OF PWB IN ITALY.

(Paper No. SAC (P) (45) 28).

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THE CONFERENCE had before them a paper by the Psychological Warfare Sub-Committee recommending a procedure for the eventual dissolution of PWB activities in ITALY, together with a note stating that the Chief of Staff had directed that further detailed investigations and preparations should proceed in accordance with these recommendations, and that a suggestion, as to the final date for the transfer of responsibility from PWB, should be made to the Supreme Allied Commander in conference in due course.

THE DEPUTY SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

- a. Endorsed the directions of the Chief of Staff as contained in Paper No. SAC (P) (45) 28.
- b. Directed that, when it became possible to recommend a definite date for the transfer of responsibility from PWB, the matter should again be brought before the Supreme Allied Commander for final decision.

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SUBJECT: Dissolution of P.W.B. in Italy

TO : Chief Commissioner
(Through Executive Commissioner)

1. Reference is to the attached note from the Supreme Allied Commander's Secretariat and the annexed paper from the Psychological Warfare Subcommittee.

2. PRB recommends that the Chief Commissioner ask the Communications Sub-Commission to set up the Technical Sub-Committee referred to in Recommendation 1 of the paper and instruct it to submit a report and recommendations to the Political Conference.

G. STEWART BROWN
Director,
Public Relations Branch

Copy for info to: Executive Commissioner
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Communications S/C

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SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE
(POLITICAL)

DISSOLUTION OF PWB IN ITALY

Note by Secretary

1. At Annexure 1 is a paper which, after discussion at the Psychological Warfare Sub-Committee was submitted to the Chief of Staff by the Chairman of that Sub-Committee.
2. The Chief of Staff has approved the recommendations of this paper and accordingly directs that the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, and Director PWB should take action to implement them.
3. On receipt of the report of the Technical Sub-Committee to be set up in accordance with Recommendation 1 of the paper, the subject will be brought before the Supreme Allied Commander's Conference (Political) for final approval of the transfer of responsibility from PWB.
4. Meanwhile, the attached paper and the above note of decisions taken in regard to its recommendations are circulated for the information of members of the Supreme Allied Commander's Conference (Political).

(Sgd)

J.G. SWEETMAN,
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ATTACHURE 1

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PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE SUB-COMMITTEE

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26 May 1945

SUBJECT: PWB Functions in North ITALY.

TO : Chief of Staff.

I. DISCUSSION

1. The Combined Chiefs of Staff have directed in FAN 538 that information activities in liberated ITALY should be separated on national lines when integration ceases to serve in direct support of military operations and that public information facilities should be released to civilian agencies as soon after liberation as military conditions allow.

2. It is the opinion of the Psychological Warfare Sub-Committee that the unconditional surrender of the German forces has brought about conditions in ITALY in which Allied control of the informational services could largely be relaxed with a view to restoring progressively and as speedily as possible the freedom of press and freedom of expression to which the United Nations are pledged. The timing of this restoration is partly dependent on political developments and partly on the restoration of communications facilities. While the former factor cannot be exactly forecast, the latter is under our own control, and the restoration to civilian agencies must be largely dependent on this purely technical problem. On the political side, the immediate restoration to civilian agencies may be open to objection, but it would appear to PWB that a considerable relaxation of control is desirable as soon as the solution of the technical communications problems allow and that provision for consultation and coordination with the Italian Government and Italian agencies should be provided for from the outset.

3. News

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4. Radio and Press

a. In Southern ITALY, the admission of the private news agencies was accompanied by the return of the radio network to Italian control, and the transfer of PWB controlled newspapers to private Italian companies. The return of the whole radio network would place in the hands of the R.A.I. and so indirectly of the Italian Government a powerful propaganda organ and the relinquishment of all Allied control over this organ and over the press might place Allied Military Government at a serious disadvantage should any tension develop. In such circumstances even the restoration of the pre-Fascist newspaper as non-political information papers would be insufficient to guarantee that the Allied point of view were properly presented to the North Italian public, and that inflammatory material were avoided.

b. But to secure such control, as is required, a more flexible system than that hitherto employed by PWB might well be set up, and discussions with the AC suggest that the most suitable organ for this purpose is Allied Publications Board. Working under an over-all directive drawn up by Allied Publications Board, on which AC, MOI and PWB are all represented, it would be possible to exercise control by means of regional press officers acting in close cooperation with the regional commissioners. Should events develop smoothly, the function of these officers would be to afford to the Italian press and radio advice and assistance, more particularly to furnish the Italian agencies with material from Allied sources which would not otherwise be at their disposal. But should the development of events render this desirable in the view of AC or of the Regional Commissioners, these officers would be able to exert considerable pressure on the Italian Press and radio in North ITALY by means of licensing, allotments of paper and other forms of economic pressure.

5. Venezia Giulia, N.W. Italy, and Austria

a. Venezia Giulia is excluded from the scope of the present paper in view of the special circumstances prevailing in that region. The scheme proposed can also be postponed if the situation in N.F. Italy develops so as to make such delay essential.

b. PWB commitments to Austria will also necessitate the retention of certain facilities in Italy and these are considered elsewhere.

II. RECOMMENDATIONS

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3. That PWB be instructed to provide the Allied Publications Board with all necessary facilities, including the provision of the necessary staff, to make the foregoing project effective.

4. That press officers, attached to Allied Publications Board act as agents for the distribution of OWI and MOI publications in North ITALY.

5. That, upon approval of the recommendations of the sub-committee to be set up under para 1 above, PWB should, at a date so determined, cease all activities other than those required for VENEZIA GIULIA and AUSTRIA, except for film distribution and activities required by para 3 above.

(intd) A J. McC.

Chairman, Psychological Warfare Sub-Committee

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Supreme Allied Commander's Secretariat

29 May 1945

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission.

Subject: Psychological Warfare Sub-Committee Papers.

passed to C.H. 31 May 45.

The attached documents are forwarded as requested in your letter 9267/78/EC dated 27 May 1945. In future three copies of papers and minutes referring to the Psychological Warfare Sub-Committee will be forwarded to the Chief Commissioner.

J. E. Bastick, Jr.
J. E. BASTICK, Jr.,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Secretary to Supreme Allied Commander.

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27 May 1945.

SUBJECT: Psychological Warfare Sub-Committee.

TO : A.F.H.Q.
(Attention: S.A.C.'s Secretariat).

1. It will be appreciated if three copies of Papers and Minutes of all future Meetings of the Psychological Warfare Sub-Committee can be sent to the Chief Commissioner.

2. May one further copy of paper P.W. SC(45) 6 dated 23 May 1945 subject "P.W.B. Functions in North Italy" and Minutes of Meeting held 24 May be forwarded.

For the Chief Commissioner:

E. TALBOT
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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PSYCHOLOGICAL WARTARE SUB-COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PSYCHOLOGICAL
WARTARE SUB-COMMITTEE HELD IN THE G-1 (B)
CONFERENCE ROOM AT 1200 HOURS ON THURSDAY
24TH MAY 1945

PRESENT:-

Brigadier General A. J. McChrystal,
Chief, INC

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

Mr. A.C.M. Russell, representing
British Resident Minister

Mr. Russell Barnes,
Director, PWB

Mr. C.A.R. Radford, representing
Deputy Director, PWB

Lieutenant Colonel G. Eyres-Monsell, representing
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, AFHQ

Colonel J. P. Torrence, representing
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, AFHQ

Brigadier T. R. Henn, representing
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5, AFHQ

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1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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Mr. C.A.R. Radford, representing
Deputy Director, PWB

Lieutenant Colonel G. Eyres-Monsell, representing
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, AFHQ

Colonel J. P. Terrence, representing
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, AFHQ

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Brigadier T. R. Hearn, representing
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5, AFHQ

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Major Robert T. Hanley

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

(PWSHC (45) 2nd Meeting)

THE SUB-COMMITTEE approved the minutes of their meeting held on 16th
March 1945.

2. PWB FUNCTIONS IN NORTH ITALY

(Paper No. PWSHC (45) (6))

THE SUB-COMMITTEE had before them a paper recommending that an examina-
tion be made into the problems involved in the admission of private news
agencies to North ITALY, and that a date be established as soon as possible
after 15 June for transfer of the responsibility for the collection and dis-
semination of news in that area, both press and radio, from PWB to the private

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news agencies, Allied and Italian.

THE CHAIRMAN stated that as a result of several cases of non-concurrence in the paper following its publication, he had invited the Chairman, PWB, to submit a revised version, which omitted several controversial issues of the original. He, therefore, desired to place this revised paper before the Subcommittee for their consideration.

MR. BARNES pointed out that due to unexpectedly settled conditions which had been found in North ITALY upon occupation, and to the fact that the war in EUROPE was now over, it was desirable that PWB should be dissolved as soon as possible. The press and radio in North ITALY were found to be in good financial condition and the anticipated degree of control had not in fact been necessary. It was therefore advisable to permit the introduction of private news agencies into the area at an early date. In reply to a question by the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, he stated that a measure of control would continue to be maintained by the Allied Publications Board after the dissolution of PWB.

MR. ADMIRAL STONE, expressing general agreement with the recommendations of the paper, queried the advisability of continuing to maintain intelligence units in Rome and Milan after PWB activities had ceased in all areas of North-ITALY, with the exception of VAREZIA GIULIA. Referring to a statement by the Director, PWB, he considered that since PWB would be required to continue the distribution of films, paragraph 3 of the recommendations of the paper should be amended accordingly.

COLONEL TERENCE queried that a control once released could be reestablished in such event as French refusal to withdraw their forces from North-West ITALY after present governmental negotiations had been concluded. He considered that the transfer of control of press and radio from PWB to the Allied Publications Board would simply involve the transfer of personnel from the former organization to the latter.

MR. BARNES stated that the Allied Publications Board had sufficient personnel at the present time to assume the necessary control, which would be somewhat more free than that exercised by PWB. It would, moreover, permit a saving of some 500 persons now employed by PWB. These would be released when transfer became effective.

MR. HADFORD observed that once PWB control was transferred, its personnel would be released and it would, therefore, not be possible to reassemble them in case it became necessary for PWB to resume control in the future.

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MR. RADNICK stated that the Allied Publications Board had sufficient personnel at the present time to assume the necessary control, which would be somewhat more free than that exercised by PAB. It would, moreover, permit a saving of some 300 persons now employed by PAB. These would be released when transfer became effective.

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THE CHAIRMAN:-

Directed the Secretary to redraft for his approval the revised paper, in form suitable for submission to the Supreme Allied Commander's Conference (Political), in accordance with the above discussion.

3. PRESS PLAN FOR NORTHWEST ITALY
(Paper No. PMSOC (45) (5))

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THE SUB-COMMITTEE had before them a press plan for Northern ITALY, outlining the responsibility of F&B for the dissemination and collection of news in that territory.

THE CHAIRMAN stated that, after informal concurrence by the members of the Sub-Committee, the plan had been approved by the Chief of Staff. It had been put into effect and was working satisfactorily, though in a large measure it had been overtaken by events.

THE SUB-COMMITTEE:-

Took note of the above report.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH

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24th May, 1945

SUBJECT: PWB Functions in North Italy.

MAY 28 1945

TO : Chief of Staff

I. DISCUSSIONS

1. The Combined Chiefs of Staff have directed in FAN.538 that informational activities in Liberated Italy should be separated on national lines when integration ceases to serve in direct support of military operations, and that public informational facilities should be released to civilian agencies as soon after liberation as military conditions allow.

It is the opinion of PWB that the unconditional surrender of the German forces has brought about conditions in Italy in which Allied control of the informational services could largely be relaxed with a view to restoring progressively and as speedily as possible the freedom of press and freedom of expression to which the United Nations are pledged. The timing of this restoration is partly dependent on political developments and partly on the restoration of communications facilities. While the former factor cannot be exactly forecast, the latter is under our own control, and the restoration to civilian agencies must be largely dependent on this purely technical problem. On the political side, the immediate restoration to civilian agencies may be open to objection, but it would appear to PWB that a considerable relaxation of control is desirable as soon as the solution of the technical communications problems allow and that provision for consultation and coordination with the Italian Government and Italian agencies should be provided for from the outset.

2. News

The first step in the release of public informational facilities is the admission of the private news agencies. On a previous occasion, the agencies requested one month's notice of intention to transfer responsibility in a given area. It is thought that this would be sufficient. An equally essential pre-requisite to transfer is the restoration of civilian communications, a technical problem which can be most easily studied by a technical sub-committee similar to that appointed to arrange the detailed transfer of facilities in Rome and Southern Italy.

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3. Radio and Press

In Southern Italy, the admission of the private news agencies was accompanied by the return of the radio network to Italian control, and the transfer of FNB controlled newspapers to private Italian companies. The return of the whole radio network would place in the hands of the R.A.I. and so indirectly of the Italian Government a powerful propaganda organ and the relinquishment of all Allied control over this organ and over the press might place allied military Government at a serious disadvantage should any tension develop. In such circumstances even the restoration of the pre-Fascist newspapers as non-political

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information papers would be insufficient to guarantee that the Allied point of view were properly presented to the North Italian public, and that inflammatory material were avoided.

But to secure such control, as is required, a more flexible system than that hitherto employed by PWB might well be set up, and discussions with the AC suggest that the most suitable organ for this purpose is Allied Publications Board. Working under an over-all directive drawn up by APB, on which AC, ONI, MOI and PWB are all represented, it would be possible to exercise control by means of regional press officers acting in close cooperation with the regional commissioners. Should events develop smoothly, the function of these officers would be to afford to the Italian press and radio advice and assistance, more particularly to furnish the Italian agencies with material from Allied sources which would not otherwise be at their disposal. But should the development of events render this desirable in the view of AC or of the Regional Commissioners, these officers would be able to exert considerable pressure on the Italian Press and radio in North Italy by means of licensing, allotment of paper and other forms of economic pressure.

4. Intelligence

PWB Intelligence Units in Rome and Milan will be required as long as PWB retains responsibilities in any part of North Italy. In addition, it will be necessary for arrangements to be made for the transfer to other agencies of work at present done by PWB and still required by the State Department and PID. It is suggested that the persons required for this work, which will outlast the existence of PWB, be attached to the British and American Embassies. A detailed plan is attached, TAB A.

5. Venezia Giulia and Austria

Venezia Giulia is excluded from the scope of the present paper in view of the special circumstances prevailing in that region.

PWB commitments to Austria will also necessitate the retention of certain facilities in Italy and these are considered elsewhere.

II. RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That AC be instructed to set up a technical sub-committee to examine the problems involved in the admission of the private news agencies to North Italy, and to recommend a date as soon as possible after July 1st for the transfer of responsibility for the collection

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2. That APB be instructed to prepare a detailed scheme for the control of the Italian press and radio in North Italy, and of

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such Italian-controlled stations as are audible in North Italy, (including Rome II) through press officers working in close cooperation with the Regional Commissioners, and that it prepare a directive to govern the work of these press officers.

3. That FwB be instructed to provide APB with all necessary facilities, including the provision of the necessary staff, to make the foregoing project effective, and that FwB cease all other activities in Italy outside Venezia Giulia.

4. That press officers, attached to APB, act as agents for the distribution of OWI and MOI publications in North Italy.

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PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE SUB-COMMITTEE

MAY 26 1945

PWB FUNCTIONS IN NORTH ITALY

Note by Secretary

1. The Director, PWB, has forwarded the attached paper on PWB functions in North Italy.
2. The Psychological Warfare Sub-Committee in conference, are invited to recommend to the Chief of Staff that the recommendations in Section II of the attached paper should be approved.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
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10th May 1945

SUBJECT: PWB Functions in North Italy

TO: Chief of Staff.

I. DISCUSSIONS:

1. The Combined Chiefs of Staff have directed in FAN 538 that informational activities in Liberated ITALY should be separated on national lines when integration ceases to serve in direct support of military operations, and that public informational facilities should be released to civilian agencies as soon after liberation as military conditions allow.

It is the opinion of PWB that the unconditional surrender of the German forces has brought about conditions in ITALY in which allied control, other than censorship for security reasons, of the informational services, is no longer necessary. It is also felt by PWB that the Italian patriot contribution to victory has been such that any attempt to prolong this control beyond the minimum period necessary for the re-establishment of communications, would arouse Italian hostility and excite non-cooperation to an extent which would embarrass allied administration more seriously than the inconveniences which might arise from the uncontrolled entry and dissemination of news, including comments critical of allied policy and administration.

2. Geographical Considerations.

These considerations apply to the whole of North ITALY, but the matter is most urgent in the industrial areas of the Northwest, where the patriots, especially the Left elements, most critical of allied control, are strongest. It would therefore be logical to suggest that measures should apply in the first place to LOMBARDY, PIEMONTE, LIGURIA and EMILIA, that they should be extended as soon as possible to the VENETO and if circumstances permit to VENEZIA, TRIESTINA. VENEZIA, GIULIA is a special case which is not considered in this paper.

3. News.

The first step in the release of public informational facilities is admission of the private news agencies. On a previous occasion, the agency requested one month's notice of intention to transfer responsibility in a given area. It is thought that this would be sufficient. An equally essential pre-requisite to transfer is the restoration of civilian communications, a technical problem which can be most easily studied by a technical

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4. Radio

In Southern ITALY the admission of the private news agencies was accompanied by the return of the radio network to Italian control. PWB feels that this should also happen in North ITALY, but it is felt desirable to draw attention to the fact that Liberated North ITALY contains powerful transmitters which, added to those already available at ROME, would place in the hands of AI and so indirectly of the Italian government, a propaganda weapon more powerful than that available to neighbouring allied countries, which might well raise grave objections. This would appear to be a political matter outside the competence of PWB, which will not require these transmitters for operational reasons, except to a very limited extent.

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5. Press.

With the entry of the private news agencies, it is not felt desirable to retain FVB controlled papers. It is however, considered essential that non-political information papers be set up as provided for in the North Italian Press Plan, and it would therefore appear essential that the pre-Fascist papers be re-started before FVB papers are suspended.

6. Information Services.

Transfer of information services to OWI and MOI should take place at the time of the entry of the private news agencies in accordance with the detailed plans laid down in respect of South IT.IY.

7. Intelligence.

FVB Intelligence Units in ROME and MILAN will be required as long as FVB retains responsibilities in any part of North IT.IY. In addition, it will be necessary for arrangements to be made for the transfer to other agencies of work at present done by FVB and still required by the State Department and FID. It is suggested that the persons required for this work, which will outlast the existence of FVB, be attached to the British and American Embassies. A detailed plan is attached at Appendix 'A'.

8. AUSTRIA.

The present paper does not deal with FVB responsibilities towards AUSTRIA.

II. RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That AC be instructed to set up a technical sub-committee to examine the problems involved in the admission of the private news agencies to North ITALY, and to recommend a date as soon as possible after June 15th for the transfer of responsibility for the collection and dissemination of news from FVB to the private news agencies, Allied and Italian.
2. That as a first stage the transfer be made in LOMBARDY, PIEMONTE, LIGURIA and EMILIA. That a second stage covering the VENETO and if conditions permit VENEZIA, TRIDENTINA follow as soon as facilities can be provided.
3. That FVB put into force as quickly as possible the provisions of the press plan concerning pre-Fascist Italian newspapers in order to ensure that non-political information papers exist in the Northern cities and that FVB cease publication of its own papers when the private news agencies are admitted.
4. That control, other than censorship, of the Italian radio network in the North be returned to OWI at the date fixed for the admission of the private news agencies and that should the retention of political control be

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2. That as a first stage the transfer be made in LOWBARDY, PIEMONTE, LIGURIA and EMILIA. That a second stage covering the VENETO and if conditions permit VENEZIA TRIDENTINA follow as soon as facilities can be provided.
3. That FWB put into force as quickly as possible the provisions of the press plan concerning pre-Fascist Italian newspapers in order to ensure that non-political information papers exist in the Northern cities and that FWB cease publication of its own papers when the private news agencies are admitted.
4. That control, other than censorship, of the Italian radio network in the North be returned to M.I. at the date fixed for the admission of the private news agencies and that should the retention of political control be considered desirable for the reasons cited above, the AC be invited in conjunction with the US and British Embassies and FWB to examine the problem and set up the necessary machinery.
5. That responsibility for British and US Information services be transferred to CMI and MOI on the date fixed for the admission of the private news agencies and that the general lines of the transfer follow those laid down for South ITALY.
6. That FWB restrict its activities in the field of intelligence to the needed for its own operation in North ITALY and that other intelligence activities, at present carried out by FWB and still desired in WASHINGTON or LONDON, be transferred to the US and British Embassies.

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APPENDIX 'A'

DETAILED PLAN

SUBJECT: FMB RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE COLLECTION OF INTELLIGENCE
IN ITALY

1. On 31st March 1945, the Chief of Staff directed Psychological Warfare Sub-Committee to examine the possibility of reducing the activities of FMB in regard to the collection of intelligence in ITALY.

2. Since that date, lack of personnel and the necessity of freeing officers for work in North ITALY has already caused the cessation of FMB activities in the field of economic intelligence and in the reporting of press and publications in liberated ITALY. In addition, the work of the Italian Documents Section has been temporarily suspended.

3. As long as FMB retains any responsibility for psychological warfare activities in Northern ITALY, it will be necessary to retain intelligence units in ROME and MILAN and other centres where FMB offices exist, for the collection of the intelligence needed to guide and direct propaganda and other activities. Reports by these units should be made available to other allied agencies as at present, after clearance with AC on existing lines.

4. It is however, felt that the scope of these reports should in future be restricted to the following matters :

- (a) The growth and doctrines of Italian political parties.
- (b) Italian public opinion, more particularly in its reaction to current events.
- (c) Reactions to allied propaganda.
- (d) Information about Italian press, publications, etc.

It is further felt that a daily cable of press extracts for the use of CMI and FID should continue until such time as other arrangements can be made.

5. The personalities section located in FOIE should continue to function until such time as information available from North ITALY can be incorporated in the card index. Arrangements have been made for micro-filming of this card index so that copies may be available to the American and British Embassies in ROME and for despatch to WASHINGTON and LONDON.

6. The activities of the Italian Documents section have been tempo-

for the collection of information. Reports by these units should be made available to and other activities. Reports by these units should be made available to other allied agencies as at present, after clearance with AC on existing lines.

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5. The personalities section located in Rome should continue to function until such time as information available from North Italy can be incorporated in the card index. Arrangements have been made for micro-filming of this card index so that copies may be available to the American and British Embassies in Rome and for despatch to WASHINGTON and LONDON.

6. The activities of the Italian Documents section have been temporarily suspended in order to make the personnel available for work in North Italy. One officer and one NCO have been attached to the 5th Army Combat Team with specific instructions to locate and report on certain Fascist archives, including the Mussolini Archives and the archives of the Ministry of Popular Culture which were transferred to North Italy in September 1943. It is felt that further research of these archives would not be of immediate benefit to FIB and that such research would fall outside the proper function of FIB. It is, however, known that such research is desired by the State Department and by the Foreign Office and it is felt that the appropriate organization to carry out this research should be attached to the US and British Embassies, and that FIB should be relieved of all responsibility in this respect.

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7. If the foregoing suggestions be accepted, it is submitted that the Intelligence Services of FWE should continue only so long as FWE is responsible for the control of the Press and Radio in Northern Italy and that PID, OWI and other organisations at present receiving FWE Intelligence reports should immediately be informed, so that alternative arrangements may be made by the organisations themselves to obtain their legitimate requirements through other channels.

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25 May 45

SUBJECT: Termination Date of P.W.B. News Service

TO : Executive Commissioner

MAY 25 1945

1. A meeting was held in my office this morning to discuss the date on which P.W.B. would terminate its news service to cities in the provinces of Florence, Pistoia, Lucca and Leghorn when these provinces are turned back to the Italian Government and turn over responsibility for future news distribution to private news agencies. Present were representatives from Reuters, Associated Press, United Press, International News Service, Ansa, Si, Orbis, P.W.B. and Communications Sub-Commission.

2. Inasmuch as the date for the turn over of the above provinces to the Italian Government has not yet been definitely fixed, it was tentatively decided to set the date of June 10 on which day the private agencies would start functioning providing the provinces in question had been turned back to the Italian Government on or before that date. P.W.B. further agreed that it would continue its service for two days after this date in order that there would be no confusion.

3. If the date for the turn over of these provinces to the Italian Government is set later than June 10 we shall advise the agencies and make the date for the beginning of private news distribution coincide with the turn over date.

4. I hope this meets with your approval.

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17 May 1945

SUBJECT: P.W.B. Functions in North Italy

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TO : Chief of Staff
AFHQ

1. Reference is to the paper of May 10 on the above subject submitted to the Chief of Staff by P.W.B.

2. In the opinion of the Allied Commission and its political advisors the proposed cessation of P.W.B. control of news and radio in north Italy should not take effect unless and until P.W.B. has set up a system to exercise some control on what the newspapers may publish and the radio may broadcast. The reasons are:

a) The Allied Commission and AMG are responsible for the administration of north Italy until it is turned over to the Italian Government. Administration and control of this territory will be made more difficult if private agencies, both Allied and Italian, are permitted completely uncontrolled distribution of news and information in this territory;

b) AMG is not organized to exercise this control of news and information which is a responsibility of P.W.B. operating under directives from AFHQ.

/s/ Henry W. Stone

HENRY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

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THE OBJECTIVE: It is generally agreed that all units of PWB should be dissolved as rapidly as possible, consistent with the requirements of AMG.

THE PROBLEMS: Some seven units of PWB seem to present special problems. To AMG (1) News; (2) Press; (3) Radio; and (4) Films will continue to require some guidance and AMG is not prepared to take over.

PWB itself is concerned with (5) Intelligence.

The British and American Embassies have a stake in (6) Intelligence Files now held by PWB, and in (7) the distribution of Publications.

**SUGGESTED
SOLUTIONS:**

Since the Allied Publications Board cannot give way to the Italian Press Commission until AMG authority is also transferred, a simple solution would be to charge APB with reasonable supervision of both Press and Radio in Northern Italy.

Incumbent PWB press officers could be attached to APB in the various cities, and work as follows:

(a) under threat of withdrawal of license to publish, they would exercise strong influence on the handling by any publication of news and commentaries.

(b) while transferring existing PWB papers into independent information papers, they could also see that these papers carried AMG proclamations and news.

(c) in cooperation with AMG officials, they could temper radio news and commentaries by some such right as "withdrawal of power", restriction on size of transmitter, etc.

(d) they also could serve as official distributing officers for MOI and OWI publications which AMG wanted in the area.

Thus, News, Press, Radio and Publications could be properly supervised.

Film distribution can carry on as at present.

The Intelligence suggestions attached seem to be logical. 912

The Intelligence Files could be taken over by SS and PID, and then made available to the Italian as well as other governments. (They are essential to epuration.)

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SUBJECT: P.W.B. Functions in Northern Italy

TO : Executive Commissioner

1. Your attention is called to the attached letter from the Assistant Deputy Director, P.W.B., enclosing two papers submitted to the Chief of Staff, AFHQ, on P.W.B. functions in northern Italy.

2. Although AFHQ has not yet issued instructions based on the recommendations from P.W.B., I believe it would be advisable for the Communications Sub-Commission to study and prepare recommendations as to the date by which normal communications can be established with northern cities. Once this date is established and instructions have been received from AFHQ, we can meet with private Italian agencies and with P.W.B. to determine the formal date on which P.W.B. will cease furnishing news in northern Italy.

3. Particular study should be given to para 4 under chapter II "Recommendations".

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G. STEWART BROWN
Director,
Public Relations Branch

Copy to: Chief Commissioner
Communications Sub-Commission

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH

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10th May, 1945

TO: AC, (Attention of the Director of Public Relations), *✓ Rome*
Copy to PWB 15th Army Group.

FROM: Assistant Deputy Director, PWB-AFHQ

SUBJECT: PWB Functions in North Italy.

1. I herewith forward five copies of the Staff paper which is being submitted to the Chief of Staff, AFHQ, for his decision as to future procedure and approval.
2. I am addressing this letter and the copies to the Director of Public Relations as it was with that office that I discussed the matter while I was in Rome last week.
3. If liquidation of PWB responsibilities as proposed in the attached paper is to take place at an early date, it is necessary that steps be taken as soon as possible to secure the smooth transfer in the fields of Radio, Press and News.
4. PWB is already in close touch with the General Directorate of RAI to ensure that the FWB Radio arrangements in the north will be such as RAI eventually desires to take over, and that FWB actions in this field are confined to what is strictly necessary for the operational control of the programmes in the interim period.
5. FWB will also take the necessary steps to see that that part of the Press Plan ~~concerning~~ the pre-Fascist papers is put into operation as soon as possible so that these papers will have revived as information newspapers before the date fixed for the transfer and the consequent liquidation of PWB papers.
6. The smooth transfer of the news organisation depends on the possibility of representatives of the private news agencies, including the Italian agencies, ANSA, ORBIS and SI, being able to visit North Italy at an early date in order to make arrangements for the link up. In forwarding these copies of this proposal, FWB desires to draw attention to this point, as permission for the representatives of the Italian agencies to visit North Italy is a matter for the Public Relations Branch of AC, and not for PWB.

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Assistant Deputy Director,

PWB-AFHQ

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH

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10th May, 1945

SUBJECT: PWB Functions in North Italy.

TO : Chief of Staff.

I. DISCUSSIONS:

1. The Combined Chiefs of Staff have directed in FAN533 that informational activities in Liberated Italy should be separated on national lines when integration ceases to serve in direct support of military operations, and that public informational facilities should be released to civilian agencies as soon after liberation as military conditions allow.

It is the opinion of PWB that the unconditional surrender of the German forces has brought about conditions in Italy in which allied control, other than censorship for security reasons, of the informational services, is no longer necessary. It is also felt by PWB that the Italian patriot contribution to victory has been such that any attempt to prolong this control beyond the minimum period necessary for the re-establishment of communications, would arouse Italian hostility and excite non-cooperation to an extent which would embarrass allied administration more seriously than the inconveniences which might arise from the uncontrolled entry and dissemination of news, including comments critical of allied policy and administration.

2. Geographical Considerations.

These considerations apply to the whole of North Italy, but the matter is most urgent in the industrial areas of the North West, where the patriots, especially the Left elements, most critical of allied control, are strongest. It would therefore be logical to suggest that measures should apply in the first place to Lombardy, Piedmont, Liguria and Emilia, that they should be extended as soon as possible to the Veneto and if circumstances permit to Venezia Tridentina. Venezia Giulia is a special case which is not considered in this paper.

3. News

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4. Radio

In Southern Italy the admission of the private news agencies was accompanied by the return of the radio network to Italian control. FWB feels that this should also happen in North Italy, but it is felt desirable to draw attention to the fact that Liberated North Italy

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contains powerful transmitters which, added to those already available at Rome, would place in the hands of RAI and so indirectly of the Italian Government, a propaganda weapon more powerful than that available to neighbouring allied countries, which might well raise grave objections. This would appear to be a political matter outside the competence of FWB, which will not require these transmitters for operational reasons, except to a very limited extent.

5. Press

With the entry of the private news agencies, it is not felt desirable to retain FWB controlled papers. It is however, considered essential that non-political information papers be set up as provided for in the North Italian Press Plan, and it would therefore appear essential that the pre-Fascist papers be re-started before FWB papers are suspended.

6. Information Services.

Transfer of information services to ONI and MOI should take place at the time of the entry of the private news agencies in accordance with the detailed plans laid down in respect of South Italy.

7. Intelligence

FWB Intelligence Units in Rome and Milan will be required as long as FWB retains responsibilities in any part of North Italy. In addition, it will be necessary for arrangements to be made for the transfer to other agencies of work at present done by FWB and still required by the State Department and PID. It is suggested that the persons required for this work, which will outlast the existence of FWB, be attached to the British and American Embassies. A detailed plan is attached, TAB A.

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II. RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That AC be instructed to set up a technical sub-committee to examine the problems involved in the admission of the private news agencies to North Italy, and to recommend a date as soon as possible after June 15th for the transfer of responsibility for the collection and dissemination of news from PWB to the private news agencies, Allied and Italian.

2. That as a first stage the transfer be made in Lombardy, Piedmont, Liguria and Emilia. That a second stage covering the Veneto and if conditions permit Venezia Tridentina follow as soon as facilities can be provided.

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3. That FNB put into force as quickly as possible the provisions of the press plan concerning pro-Fascist Italian newspapers in order to ensure that non-political information papers exist in the Northern cities and that FNB cease publication of its own papers when the private news agencies are admitted.

4. That control, other than censorship, of the Italian radio network in the North be returned to RAI at the date fixed for the admission of the private news agencies and that should the retention of political control be considered desirable for the reasons cited above, the AC be invited in conjunction with the US and British Embassies and FNB to examine the problem and set up the necessary machinery.

5. That responsibility for British and US Information services be transferred to OMI and MOI on the date fixed for the admission of the private news agencies and that the general lines of the transfer follow those laid down for South Italy.

6. That FNB restrict its activities in the field of intelligence to that needed for its own operation in North Italy and that other intelligence activities, at present carried out by FNB and still desired in Washington or London, be transferred to the US and British Embassies.

10th May, 1945

DETAILED PLAN

SUBJECT: P.W.B RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE COLLECTION OF INTELLIGENCE
IN ITALY.

1. On 31st March 1945, the Chief of Staff directed Psychological Warfare Sub-Committee to examine the possibility of reducing the activities of P.W.B in regard to the collection of intelligence in Italy.

2. Since that date, lack of personnel and the necessity of freeing officers for work in North Italy has already caused the cessation of P.W.B activities in the field of economic intelligence and in the reporting of press and publications in Liberated Italy. In addition, the work of the Italian Documents Section has been temporarily suspended.

3. As long as P.W.B retains any responsibility for psychological warfare activities in Northern Italy, it will be necessary to retain intelligence units in Rome and Milan and other centres where P.W.B offices exist, for the collection of the intelligence needed to guide and direct propaganda and other activities. Reports by these units should be made available to other allied agencies as at present, after clearance with A.C on existing lines.

4. It is however, felt that the scope of these reports should in future be restricted to the following matters:

- a) the growth and doctrines of Italian political parties.
- b) Italian public opinion, more particularly in its reaction to current events.
- c) reactions to allied propaganda.
- d) Information about Italian press, publications, etc.

It is further felt that a daily cable of press extracts for the use of O.I and P.I.D should continue until such time as other arrangements can be made.

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6. The activities of the Italian Documents section have been temporarily suspended in order to make the personnel available for work in North Italy. One Officer and one NCO have been attached to the 5th Army Combat Team with specific instructions to locate and report on certain Fascist archives, including the Mussolini archives and the archives of the Ministry of Popular Culture which were transferred to North Italy in September 1943. It is felt that further research of these archives

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would not be of immediate benefit to F&B and that such research would fall outside the proper functions of F&B. It is, however, known that such research is desired by the State Department and by the Foreign Office and it is felt that the appropriate organisation to carry out this research should be attached to the US and British Embassies, and that F&B should be relieved of all responsibility in this respect.

7. If the foregoing suggestions be accepted, it is submitted that the Intelligence Services of F&B should continue only so long as F&B is responsible for the control of the Press and Radio in Northern Italy and that PID, O&I and other organisations at present receiving P&B Intelligence reports should immediately be informed, so that alternative arrangements may be made by the organisations themselves to obtain their legitimate requirements through other channels.

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4th April 1945.

TO : Public Relations Branch.
Pol Adv (B)
Pol Adv (A)

1. Attached for your information is extract from the Minutes of SACMED's Political Conference of 29 March 1945 at which this subject was discussed.
2. Copy of Paper No. SAC (P) (45) 18 of 26 March 1945 referred to in the Minute was passed to Public Relations Branch by this office on 28 March. Copies are attached herewith for the Political Advisers.

Chief Staff Officer,
to the Executive Commissioner.

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Extract from Minutes of SACRED's Political Conference held on 27th March 1945.

4. PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE ACTIVITIES IN ITALY.

(Paper No. SAC (P) (45) 18).

THE CONFERENCE had before them a paper attaching a draft cable to the Combined Chiefs of Staff, requesting their covering approval to the reorganisation which had taken place in psychological warfare activities in ITALY, together with draft detailed instructions to the Director, Psychological Warfare Branch, on the future PWB organisation in ITALY.

BRIGADIER GENERAL MCCURSTAL stated that the changes outlined in the draft telegram and in the detailed instructions to PWB had in fact already taken place. The purpose of the cable was, therefore, to legalise the position.

MR. MACMILLAN, while expressing general agreement with the draft cable, queried whether, as PWB activity was now limited to Northern ITALY and AUSTRIA, it was necessary to retain in liberated ITALY a news distribution service. He also asked whether PWB could release further printing facilities, as he had been approached informally by the Italian Prime Minister with a request that the Allies should release further printing presses in liberated territory.

BRIGADIER GENERAL MCCURSTAL stated that the only news services, which it was proposed to retain, were those essential for operational propaganda in the forward areas.

MR. BARBER said that PWB had only one press in operation at the present time and this was in ROME. The press in BARI was under the control of the British Army. The problem for the Italians, however, was not so much the control of the presses as the supply of paper and ink.

LIEUTENANT GENERAL ROBERTSON said that the question of military requirements for printing facilities and paper was a complex one. He would however undertake an investigation to determine what further assistance could be given to the Italians in this respect.

BRIGADIER GENERAL MCCURSTAL suggested that para 4 of the draft telegram should be amended to read: "Collection of propaganda intelligence".

MR. MACMILLAN agreed. He considered, however, that PWB activities in connection with the collection of intelligence in liberated ITALY, should cease as they were not proper functions for a military agency to perform, especially in view of the directive of the Combined Chiefs of Staff to withdraw military control from liberated ITALY. If such intelligence was really required the Subassies should collect it.

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MR. BARNES stated that the Office of War Information was not authorized to carry on intelligence work since its proper function is the dissemination of information. The requests received from LONDON and WASHINGTON for intelligence reports on conditions in ITALY could, however, be carefully screened in future, with a view to eliminating this activity of PWB.

BRIGADIER GENERAL MCCORMACK considered that this activity could gradually be reduced but that the matter should be taken up with the Combined Chiefs of Staff in a separate signal.

MR. BARNES stated that the only additional activity which PWB would then retain in liberated territory was in connection with films. There were some 300 individuals now concerned in this work which included receiving the films from Great Britain and the United States, their booking and delivery to Italian cinemas and collection of fees. He did not consider that this PWB activity could cease until such time as the Allied authorities gave permission for civilian representatives of British and United States film companies to operate in ITALY.

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BRIGADIER GENERAL SPONFORD stated that the question of entry of mechanics and business men, who were associated with business enterprises in ITALY prior to hostilities, was already under examination and suggested that the entry of film representatives should be reviewed at the same time.

THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER, in reply to a question by Mr. Office, said that his policy was gradually to withdraw military control from liberated ITALY, so that the country should return to normal as soon as possible, consistent with the overriding requirements of our military operations.

Y | LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN, referring to part 5 of the instructions to Director, FWA, considered that the reference to the BALKANS was misleading, as FWA operations would only continue in respect of enemy occupied areas. He suggested, therefore, that the first sentence should be amended to read: "RUSSIA and the areas of the BALKANS now in German occupation".

THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

(a) Instructed the Chief of Staff:

- (i) To revise the draft telegram to the Combined Chiefs of Staff in accordance with the amendments suggested at 'X' above, and subsequently to despatch it. ①
- (ii) To revise the instructions circulated under Appendix "B" in accordance with the amendment at 'Y' above, and subsequently to issue them as amended.
- (iii) To investigate the possibility of reducing activities of FWA in regard to the collection of intelligence and to report to him accordingly.

(b) Instructed the Chief Administrative Officer:

- (i) To examine, in connection with his current investigation of the feasibility of allowing entry of private business personnel into ITALY, the possibility of permitting the entry of film representatives.
- (ii) To investigate what further assistance could be given to the Italian Government by releasing printing facilities and supplies of paper.

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Supreme Allied Commander's Secretariat

SAC (P) (45) 18
26th March 1945

SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE
(POLITICAL)

PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE ACTIVITIES
IN ITALY.

Note by Secretary.

1. At SAC (P) (44) 37th Meeting, Director FWB was instructed to submit recommendations regarding the future functions of FWB in liberated ITALY.
2. Discussions have therefore taken place between FWB and Allied Commission, United States and British Embassies, British Ministry of War Information and United States Office of War Information, and agreement has been reached in regard to certain proposals for reorganisation. These are summarised at Appendix "A" in a draft cable to the Combined Chiefs of Staff, whom it is considered should be informed accordingly.
3. In order to implement this policy Director, FWB, recommends, with the concurrence of the agencies mentioned at paragraph 2 above, that he should be given the detailed directions set out at Appendix "B".
4. The Supreme Allied Commander is therefore requested to approve:
 - (a) The despatch of the draft cable at Appendix "A" to the Combined Chiefs of Staff
 - (b) The issue to Director, FWB, of the detailed directions at Appendix "B".

(Sgd) J. GL SWEETMAN,
LIEUTENANT COLONEL,
SECRETARY.

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Public Relations Branch.

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APPENDIX "A".

DRAFT.

TO : ACWAR FOR COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF AND TO AMSSO FOR
BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF

INFO : SHAFF MAIN

This is NAF _____. Subject is Psychological Warfare
activities in ITALY.

1. During initial stages of occupation PWB, in addition to conducting combat propaganda, was responsible for distribution and control of all news, newspapers, moving pictures, books and other publications except for military censorship. PWB published newspapers in certain Italian cities and operated all Italian civilian radio stations. It also monitored enemy radio stations and collected and distributed intelligence required for its activities.
2. Recently PWB has been divided into:
 - (a) PWB 15 Army Group, responsible for operational propaganda in direct support of the armies and directed towards areas of ITALY north of the rear ARMY control line.
 - (b) PWB Liberated ITALY, responsible for activities in areas south of the control line and in regard to which it is not yet possible to relinquish allied control.
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3. In liberated areas, to foster in the Italians a greater sense of responsibility as directed by FAN 487, PWB has now:

- (a) Handed over the distribution of news to private news agencies, Italian and ~~and~~ foreign.
- (b) Relinquished control of newspapers which are now published under Italian editorial arrangements.
- (c) Relinquished control of Italian radio network which is now operated by Italian Radio Agency.
- (d) Handed over as appropriate informational activities in connection with Books, Plays, Copyrights, News features and photographic services to Allied Com-mission, OWI, MOI and British and US Embassies.

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Similar action will be taken in respect of areas further north as soon as convenient after their liberation.

4. To conduct operational propaganda, it remains necessary to retain control of the following services in the liberated area: Central News Services, time on Italian radio transmitters, and facilities for leaflet printing, radio monitoring and collection of intelligence. Distribution of American and British films and preparation of documentary films required by Allied organisations must also remain Allied functions at present.

5. Your covering approval to these arrangements is requested.

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APPENDIX "B".

DETAILED DIRECTIONS TO PWB.

1. That responsibility for the introduction of news features and similar background material be transferred immediately to American and British Embassies, Ministry of Information and Office of War Information.
2. That responsibility for the introduction and distribution of American and British news photos be transferred to the respective Embassies, Ministry of Information and Office of War Information, as soon as convenient.
3. That responsibility for the ~~intense~~ introduction and distribution of American and British publications and all responsibilities concerning copyright be transferred to the respective Embassies, Ministry of Information and Office of War Information.
4. That radio monitoring, other than that required for the servicing of AFHQ, and other Allied military organizations, be liquidated or that the facilities be passed to the Italian Press Secretariat as soon as convenient.
5. That PWB retain the technical facilities and accommodation required for the central servicing of the news operation towards North ITALY, AUSTRIA and the BALKANS. These facilities consist of five requisitioned Morse transmitters together with the necessary accommodation and the personnel required for their use.
6. That PWB retain on the Italian transmitters, ROME short wave and BARI I respectively three hours and forty-five minutes and four hours of transmitting time.
7. That PWB retain such requisitioned printing facilities as may be required for the preparation of operational leaflets.
8. That PWB retain responsibility for the distribution of films on existing lines, until such time as private distributors can take over.
9. That PWB retain responsibility for the preparation of news reels and other films required by other Allied organizations until such time as these can be handed over to private manufacturers, Ministry of Information and Office of War Information.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Ref: 9261/58/30.

27 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Future of PWB.

TO : Public Relations Branch.

FILE 9261/LC

1. Further to my letters 9261/18/008 of 4 January 1945 and 9261/20/008 of 6 January 1945.

2. Herewith for your information extract from the Minutes of SACRED's Political Meeting held on 20 February at which this matter was again discussed.

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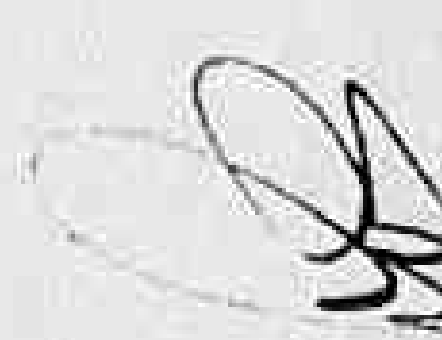
Chief Staff Officer,
to the Executive Commissioner.

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Chief Staff Officer,
to the Executive Commissioner.

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SAC (P) (45) 1st Meeting
20th February, 1945

SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE
(POLITICAL)

2. FUTURE OF PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH

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(Previous reference: SAC (P) (44) 37th Meeting - Conclusion 5(b))

MAJOR GENERAL LEMNITZER explained that, in accordance with conclusion 5(b) of SAC (P) (44) 37th Meeting, a directive describing the organization of PWB and laying down its functions for the future and the procedure by which these would be controlled had been prepared and issued.* A copy of this directive, which was drawn in general terms, had been sent to WASHINGTON.

MR. MACMILLAN added that a detailed scheme for transferring PWB functions in liberated ITALY was being worked out.

MR. BARNES reported that private press agencies were now operating in ROME.

REAR ADMIRAL STONE reported that the Technical Sub-Committee previously set up, of which he was Chairman, had now completed its work and it was proposed to hand over to private agencies as from 1st March PWB's responsibility for the dissemination of news in liberated ITALY other than ROME.

THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

Took note of the above reports.

* AFHQ Staff Memorandum #13 (1945)

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19 February 1945.

TO: Mr. Russell Barnes,
Director, FWB,
AFHQ, APO 512.

1. This is to acknowledge your confidential letter of 14 February and to inform you that I concur with the terms of the memorandum setting out the agreement between AC, the US and British Embassies and FWB in respect of the transfer of certain FWB functions and the return of others to Italian control.

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

cc: Mr. ^{Edman}Edmondson
Ex. Com.

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UNIT No. 8 - APO 512

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TO : The Chief Commissioner, AC
The American Embassy, Rome
The British Embassy, Rome
Mr. Linen, OWI
Mr. Stewart, Press Attache, British Embassy
FROM: The Director, FWB-AFHQ.

1. I submit herewith a memorandum setting out the detailed agreement between AC, the US and British Embassies and FWB in respect of the transfer of certain FWB functions and the return of others to Italian control.
2. This memorandum has already been discussed with you in draft, but I am now submitting it with the request for your formal concurrence, so that it may be presented to SACMED in accordance with the procedure laid down in Staff Memorandum No. 13.
3. I shall be grateful to receive your formal concurrence as soon as possible in order that the necessary authorisation from SACMED to be obtained at the earliest possible date.
4. It is understood that the date for the admission of the private news agencies to Italian territory under Italian administration will be fixed by the technical sub-committee on March 1st, and it is felt that the necessary authority for carrying out these decisions should be obtained as far as possible in advance of that date.

/S/ Russell Barnes

Director, FWB-AFHQ

14th February, 1945
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH

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REORGANISATION OF PWB LIBERATED ITALY

1. This memorandum sets out the measure of agreement reached between AG, the US and British Embassies, and PWB in respect of the transfer of certain PWB functions to other Allied Agencies or their return to Italian Control. This agreement was reached at a series of meetings held between the interested Allied parties and the decisions reached are herewith forwarded to SACMED for approval. Subject to such approval the transfer of functions will take place either on or about the dates indicated under the various headings, or at the earliest possible date that can be agreed by the various interested parties subject to the continued efficient working of all necessary services.
2. In order to facilitate the liquidation of PWB functions in Liberated Italy two separate HQ have been set up. (a) PWB Liberated Italy, HQ at Rome. Head: Mr. George Eiman. Deputy Head: Mr. Lanham Titchener. (b) PWB 15th Army Group HQ at Florence. Head: Mr. John Rayner. Deputy Head: American, to be appointed.
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After March 1st, or such other date as the technical sub-committee may determine, PWB Liberated Italy will have the following news responsibilities, other than those referred to in para 5. (a) The provision of a news and monitoring unit at Caserta for the reception and distribution within AFHQ of news and monitored intelligence material. (b) The retention at Rome of a similar unit for the servicing of PWB Liberated Italy, (it

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7. MONITORING. PWB Monitoring in Liberated Italy will after March 1st, or such other date as may be determined by the technical sub-committee referred to in the previous paragraph, consist of: (A) the small combined news and monitoring unit at Caserta to which reference has already been made, and (B) such monitoring services as are essential for such PWB sections as are retained at Rome. These are principally the central services for PWB 15th Army Group and the Intelligence service.

As has already been stated the combined news and monitoring unit is already functioning at Caserta. Action has also been taken to reduce the monitoring unit at Rome to the dimensions required, and heavy reductions of staff have already been effected.

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12. WALL NEWSPAPERS AND POSTERS. These will cease forthwith to be an Allied responsibility in Liberated Italy.

13. BOOKS, PLAYS AND COPYRIGHT. Responsibility for all such matters will be assumed forthwith by the US and British Embassies.

14. PROPAGANDA SHOPS. PWB will cease as soon as possible the operation of these shops in the area South of the Army Control Line. The Embassies do not desire to continue these activities, and the properties concerned will be derequisitioned.

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15. FILM DISTRIBUTION. PWB should retain this responsibility throughout Liberated Italy until such time as it should be possible for private agencies to take over. The question will be reviewed by PWB in conjunction with AC and the US and British Embassies on or about May 1st.
16. FILM PRODUCTION. PWB will continue to be responsible for the production of the Italian newsreels, and short documentaries until such time as it should be possible for private agencies to take over.
17. INTELLIGENCE. PWB will continue to carry on its present Italian and German intelligence services. It should be noted that the German intelligence service is properly a function of PWB 15th Army Group, but that the proximity to AFHQ and shortage of accommodation in Florence combine to make it more easy to run the major part of this service in Rome.
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The following action has already been taken, and is set out under the appropriate paragraphs of this memorandum:

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- (c) That PWB be relieved of all responsibility for the provision of news to the Italian press, radio and any other organ situated in the area South of the present Army Control Line.

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- (d) That PWB cease to exercise control over any Italian paper south of the present Army Control Line and cease to have any responsibility for press liaison in the same area, subject to the responsibilities of APB, as set forth in AFHQ Administrative Memorandum No. 50.
- (e) That PWB cease to be responsible for the introduction and distribution of American and British publications into Italy, other than the distribution of publications introduced through normal channels into territory North of the Army control line.
- (f) That PWB be relieved of all responsibility for the introduction and distribution of American and British books and plays into Italy, other than the distribution of publications introduced through normal channels into territory North of the Army control line and that PWB cease to be responsible for all matters concerning copyright.
- (g) That PWB cease to operate propaganda shops in the area south of the Army Control line.
- (h) That PWB continue to carry out such other functions as are set out above on lines already operating, until such time as differently instructed.
- (i) That the licensing of films for exhibition in Italy cease to be the responsibility of PWB and be carried out by the proposed Italian Film Board.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 912

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SUBJECT: Request for Publication.

TO : President, Allied Commission, APO 394.

File 218/COS

1. Reference is made to your letter, file REF/218/164/COS, dated 11 February 1945, subject: "SACRED Conferences".

2. Attached are three (3) copies of AFHQ Staff Memorandum Number 13, dated 5 February 1945.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

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dtd 5 Feb 45 (3 copies).



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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

STAFF MEMORANDUM)
NUMBER . 13)

5 February 1945
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PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE RESPONSIBILITIES
IN THE MEDITERRANEAN THEATER

AFHQ Staff Memorandum Number 56 and Section II, Number 62, both 1943 and AFHQ Staff Memorandum Number 97, 1944, together with any other instructions regarding the responsibilities of PWB, are rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

I --- ORGANIZATION OF PWB

1. The Psychological Warfare Branch (PWB) of AFHQ operates under a Director, appointed by the Supreme Allied Commander and directly responsible to the Chief of Staff. The Director is assisted by a Deputy Director, who will be British if the Director is American and vice-versa.

2. The Director of PWB is responsible for its internal administration as to personnel, resources and technical operations.

3. PWB includes personnel and operating resources of the US Office of War Information (OWI) and of the Political Intelligence Department of the British Foreign Office (PID) in the Mediterranean Theater, and other military and civilian personnel.

II -- ACTIVITIES OF PWB

1. PWB is responsible in general for propaganda and other psychological warfare activities in support of AFHQ objectives in any areas in this Theater as directed by the Supreme Allied Commander. In particular, until otherwise instructed by the Supreme Allied Commander, PWB is at present responsible for the following principal activities:

a. "Tactical" propaganda in support of operations by Fifth and Eighth Armies.

b. "Strategic" propaganda of incitement or instruction to resistance elements in the general area of 15th Army Group's operations and instructions to disturbed populations in the area of AMG behind the front.

c. Depressive or surrender propaganda directed to enemy troops and populations.

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- d. Propaganda of general political incitement to the population of AUSTRIA.
- e. Propaganda (to be carried out exclusively by a unit of the Branch's British element) in support of Land Forces and Military Liaison GREECE.
- f. Propaganda in support of Military Liaison in other areas as may be requested by G-5.

III - DIRECTION OF PWB ACTIVITIES

1. Psychological Warfare activities in this Theater will be conducted in accordance with the psychological and political global warfare policy as directed by the Combined Chiefs of Staff. The Theater policy will be determined by the Supreme Allied Commander on the advice of the Psychological Warfare Sub-Committee. This Sub-Committee will report to the Chief of Staff, and will consist of:

- Chief, INC - Chairman
- Director, PWB
- Deputy Director, PWB
- US Political Advisor (or his representative)
- British Resident Minister (or his representative)
- Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, AFHQ (or his representative)
- Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, AFHQ (or his representative)

together with such other persons as the Sub-Committee may from time to time coopt

2. Propaganda directives, based on the directives of PWE, LONDON, and OWI, WASHINGTON, will be drawn up by PWB. PWB will be responsible for obtaining concurrences of the Chief, INC; the US Political Advisor; the British Resident Minister; G-2, AFHQ; G-3, AFHQ; G-5, AFHQ; and of any other agency which the Chief of Staff may prescribe. After concurrence, the directives will be distributed by PWB.

3. Activities carried on by PWB in any area within the Theater will cease, or be transferred to other agencies, as directed by the Supreme Allied Commander. Such cessation or transfer will be in accordance with detailed plans, fixing the time and manner of cessation or transfer of activities, and the agencies, if any, to which responsibility is to be transferred. Except as the Supreme Allied Commander has instructed or may instruct otherwise, such plans will be prepared by PWB and coordinated with all other interested agencies, and will be submitted for approval of the Chief of Staff through the Psychological Warfare Sub-Committee, AFHQ.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

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To: The Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission.

FEB 8 1945

From: Mr. Macmillan.

I was speaking to Brigadier Lush yesterday about the position as between P.W.B. and A.C. Perhaps we could have a word some time as to whether there is anything more necessary to be done here or at A.P.H.Q. or in Washington to finalize the agreements come to locally. My own view is that if we can agree amongst ourselves, it would be best just to do what we want and then report it when it is done.

6th February, 1945.

Copy to Chief of Staff.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

9/PRB

6 February 1945.

SUBJECT : COMMENTS ON PWB MEMO "SERVICING OF PWB 15TH
ARMY GROUP FROM PWB LIBERATED ITALY".

TO : The Chief Commissioner, A.C.

FEB 8 1945

You have asked me to comment on the PWB draft memorandum which alludes specifically to continuing PWB Operations in Liberated Italy. I feel bound to say - perhaps this is a personal view! - that this memorandum strikes me as an evasive and almost dishonest document which in fact undercuts the whole basis of the proposed PWB liquidation - or at any rate could be used to do so. If SACMED agrees to the action required of him in the concluding paragraph, it appears to me that PWB can operate in Liberated Italy until kingdom come.

The first three paragraphs of the memorandum lead up to one conclusion which comes at the end of the third paragraph viz: "that a Central News operation will be required and that Rome should remain its location".

Is this really true?

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 - (b) that "at least some portion" (unspecified) of facilities for Austria and the Balkans would be required in Liberated Italy (Paragraph 2), and
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Therefore I do not see any case at all for a "strong central news operation" and I see everything against it.

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PWB was directed, as I understand, to liquidate by March 1; now here they are establishing a strong central news operation. Let them do that North of the Army Control line: but if they do it in Rome, then it means the perpetuation and infinitum of ANSA, requisitioning (not only for printing but for photography and cinema and posters and leaflets and staff!) and, in fact, the complete PWB set-up. "Liquidation" becomes a farce.

Paragraphs 4, 5, 6 and 7 deal with radio, and make what seem to me quite outrageous demands. The PWB are said to require:

- One 20 kw long-wave transmitter
- " unspecified short-wave transmitter
- " unspecified medium-wave transmitter
- " unspecified 1 kw transmitter.

All these are at Torre Nova near Rome.

In addition the PWB require, in this connection "certain"(unspecified) "office facilities, which can most conveniently remain in Italcable offices".

In other words PWB clamps down on Italcable office space (thus no doubt preserving ANSA as well as upsetting our plans for Italcable) and apparently holds on to a very large part of Rome's transmitting equipment.

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5½ hours per day at peak periods is - as you have already pointed out - far too much. But this point can be more forcefully contested if specific details of the programmes are supplied, and their value and necessity contrasted with similar programmes emanating from other sources e.g. London, Cairo, Algiers, or even U.S., whose short-wave programmes have a good kick behind them.

Paragraph 7 is very controversial. PWB's "agreement with" (read "dictation to") RAI is to include PWB's retention of "accommodation, technical equipment and personnel". What does this mean? It might mean anything: it certainly can NOT mean that RAI is master in its own studios! All this guff about "technical advice and assistance" being necessary

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is designed to keep PWB in being : Italian technicians are excellent and I don't believe that RAI could not provide a perfectly good technical service without PWB's intervention, and without reserving "accommodation".

Paragraph 8 states that German intelligence "is properly a function of PWB 15th Army Group" but "will function in Rome as long as proximity to AFHQ makes this desirable".

Presumably this means that the monitoring report has to be given to Caserta. If technical equipment or the lack of it makes it inevitable that Axis broadcasts be monitored at Rome (which I very much doubt : monitoring can be done almost anywhere) I fail to see why the material cannot be sent to Caserta and collated and distributed by the Unit there. Why in Rome?

Paragraph 9 leaves PWB absolutely free to maintain any and all printing requisitions it likes in Liberated Italy. No comment is necessary, except that PWB's printing, as far as one knows, is now limited to (a) leaflets and (b) controlled papers in forward areas. Obviously such printing can be done North of the Army control line.

To sum up, here is a logical case built on false premises. If you ask "why a strong central news operation in Rome?" PWB will reply "Because we have adequate facilities for monitoring, and for Austria and the Balkans", and if you ask "why monitoring, and Austria and the Balkans in Rome?" the reply will (very soon) be "Because we have a strong central news organization there". These are the tactics of liaspets, not liquidators!

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Serviceing of PWB 15th Army Group, from PWB Liberated Italy.

1. The proposal to liquidate or transfer the greater part of PWB functions in Liberated Italy south of the ACL while retaining these functions virtually unchanged in German-occupied Italy, and in the disturbed areas behind the front makes it necessary to examine and lay down these central functions which have hitherto been shared by PWB units throughout Italy, and to define those of which the continuance is necessary for the efficient running of PWB 15th Army Group. For communications and other technical reasons it is desirable that certain of these technical functions should continue to be operated in Liberated Italy, particularly in Rome, which is the only centre where adequate facilities exist or are likely to exist. The present memorandum sets out those facilities which PWB will require for the efficient working of its operations both in Italy and in other areas where its responsibilities continue.
2. While the facilities discussed in this memorandum are primarily those needed for PWB operations in North Italy these same facilities will be of very considerable assistance to PWB in its operations towards the Balkans and Austria, and that at least some portion of them would in any case be required in Liberated Italy itself in respect of those functions which PWB is likely to retain in the immediate future.
3. News. Cable and other communication facilities, establish Rome, at least in the immediate future as the only possible centre for the reception and dissemination within the Mediterranean theatre of world news and news from Liberated Italy. In greater detail the responsibilities of PWB in this field, which includes the transmission back to the U.S. and Great Britain of specialised items required by OWI and PWE, are set out in the attached memorandum of 13th January drawn up by Mr. Bancroft, and this memorandum emphasizes the fact that these responsibilities "can be efficiently and effectively discharged, only if PWB maintains one strong central news operation". It is therefore suggested that a Central News operation will be required and that Rome should remain its location.
4. The technical facilities required for the operation as envisaged are set forth in the attached memorandum of 20th January from Mr. Bancroft and Mr. King. In the opinion of PWB these facilities represent the minimum possible required for the efficient working of the system. They are set forth in greater detail in the memorandum already cited. To summarise PWB will need one 20 Kw. long wave transmitter, one medium wave transmitter, and one short wave transmitter, together with a 1 Kw. transmitter for use towards Austria and other more distant objectives. The first mentioned

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3. News, cable and other communication facilities, establish Rome, at least in the immediate future as the only possible centre for the reception and dissemination within the Mediterranean theatre of world news and news from liberated Italy. In greater detail the responsibilities of PWB in this field, which includes the transmission back to the U.S. and Great Britain of specialised items required by OWI and PWE, are set out in the attached memorandum of 18th January drawn up by Mr. Bancroft, and this memorandum emphasizes the fact that these responsibilities can be efficiently and effectively discharged, only if PWB maintains one strong central news operation. It is therefore suggested that a Central News operation will be required and that Rome should remain its location.

4. The technical facilities required for the operation as envisaged are set forth in the attached memorandum of 20th January from Mr. Bancroft and Mr. King. In the opinion of PWB these facilities represent the minimum possible required for the efficient working of the system. They are set forth in greater detail in the memorandum already cited. To summarise PWB will need one 20 Kw. long wave transmitter, one medium wave transmitter, and one short wave transmitter, together with a 1 Kw. transmitter for use towards Austria and other more distant objectives. The first mentioned transmitter was requisitioned from Italcable and reconditioned with U.S. equipment. The second and third were constructed by PWB from captured enemy equipment and U.S. equipment. The last mentioned was requisitioned from Italcable, and reconditioned with U.S. equipment. All four are located at Torino. In addition to this equipment certain office facilities will be required, and these can most conveniently remain in Italcable offices.

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5. Radio. Under the suggested rendition of radio to the control of RAI the reservation is that time be reserved to PWB for operational broadcasts to AFHQ targets. Schedules have been prepared in the case of Rome short wave (hope) and Bari I, and are attached to this memorandum. Such schedules include transmissions at present in operation or transmissions which it is proposed to initiate in order more effectively to bring Psychological warfare to bear on targets laid down by AFHQ. Subject to these two transmitters PWB would not desire to reserve time on any Italian transmitters in the territory south of the present ACL, as it feels that the advantages to be gained by such reservation would be offset by the adverse reaction of the Italian authorities to such reservation of time which would necessarily diminish the time available to RAI.

6. The Rome short wave schedule makes provision for the reservation of five hours each day, and on Bari I of 5 1/2 hours each day. While it is not desired to consider these as fixed and unalterable requirements PWB would be prepared to agree that they represent the maximum possible requirements requests to vary these schedules would only be made as the result of an agreement with RAI, and to hand back to RAI at the earliest possible moment such periods as may become redundant.

7. In respect of such transmissions PWB will provide RAI with technical advice and assistance to meet the needs of such operational programmes, subject to an agreement with RAI to leave at the disposal of PWB for the purpose of these broadcasts the existing accommodation technical equipment and personnel, the agreement to be modified only insofar as may be mutually agreed between PWB and RAI.

8. Intelligence. PWB German Intelligence which is properly a function of PWB 15th Army Group will function in Rome as long as proximity to AFHQ makes this desirable.

9. Printing. PWB will require to retain in Liberated Italy requisitioned printing works for the preparation of operational output such as leaflets where security and considerations of speed are necessary. PWB will review its needs under this heading and provide for the immediate derequisitioning of such plants as are no longer required for the above purposes.

ACTION REQUIRED: The SAC will be asked to direct (a) that PWB retain the technical facilities and accommodation referred to in paras 2 and 3, or their equivalent.

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RE-ORGANISATION OF P.W.B.

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SUMMARY OF POINTS RAISED AT MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY

27 JANUARY, 1945.

Present: Chief Commissioner
 Chief of Staff
 Mr. Radford
 Mr. Edman
 Major Fielden.

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The PWB Administrative Memorandum No. 4 of January 15 was discussed and the following alterations made :

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Para 4. Omit "and other interested authorities".

With reference to the date for handing over R.A.I. (E.I.A.R.) to Italian control, which had been provisionally fixed for February 1, the Chief Commissioner thought that would probably not be before March 1 when the Technical Sub-Committee would have made their plans for the distribution of news outside Rome, and agencies could then sell their news to R.A.I. direct.

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Radio Mechanical services. Mr. Radford agreed that the word "assistance" should be substituted for "supervision" provided, he said, that that meant carrying on as at present."

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PWB newspapers in forward areas. There was a difference of opinion. Mr. Radford held that PWB newspapers such as the CORRIERE DI ROMA were necessary "to counteract Italian party papers". The Chief Commissioner did not concur, and felt that it would be far better to adopt a straight Allied news bulletin in Italian such as Mr. Linsen had suggested. Mr. Radford said that PWB would have to have an order from AFHQ before it changed its policy. He pointed out that all radio would be Italian. The Chief Commissioner drew his attention to the reservations of time on the radio which he had suggested. It was suggested that Italian opinion should be sought on whether Italians would like a bulletin such as Basio News as much as they liked a paper such as the CORRIERE DI ROMA.

Books. The Chief Commissioner asked PRO to see that Finance Sub-Commission went ahead with a note on financial arrangements as had been suggested.

Propaganda Shops. It was agreed that these should be closed down. Mr. Radford said that Mr. Stewart had expressed a wish to take over some of the leases. The Chief Commissioner said he thought that the premises had been requisitioned and therefore that could not be done.

Press Reading and Digest. It was agreed that PWB should continue its press reading as required for its intelligence services and that AC should continue the Press Digest independently.

Distribution: Acting President
 Chief Commissioner
 Chief of Staff
 Colonel Graftley-Smith
 Mr. Radford
 Mr. Edman
 Major Fielden.

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Paper covering results of both
meetings prepared for CC, is
attached. I understand CC
is to meet Mr. Redford & Mr.
Edwards, with PRO, shortly.

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RE-ORGANISATION OF P.W.B.

RESULTS OF MEETINGS HELD ON JAN. 12, 16 AND 17 TO

DISCUSS MR. RUSSELL BARNES' PAPER :-

1. Italian Theatre Headquarters of PWB to be abolished w.e.f. 15 Jan 1945.

Agreed.

2. With effect from the same date separate PWB headquarters will be set up:

PWB (LIBERATED ITALY) - Head: Mr. George Edean
Deputy Head: Mr. Latham Titchener

PWB (XV ARMY GROUP) - Head: Mr. John Rayner
Deputy Head: American, to be appointed.

Agreed and arranged that "Liberated Italy" be taken to mean all Italy South of the Army Control Line.

3. PWB (LIBERATED ITALY) will be responsible for all operations within Italian territory under Italian administration and in the Commune of Naples; and will also be charged with the liquidation or transfer of these operations, in agreement with AFHQ, AC, and the US and British Embassies.

Agreed. It appears, however, that PWB AFHQ (Mr. Radford) is now going to be in charge of liquidation and transfer.

4. PWB (XV ARMY GROUP) will be responsible for all propaganda directed against the enemy in German-occupied Italy, for all propaganda directed towards the population of the same area, and for propaganda of consolidation in the area administered by AUG.

Agreed on the understanding that AC will be consulted. PWB has since issued a directive on this (attached).

5. Directives will be prepared in draft by each Headquarters and will be forwarded to PWB AFHQ for the necessary clearance

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Agreed on the understanding that AC will be consulted. PWB has since issued a directive on this (attached).

5. Directives will be prepared in draft by each Headquarters and will be forwarded to PWB AFHQ for the necessary clearance and issue. No directive will become valid unless issued by PWB AFHQ.

Attached PWB minute refers to this.

6. News Services: Three units to be constructed from existing forces, as follows:

AFHQ Unit to be established at Caserta for provision of communiques and essential spot news to AFHQ.

Agreed.

LIBERATED ITALY

Present services to be maintained until the private agencies are in a position to service the whole territory. Thereafter, this unit to be modified to provide limited basic news service covering communiques. PRO releases (both Service Departments and AC), official releases by Italian Press Office and official statements by Allied Governments.

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6. LIBERATED ITALY (Contd)

Basio News and Corriere di Roma discontinued. PWB maintaining LIBERATED ITALY news service (? presumably through ANSA). Question of Rome radio undecided. Further changes dependent on Technical Sub-committee's recommendations.

XV ARMY GROUP

Unit for the servicing of this Headquarters, in accordance with its needs, to be established.

Agreed.

Note 1: A sub-committee under the chairmanship of Rear-Admiral Stone is already studying the technical problems connected with the provision of private agency news to areas outside Rome.

No comment.

Note 2: PWB Balkan news file in force. Issued from Rome to be discontinued.

Not discussed.

Note 3: Printed Basio News, Rome edition, to be continued as long as present commitments continue, but not to be distributed to Italian press in Rome.

Not known what is being done.

7. Monitoring: Following three units to be established:

AFHQ

Unit mainly for Intelligence monitoring to requirements of G-2 AFHQ.

Agreed.

LIBERATED ITALY

Unit to provide comprehensive service of Italian Fascist broadcasts and of German broadcasts as required for general purposes (communications, etc.) and as required by the Austrian Radio Section.

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XX ARMY GROUP Unit to provide full German coverage and essential coverage of Italian Fascist broadcasts.

Agreed.

8. Radio:

LIBERATED ITALY Services to be returned to Italian Administration as soon as possible. Meanwhile Sgt. Sadun and Miss Maxwell to serve as Joint Heads of Radio Services PWB AC Italy.

Agreed. No reason for any delay. PWB say transport lacking, but it was suggested that PWB requisitioned transport be turned back to Italians for ELAR and that requests for tyres etc. be given high priority. February 1 set as date for

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6. Radio: LIBERATED ITALY (Contd).

handover. OMI agreement suggested on basis of net degradation.

Note 1: Italia Combatta programmes to be responsibility of PWB XV A.G. (Captain Isolani 1/c), even though prepared in part in Rome and broadcast from Rome S.W. transmitter. It is recommended that time be reserved on the network for broadcasting Italia Combatta programmes throughout LIBERATED ITALY.

Note 2: Bari I transmitter to be reserved for PWB operations to any extent that PWB may indicate.

Agreed - on Note 1 and Note 2 - that time might be reserved for PWB programmes but NOT exceeding 1 hour a day.

Note 3: Time also to be reserved for PWB broadcasts to AFHQ targets and AC targets on the new Italian 100 k.w. transmitter, when in service.

Chief Commissioner considered "AC targets" would be Italian Government targets and could be dealt with by arrangement if necessary and without specific reservation.

Note 4: AC to consider the desirability, when network passes back to Italian control, of reserving time for special AC informational programmes.

Agreed no necessity of reserving time for special AC informational programmes.

Note 5: Austrian PWB Radio Services established in Rome to be responsibility of PWB AFHQ and time to be specifically reserved for the continuance of these programmes on any Italian transmitters considered suitable.

PWB to define more exactly what hours and what transmitters would be needed.

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LIBERATED ITALY

Technical supervision over Rome S.W., Bari I and 100 k.w. transmitter when in service, to be maintained by PWB

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9. Radio Technical Services:

LIBERATED ITALY

Technical supervision over Rome S.W., Bari I and 100 k.w. transmitter when in service, to be maintained by PWB as long as these transmitters are used for Psychological Warfare purposes.

All other technical services now provided by PWB to be discontinued.

OWI to study disposal of radio technical equipment installed in Italy.

The word "supervision" in first line to be changed to "assistance". Technical sub-committee to study problems. Any receiving equipment in South to be withdrawn, or farmed out on contract.

10. Press:

LIBERATED ITALY

(1) PWB Newspapers to be discontinued as rapidly as possible. Corriere di Roma to be closed on 15 Jan 45.

Agreed.

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10. Press: (Contd).LIBERATED ITALY

- (11) Press Liaison to be taken over by AO and the Press Attaches as soon as private agencies are admitted. (PWB at present has Press Officers at Palermo, Catania, Bari, Naples and Rome).

Agreed that this be discontinued. (Except in so far as Embassies may wish to continue in Rome).

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- (1) PWB Newspapers: PWB desires to know whether its present policy of setting up newspapers in newly-liberated cities is to be continued.

This was agreed at Mr. Macmillan's meeting on Jan. 12 but the Chief Commissioner at the meeting on Jan. 16 said he thought it was time to make a change. Mr. Liden proposed publication of one Allied News Bulletin not masquerading as an Italian paper. Brig. Lush was asked to take this up with NW Italy planning group.

- (11) Press Liaison: Present services to continue. Lieut. Col. Munro to transfer to his Headquarters as Chief Press Officer as soon as his interests in Rome can be transferred.

Agreed.

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A.P.B.:LIBERATED ITALY

As a consequence of other measures recommended above, the A.P.B. would become redundant and should be wound up.

Not agreed. The A.P.B. to be kept alive subject to call.

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- LIBRERIA ITALICA**

- Accepted.**

21. Publications:

- LIBRERIA ITALICA**

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12. Publications: LIBERATED ITALY (11)(Contd).

until the cessation of hostilities in Europe, under the control of either PWB or AC, or the joint control of the Press Attachés.

Agreed that this be taken over by OWI and MOI

LIBERATED ITALY

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Other local PWB publications: a considerable booklet program has been laid out but is not yet in production. PWB recommends that this program be taken over immediately by the Embassies or by AC. Production Unit (if any).

To be taken over by OWI and MOI. No AC. Production Unit.

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Posters: PWB production to be discontinued. If posters are required by AC, these to be produced by AC Production Unit (if any), or by PWB XV AG. Publications Section (see below).

Note: Embassies and/or AC to make their own arrangements for distribution of publications. PWB to continue distribution until these arrangements have been made, and meanwhile to give any assistance possible in the making of them.

It was agreed that AC could use local production if necessary and OWI would be willing to assist.

13. Bollettini di Notizie: (i.e. wall newspapers):

LIBERATED ITALY

To be discontinued as PWB newspapers are given up (the Italian Press Commission can perfectly well continue this service itself insofar as it considers it useful).

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XV ARMY GROUP

To be continued under Chief Press Officer.

Agreed.

As for Books.

14. Plays:

Not discussed.

15. Books:

LIBERATED ITALY

Responsibility for clearance of copyrights and so forth to be passed to Embassies as soon as practicable.

Admiral Stone suggested Embassies could take over forthwith. Mr. Dowling agreed. There was much discussion of copyrights and legality of Italian authors printing or selling in America. How far the 'trading with the enemy' Act still

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15. Books: LIBERATED ITALY (Contd)

holds in these matters was not clear; the question to be investigated by Mr. Hopkinson and Mr. Dowling. Mr. Linen said OWI had bought a number of copyrights and had sold as many as 12 quite recently. Mr. Stewart suggested that AC recommend to the British and American Govts. that financial arrangements should be made in both countries for payment of book rights. Admiral Stone agreed and said that Colonel Grafftey-Smith and Commander Lawler should draw up a note to this effect for his signature.

16. Propaganda Shops:

LIBERATED ITALY

To be maintained by PWB until the Embassies, jointly, have studied and decided on the future of this medium.
(Note: PWB to produce costings of this operation for the Embassies' use).

It was agreed that the time for this "hit-them-on-the-head" propaganda had passed. The Embassies, OWI and MOI were to discuss the future employment, if any, of these shops.

XV ARMY GROUP

Service to be continued as at present.
Mr. Edman to make recommendations as to the division of staff between the two Headquarters.

Agreed.

17. Film Distribution:

LIBERATED ITALY

PWB to retain responsibility until arrangements can be made for the Embassies. AC or private distributors to take over.

Agreed that PWB retain responsibility until private distributors took over which would have to be adjusted by the Film Board in respect of Italian rights. Suggested that the whole matter be reviewed in 3 months' time - transport a difficulty. Question of commercial visitors or unofficial agents in uniform? (Policy of AC is to allow commercial visitors who can benefit the war effort).

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XV ARMY GROUP

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Agreed.

18. Film Production:

LIBERATED ITALY

Production consists of: (1) the regular Italian newsreel. (11) documentaries and shorts in support of AC propaganda. PWB recommends that it should retain responsibility for both services until AC can arrange to take over.

Agreed that this was a matter for the Film Board. PWB must retain responsibility for newsreels and shorts until Film Board could set Italian producers going.

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19. Intelligence:LIBERATED ITALY

To continue as at present, with Major Greenlees i/c, subject to directives of CIO, PWB AFHQ. (Note: Services are in four groups: Liberated Italy, General Report; Personalities; Documents Section; and Press Reading Bureau).

Agreed, except that Press Reading should be consolidated under ACPH with additional staff (Since this was discussed Rome dailies have been increased from 12 to 25).

20. News Features Unit:

Not discussed.

21. Printing Services:LIBERATED ITALY

Gradual liquidation of services, with transfer to Embassies and AC to any extent required.

It was agreed that all except operational work should be turned back to Italian printers and their premises requisitioned. There could, if necessary, be agreements safeguarding our right to get printing done.

22. Photographic Services:LIBERATED ITALY

To be maintained by PWB until it is practicable for the Embassies to take over.

Agreed that this be changed to "until it is practicable to release to private agencies".

23. Leaflets.24. Austrian Radio Section.25. S.O.L.S.26. Administration.

Not discussed.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH.

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15th January, 1945.

Admin. Memo
Number 3.

1. Effective today the Italian HQ of PWB is abolished and is replaced by PWB (Liberated Italy), HQ at Rome, and PWB (XV Army Group), HQ at Florence.

2. PWB (Liberated Italy) HQ will be responsible, subject to the directives of PWB AFHQ, for all PWB operations within Italian territory south of the Army Control line, and will also be charged with the liquidation or transfer of these operations in agreement with AFHQ, AC and the U.S. and British Embassies.

3. PWB (XV Army Group) HQ will be responsible, subject to the directives of PWB AFHQ, for all propaganda and other operations directed towards the population of the same area, and for propaganda of consolidation in the area North of the Army Control line.

4. The following appointments become effective today:

PWB (LIBERATED ITALY) HQ	Head:	Mr. George Edman
Deputy	Head:	Mr. Lanham Titchener
PWB (XV ARMY GROUP) HQ	Head:	Mr. John Rayner
Deputy	Head:	American, to be appointed.

By order of Mr. Barnes.
Director.

(Sgd) W.F. Jeffries

Brigadier.
Deputy Director.

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JOINT FORCE HEADQUARTERS
PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH.

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16th January, 1945.

Admin. Memo
Number 4.

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1. Effective from 22nd January 1945, all policy and propaganda directives governing PWB operations in Liberated and German-occupied Italy will be issued by PWB AFHQ, after clearance with AFHQ.
2. Weekly directives drafted by PWB (XO Army Group) HQ will be coordinated with XN Army Group for military affairs, and with the AMG Provincial Commissioner at Florence for civil affairs in the liberated area north of the Army Control line. The draft, with a covering note stating the authority with which it has been co-ordinated, will be forwarded to the Head of PWB (Liberated Italy) HQ for further co-ordination with AC in respect of all operations directed to the Italian people, whether in liberated or German-occupied territory. The draft will be forwarded in time to reach Rome by 1800 hours on Fridays.
3. Drafts prepared and co-ordinated in accordance with the procedure laid down in the preceding paragraph will be submitted to the directive meeting to be held at Rome at 1500 hours on Saturdays.
4. Weekly directives drafted by PWB (Liberated Italy) HQ will, as long as such directives are deemed necessary, be co-ordinated with AC, the U.S. and British Embassies, and other interested authorities at the same meeting at 1500 hours on Saturdays.
5. Drafts prepared in accordance with the procedure laid down in the preceding paragraphs will be forwarded to PWB AFHQ by the quickest possible means and will be co-ordinated with the competent authorities at AFHQ.
6. When co-ordinated these directives will be issued by PWB AFHQ and will become effective immediately.
7. All standing propaganda directives at present in force will become invalid on 31st January 1945. The HQ named in the following paragraphs will review the directives indicated and forward them, with such amendments and revisions as may be thought necessary, for consideration and co-ordination by PWB AFHQ not later than 29th January 1945. Co-ordination

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3. Drafts prepared and co-ordinated in accordance with the procedure laid down in the preceding paragraph will be submitted to the directive meeting to be held at Rome at 1500 hours on Saturdays.

4. Weekly directives drafted by PWB (Liberated Italy) HQ will, as long as such directives are deemed necessary, be co-ordinated with AC, the U.S. and British Embassies, and other interested authorities at the same meeting at 1500 hours on Saturdays.

5. Drafts prepared in accordance with the procedure laid down in the preceding paragraphs will be forwarded to PWB AFHQ by the quickest possible means and will be co-ordinated with the competent authorities at AFHQ.

6. When co-ordinated these directives will be issued by PWB AFHQ and will become effective immediately.

7. All standing propaganda directives at present in force will become invalid on 31st January 1948. The HQ named in the following paragraphs will review the directives indicated and forward them, with such amendments and revisions as may be thought necessary, for consideration and co-ordination by PWB AFHQ not later than 29th January 1948. Co-ordination procedure will be the same as laid down for weekly directives. If any HQ considers a particular directive redundant it will report to that effect after consulting the appropriate authority.

8. The following HQ are responsible for the directives indicated:-

AFHQ

Propaganda to Austria
S.O.L.S.

PWB (Liberated Italy)

Propaganda to Liberated Italy
(for transition period pending
liquidation or transfer)

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PWB (XV ARMY GROUP)

propaganda to Italians in German-occupied Italy (including Itala Combette).
 propaganda to Italian civil population in Liberated Italy North of Army Control line.
 propaganda to German troops in North Italy.

9. Standing directives will be reviewed monthly by the appropriate HQ which will advise concerning their revision or report that no revision is necessary.

By order of Mr. Barnes.

Director.

(SGA) W.F. Jeffries

Brigadier.

Deputy Director.

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23 January 1945

Ref. 9251/ /COS.

SUBJECT: Reorganization of P.W.B. Italy.

TO : AMG 5 Army.

The attached paper on Reorganization of P.W.B. Italy dated 11 Jan 45 and Minutes of Meetings held at HQ Allied Commission on Jan 12, 16 and 17 as arranged by Brig. Lush and Brig. Gen. Hume are forwarded for your information.

[Signature]
Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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Please explain what happened exactly
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REORGANISATION OF P.W.B.-I F A L Y.

Minutes of Meeting held at Allied Commission HQ Jan. 17, 1945.

JAN 19 1945

Present : Rear Admiral Elmer Stone, Chairman.
 Brigadier Lush, Chief of Staff.
 Mr. Henry Robinson, Political Section.
 Mr. Dooling, American Embassy.
 Captain Anderson, " "
 Mr. Michael Stewart, British Embassy.
 Mr. Lister, O.W.I.
 Colonel Anderson, Communications S/C.
 Lieut. Colonel Squires, " "
 Major Fielden, Public Relations.
 Major Beattie, " "

The Meeting began at 1.30. Discussion, as at previous meetings, was based on PWB Memorandum of 11 January, 1945.

11. A.P.B.

Mr. Lister said at previous meeting PWB had been charged to read: "A.P.B. will be kept in existence, subject to call".

12. Publications:

AC Italy

(i) Distribution of IL 1452 was discussed. Mr. Stewart said Embassies would be willing to take over but would need help on transport. Admiral Stone said they might ask too late PWB for what they have removed from Italian economy. The thing to do was to find out how PWB had been doing at AC take necessary transport from them. Mr. Lister asked if he could have AC's moral support, and Admiral Stone said he could always count on that.

(ii) Further changes had been made: OWI and MOI to deal with MONDO LIBERO.

(iii) The same applied. Production units for AC were also out.

(iv) On Posters it was decided that OWI can lend necessary services.

14. Books:

The meeting began at 1535. Discussion, as requested, was based on PWB Memorandum of 11 January, 1940.

11. A.F.B.

Mr. Linsen said of previous meeting paragraph had been changed to read: "A.F.B. will be kept in existence, subject to call."

12. Publications:

40 Italy

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(11) Further changes had been made: OWI and LCI to deal with MONDO LITTO.

(111) The same applied. Production units for 40 were also out.

(1111) On Posters it was decided that OWI can rent necessary services.

13. Books:

Admiral Stone suggested Embassies could take over copyrights Mr. Dowling agreed. There was much discussion of copyrights and legality of Italian authors printing or selling in America. How far the trading with the enemy' Act still holds in these matters was not clear; the question to be investigated by Mr. Hopkinson and Mr. Dowling. Mr. Linsen said OWI had counted a number of copyrights and had said as many as 12 quite recently. Mr. Stewart suggested that 40 be continued to the British and American Govts. that financial arrangements should be made in both countries for payment of book rights. Admiral Stone agreed and said that Colonel Grafftey-Smith and Commander Lavelle should throw up a note to this effect for his signature.

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14. Propaganda Shops:

Admiral Stone asked if propaganda shops should go to Embassies. Mr. Linsen said in his opinion the time for "anti-them-on-the-head" propaganda had passed.

17. Film Distribution:

After some discussion it was decided that film distribution would remain in PWB hands until private distributors could take over. Mr. Stewart said the matter might be reviewed in 6 months' time in the light of the transport situation. This was agreed.

Speaking on this point Admiral Stone said he did not understand how some agents of private companies can get over here and others can't. Mr. Stewart said some came in as War Correspondents etc. Admiral Stone said this was a tough problem. Mr. Hopkins said AC had laid it down that there should be no visitors, but he would investigate possibilities of conveying this.

18. Film Production:

Mr. Limer said it was decided at other meetings that Film Board should consider this matter. Admiral Stone said: Right, and it is understood that AC does not plan to take over. Mr. Limer said agreement should remain with PWB for the present. Agreed. Mr. Stewart said matters of consignment (except military), licensing and control should go to the Italian Govt. Admiral Stone agreed.

19. Intellectual:

Admiral Stone said recommendation here was OK for present purposes. Mr. Limer said there should be consolidation on press writing. Admiral Stone asked Majors Fickler and Brown to report on what additional staff would be necessary to add weekly summary of provincial papers to PFO digest and get it out a little earlier - by noon if possible.

20. Printing Services:

On this point Mr. Limer said he would like to see work done by Italian printers rather than by requisitioning plants. Admiral Stone agreed. Only operational work should be done in requisitioned plants; other plants should be turned back to owners and potential buyers (PWB etc.), could come to understanding with owners.

21. Photographic Services:

Admiral Stone suggested change: "until it is practical to return to private agencies". Agreed.

22. 25 & 26:

Admiral Stone said we were not concerned with these matters.

Mr. Stewart brought up the matter of PWB personnel. Mr. Limer said that for co-Italians it is a matter of going back to their employment agencies, PWB or OWI.

Mr. Hopkins asked if we should consult State Dept. on E.O.

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24.25 & 26:

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Mr. Hooker asked if we would consult State Dept. on P.O. or any of these matters. Mr. Dowling said nothing more has to be referred to Washington. Admiral Stone said these are PWS recommendations and we haven't heard much from them. He will have a meeting with Mr. Evans and ask him to redraft original memorandum in light of these minutes.

The meeting adjourned at 1700 hrs.

Distribution:

Acting President
Chief Commissioner
Chief of Staff
Mr. Hooker
Mr. Gault
Mr. Dowling
Commissioner Lawton

Capt. Anderson
Mr. Michael Stewart
Mr. Limer
Colonel Henderson
Lieut. Col. Gaultier
Major Fleming
Colonel Traffery-Smith

REORGANIZATION OF R.W.B.-ITALY

Minutes of Meeting held at Allied Commission HQ Jan. 19, 1946

Present: Rear Admiral Elmer Stone, Chairman.
 Brigadier Hunt, Chief of Staff.
 Mr. Henry Hopkins, Political Section.
 Mr. Dennis, American Embassy.
 Captain Anderson, " "
 Mr. Michael Stewart, British Embassy.
 Mr. Limer, C.W.I.
 Colonel Ferguson, Communication S/O.
 Lieut. Colonel Stanger, " "
 Major Eliaison, Public Relations.
 Major Bergin, " "

Before the meeting formally came to order Admiral Stone stated that two fundamental principles should be borne in mind: 1) AC is not an operational organization, and 2) RFG AC is not a news agency.

Meeting began at 10.15. Brigadier Hunt said to-day's meeting was to be a meeting of "movers" of functions of RFG. Major Fielden suggested discussion should be based on RFG Minutes, Appendix to Minutes of Meeting with Mr. Lombardian held on 18 Jan. '46.

Items 1 and 2 called for no comment.

Under Item 3 Major Fielden said it was now to be understood that Mr. Radford would be responsible.

Items 4 and 5. Brigadier Hunt said propaganda for all areas should be undertaken in consultation with AC. Major Fielden asked when the weekly directives were to be made up. Admiral Stone inserted that he still didn't understand why the introduction of a few news agencies would call for such a drastic and precipitate change in RFG organization. Colonel Henderson said operative directives, purely military, should be drawn up by ARHQ PRO. Mr. Dennis said in any case meetings would be held for radio directives. Admiral Stone said it could be stated that AC would be heard at all meetings; however, there would be a time lag.

6. News Seminars:

Admiral Stone remarked that this was as it was covered 868

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Items 1 and 2 called for no comment.

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5. NEW! Sewing!

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Major trading would take over distribution within the area. It. Large recommended me, then several contacts for the time being. Eventually 200 might take over. Additional stores needed. They would do more; were there not enough additional units in

7. Radio: (Continued)

Italy: After some discussion Mr. Litter advised that there were:

8. Radio: Admiral Stone forwarded a radio control back to L.A.H. Colonel Hoffmann said it was a question of facilities; the important was the problem; the Italians didn't have it. Admiral Stone asked if trucks could not be ordered and if necessary might we not give Italians a few extra trucks as compensation for use of their facilities by PWB in the past? After discussion it was recommended that all requisitioned equipment for PWB radio be turned back to Italians with the understanding that they should go to L.A.H. It was further recommended that the applications for lines necessary for transport for radio be given high priority. Admiral Stone said this was the time to get PWB out of L.A.H. No alternatives were deemed necessary in terms of management for equipment. The list of equipment was set as the date. It was understood that questions of personnel could be worked out by consultation. Mr. Litter pointed out that there was no agreement on equipment with Italianic command so that with L.A.H. but Admiral Stone was sure that one could be arranged on basis of not immediately in arranging for their equipment. Or Naval Station Admiral Stone wanted some information but with those two provisions the radio is to go back to the Italians.

Note 4: Admiral Stone said NO. 10 is supposed to be fading; it is not our function to replace PWB. He also wanted to know what "40 targets" might mean. He said "40 targets" like too ambitious. But, said Admiral Stone, they were government targets.

Note 5: Admiral Stone remarked that there was a very wide range of error. However, these matters can be handled by Communications S/C.

9. Radio Technical Services:

Admiral Stone said there were technical matters. Under 40 Italy we should say "technical assistance" and not "supervision". He said, technical assistance to be supplied by PWB as long as time is necessary for PWB programs. Admiral Stone asked what about receiving reporting equipment in the South? He suggested that there be an inventory and a form of contract for equipment turned out to still papers. We do not want to lay ourselves open to a charge of playing favorites. Mr. Litter concurred.

10. Process:

40 Italy (4): To apply to Naples, Palermo, etc. as soon as date can be worked out. There was some discussion about about the names of units and the local position. It was decided that there should be at least a three month period in which as papers passed from the Italian

10. Press (Conf):
AC Italy (11)

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insofar as the matter of the press is concerned, it was decided to send a press corps to Rome. It is recommended that press liaison in Italy be its-
 on stand by PWB.

XV A.C. (1):

Admiral Stone wanted to know why we did not train in Italy when it wasn't necessary in France. It should be suggested that original intention was to drop up when Italy was an enemy; it is then too early was correct. There was that suggestion of this point and finally Mr. Stone suggested publica-
 tion of an Italian News Bulletin to give news in early liberation period. Admiral Stone said the idea was good, and suggested that a liaison group be set up with NW Italy planning group.

XV A.C. (11): No objections.

Colonel Henderson said facilities and equipment supplied by PWB for military and for use by private individuals for the Italian Govt. The Italian Govt. has, however, facilities just about adequate; plans are being worked out whereby Italians will handle mail centers and Govt. will fill in. They can start at 1st February. Radio service is not to be disrupted in detail but Colonel Henderson has the impression they will be adequate.

Further meeting arranged Saturday:

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Comm. Sub. Com.

Political Sec.

PRC

OWI

Embassies for 1950 and 1951/52.

Distribution:

Asst. President
 Chief of Commission
 Chief of Staff
 Mr. Hopton
 Mr. Egan
 Mr. Dwyer
 Capt. Anderson
 Mr. Arthur Stewart
 Mr. Lunt
 Colonel Henderson

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Further meeting arranged between:

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Gen. Sub. Gen.
Political Sec.
PAC

OWI
Embassy ... 17/1/46.

Distribution:

Acting President
Chief Commissioner
Chief of Staff
Mr. Hooten
Mr. Smith
Mr. Drelling
Capt. Anderson
Mr. Richard Stewart
Mr. Liles
Colonel Hurlingham
Lieut. Col. Soudan
Major Flaherty
Major Smith

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7 for information - very long.

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But equally good.

Mr. (151).

193/16/11

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For meeting tomorrow. Mr. (151).

Meeting held 16/11/11

Quote sheet from temporary jacket.

Refer to files 11/11/11

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Quote sheet from temporary jacket
refer to files 81 to 87

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REORGANIZATION OF P.W.S. ITALY

Minutes of meeting held at Allied Commission HQ Jan. 12th, 1945.

JAN 12 1945

Present: The Rt. Hon. Harold Macmillan, Controller,
 Emigration Lush, Chief of Staff.
 Mr. Russell Barnes, P.W.S.
 Mr. George Edman, P.W.S.
 Mr. Harry Hopkins, Political Section.
 Mr. Dowling, American Embassy.
 Mr. Michael Stewart, British Embassy.
 Mr. Liner, O.W.I.
 Captain Anderson, P.W.S.
 Mr. Sonott, Political Section.
 Mr. Hafford, P.W.S. Int.
 Major Fleiter, Public Relations.

Mr. MacMILLAN said that two things were happening currently. The P.W.S. was withdrawing some of its activities from liberated Italy, and he was putting forward proposals for the subsequent control of these activities by other bodies. He thought that the meeting might come to an agreement which could be sent forward to the authorities as a fusion of the two. He put before him a paper which had been submitted by Mr. RUSSELL BARNES. He thought that the meeting might go through Mr. BARNES' proposals quickly to get a general picture.

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Mr. BARNES said that PWB would continue its distribution of Basic News but it would have to be prevented from falling into the hands of the Press. (4) He would like to see news turned over to the Italian radio as soon as possible, but PWB would wish to have any time they needed for Italian stations for "Italian Combat" and other programmes, and they would like the use of the 100 kilowatt transmitter which he understood would be available soon. He thought also that PWB would have to bill the Italian Government for the radio equipment which had been supplied.

Mr. MACILLAN said that they could certainly bill them; payment was quite another thing.

Mr. BARNES said (10) that the PWB wished to cut loose entirely from the newspapers which they had been running and to insist that the titles should not be used again. (17) As to films, they had an organisation of 300 people for distribution, but this cost nothing, as payment for it was taken from film receipts. They could turn over to AC or anyone else a smoothly functioning organisation. (18) He "

thought that production could be taken over by the AC; the main PWB activity was to make Italian trailers for the newscasts sent from overseas.

Mr. RADICHI said (18) that many people were anxious for the intelligence services to continue. They were found useful in Washington and London. He thought that they might be taken over by the Embassy.

Mr. MACMILLAN said that the object of the meeting was to set a dividing line between PWB and other bodies. They could decide later which bodies would take over the various activities. He did not wish to draw a line between AC and the Embassy at this point.

The meeting then considered Mr. BARNES' memorandum point by point:-

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Ensign LUSH said that the definition "PWB XV Army Group" might be confusing. It would not include such areas as territory.

Mr. BARNES said that it could be called "PWB XV Army German-occupied Italy" and "PWB Italian Government territory".

Ensign LUSH said that what was intended, he thought, was Italy south of the Army Control Line.

Mr. MACMILLAN agreed and directed that the territory described in Mr. BARNES' memorandum as "AC Italy" be taken to mean all Italy south of the Army Control Line.

It was agreed that directives would only be necessary on rare occasions in AC Italy. There was no objection to the procedure suggested.

5. News Services: Mr. BARNES asked Captain ANDERSON to speak to the question of agencies.

Captain ANDERSON said that no Italian agency was yet functioning well enough to deliver news. Now did he think that outside agencies were yet in a position to do so. PWB had the facilities to work with ANSA and could relinquish employees and information to ANSA in order to get it going. This was absolutely necessary for any Italian agency. Also PWB had to make their news from liberated Italy available to the Roman press. He did not know how that was to be done. PWB could not do this according to the Geneva Directive.

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Mr. BARNES said that PWE had been told that it should not work with ANSA. It seemed to be rather a difficult situation.

Captain ANDERSON said that it would be easy for the PWE to turn over to ANSA, and it was a cooperative organization which could not be called a monopoly. But if it was to be prohibited from working in requisitioned premises, it would be working under severe difficulties.

Mr. DOWLING said that perhaps the premises could be requisitioned by us and reorganised by the Italian Government for ANSA.

Captain ANDERSON said that he thought we might forget about the requalification question altogether for the time being. He would like to know whether PWB could give its Liberator Italy news to the Rome newspapers on Monday morning.

Major FIELDEN said that this was a new point which had never been discussed, but logically, since the newspapers were going on to a paying basis, any PWB news should be sold to them on the same terms as agency news. Otherwise, there would be an overlap and complaints. He saw no reason why AG should take over distribution; distribution was only a mechanical operation. The important point was to avoid monopoly, as SACRED had ruled. PWB was giving a virtual monopoly to ANSA by handling over personnel and premises, as ANDERSON had suggested. All agencies should compete on an equal footing.

Mr. STANES said that nobody wanted a free press more than the PWB. He thought that Captain ANDERSON had used the wrong word "release" employees, who would be available to any other agency or newspaper. PWB had absolutely no connection with ANSA.

Major FIELDEN objected that it was generally thought that PWB was sponsoring ANSA and there was much ill-feeling on the subject. The Chief Commissioner's view was that we could not prevent ANSA from being used, if the newspaper editors so decided, as a post-office and delivery organization, but that it should not have preferential treatment above any other agency.

Mr. MACMILLAN said that he thought these considerations applied only to the short-term view. The Technical Sub-Committee would have to decide on the facilities given to ANSA. Until its decisions were taken, he thought that PWB should distribute Liberated Italy news to the Rome press.

Major FIELDEN said that if Basic News were continued there would be an outcry from the agencies, since it would be quite impossible to prevent it from getting into the hands of the press.

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Brigadier LUSH agreed.

Mr. HOPKINSON said that it was very useful. Many officers could not read Italian. He himself found it essential.

Mr. MACMILLAN said that it was surely a luxury. There were the English papers, and many digests; in fact too many people were taking digests.

Brigadier LUSH asked whether Mr. HOPKINSON did not get the PEO digest.

Mr. HOPKINSON said that it came too late. He wanted it on the breakfast table.

Brigadier LUSH asked PEO whether it could not be done earlier. Mr. DOWLING also wanted it earlier.

Major FIELDEN said it was a question of staff. With more staff, it could be done earlier.

Brigadier LUSH said he thought that ought to be done.

STUDY ON THE EFFECTS OF THE

Mr. RANDOLPH said that Duke News would like to be con-
sidered, in part at least, to supply physical needs of 245.

But while Bush added warning, PEO could not get out a reply. Bush also said that the FBI would not get out a reply.

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Mr. KACHILLAN asked that Hasty News should be placed on "Herald" group and moved accordingly.

1. Mr. BARNES asked whether AC would want to continue to

BYRON LUSH AND DR. ROBINSON said that this was
correct.

MR. LINEN said that, owing to agreements with OWI and HGI, this would in any case have to monitor every broadcast, if only for transmission to London and Washington. There would therefore continue to be a monitoring file, and AC could have a copy.

Mr. JAMES said that the ISMISUION would have to be taken over by AG.

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be no reason for the others in some and elsewhere.

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Mr. MACILLAN agreed.

Mr. BARNES said that he would like Radio Rome to give the news at once for distribution. Otherwise there would be a delay in the news in Rome and elsewhere.

Major FIELDEN said that had been ruled out for the moment, as the Agency felt that the news would be plucked by the French and press and it would be very difficult to bring them to book later.

Mr. BARNES said that the Agency had a perfect right to call to Radio Rome.

Major FIELDEN said that that was not the case. SACRED's suggestion had been that they would sell almost to the Home newspaper, and nothing else.

Mr. MACILLAN said that in this case again it was a question only of the interval period. News would be sold to Radio Rome as and when the Technical sub-Committee gave its recommendations on news distribution outside Rome.

Mr. BARNES testified that PWs should have the right to certain elements in the Italian programme for "Italia Combattente" etc.

Mr. LUSH agreed.

a. Radio:

a. Note 1:

9. Radio Technical Services:

Mr. BARNES said that facilities and equipment would have to be provided by OWI and NOI if they wished to provide them.

10. Press: AC Italy:

As regards the Press, Mr. BARNES said that it was the desire of PWB to cut loose from all newspapers, and to stop any perpetuation of the PWB titles.

Major FIELDEN said that in the case of the CORRIERE DI ROMA they were valuing a storm at the present time. It was admittedly falling back into the hands of the Germans.

Mr. MacMILLAN said that that was a matter for the Italian Government.

Mr. BARNES said that that was the case. The PWB had nothing to do with the matter. They merely released their employees and for machinery. Anyone could take them up.

Major FIELDEN said that that was not strictly true. It might perhaps be a case for the Italian Government eventually, but in fact PWB was handling over a going concern, not a stock and barrel, and this was entirely out of keeping with everything that had been done to reveal monopoly. The invisible assets were of great value. He merely wanted to make that point clear.

Mr. BARNES said that the future of the paper was no concern of theirs. They merely wished to safeguard the employees.

Emigration LUSA agreed that the employees must be safeguarded.

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Major FIELDEN explained that the APB had made an allocation of 300 tons monthly to PWS, 300 to the Italian Press, and also to be stockpiled in the North. Under the changed circumstances, PWS would not need nearly so much paper and the allocation would have to be revised.

Mr. LUSH concurred.

Mr. BARNES said that he thought that APB could now be wound up.

Major FIELDEN said that it certainly had not much to do now, but it was the only link between Corsica and the Italian Press Commission. As such he thought it might serve a useful purpose at times. It would be better to keep it in being for the moment, perhaps working in the North, but available if serious press disputes arose.

Mr. MACMILLAN concurred.

10. Press: XV A. G. (1)

11. A. P. S.:

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Mr. STEWART said that the question of transportation to that situation would be difficult. Was PWB going to surrender their transport?

Mr. BARNES said they had no transport - they had to go on foot.

Mr. MACQUEEN said that he thought AC should take over the PWB's responsibilities as soon as it could be arranged.

Mr. BARNES objected that they might leave the PWB with the baby for many months.

Mr. LUSH assured Mr. BARNES that AC would play fair.

Mr. REDFORD said that the PWB had 40 or 50 intelligence services, about half of which were in Liberated Italy. Many people thought they were valuable.

Mr. MACQUEEN said that they were no doubt very well run, but he wondered whether the function of intelligence was to get new property going to the Brigades. An intelligence man must be very conscientious and clever, but he could not always know where he was embarking. The authorization by visiting certain people and contacts was difficult. It was difficult to get proper coordination. Anonymous reports, he thought, were less valuable than those sent through proper Embassy channels.

Mr. HOPKINSON and Mr. DOWLING stressed the value of "D" section reports.

Mr. LUSH thought that lack of coordination was the chief fault. All such reports should be coordinated at one central point before being sent on.

Mr. MACQUEEN agreed. He thought the reports were interesting and well done, but he had sometimes thought that they were tedious.

Mr. BARNES said that they were merely newspaper reports.

19. Intelligence:

Mr. MacCallister thought that the committee should be given the right to call on the committee and the committee should be given the right to call on the committee.

Mr. Hopkinson said that he thought perhaps "C" section should be given information to the committee and those who really needed it but not circulating their reports to a large number of people.

Mr. MacCallister said that it was really a question of who controlled the committee. Who should the committee be made up of? He thought that it should be made up of those who really needed it but not circulating their reports to a large number of people. But a coordinating committee should be set up and it should be eventually transferred.

Mr. Redford said that the question was very complicated and suggested that the committee should be made up of those who really needed it but not circulating their reports to a large number of people.

Mr. MacCallister agreed that it was a doubtful problem and might be left over for a technical committee to make recommendations; he thought however that a coordinating committee should be set up.

Mr. MacCallister referred back to an earlier part of the memorandum and asked that all propaganda for assessments Italy should be coordinated with AC. Mr. Barnes agreed.

Mr. MacCallister thanked Mr. Barnes for preparing the paper. He said he thought he would put an idea of the division of activities. He thought now have to consider how those activities were to be divided between AC, OVI, LCI, and the Embassies. That would be the purpose of a further meeting, which should be held as soon as possible.

Meeting arranged between:

AC CC
CCS
PFO
Comms. Sub-Com.

OVI
LCI
Embassies

Distribution:

Acting President
Chief Commissioner
Chief of Staff
Mr. Hopkinson

For 1800 hrs 16/1/66

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Meeting arranged between:

- AG
- CC
- GCS
- FEC
- Comms. Sub-Com.

OWI
MCI
Embassies

for 1800 hrs 15/1/56

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Distribution:

- Acting President
- Chief Commissioner
- Chief of Staff
- Mr. Hopkinson
- Mr. Schott
- Mr. Dowling
- Mr. Michael Stewart
- Mr. Russell Barnes
- Mr. George Evans
- Captain Anderson
- Mr. Linen
- Mr. Radford
- Colonel Henderson

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PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

CONFIDENTIAL

RE-ORGANISATION OF P.W.B. ITALY

On instructions from BATHEN, the private news agencies are being admitted in Rome on 15 Jan 1945, and will be admitted in the rest of Italy under Italian administration as soon as the technical problems involved in this change can be solved. BATHEN's instructions further envisage the addition by an early date to Italian control of the radio operations within territory under Italian jurisdiction.

These instructions must be considered the primer to the liquidation of a large part of P.W.B.'s commitments within territory under Italian jurisdiction, and in certain cases to their transfer to other Allied agencies.

In order to facilitate this operation, it is desirable to separate the present PWB Italian Headquarters into two parts: PWB (AC Italy), and PWB IV Army Group, the former principally concerned with the smooth takeover of functions in accordance with a programme to be worked out between ARMs, PWB, AC, and the US and British Tabularies; the latter assigned to carry on Psychological Warfare against the enemy in German-occupied Italy and consolidation propaganda in Italian territory under Allied administration.

The following suggestions are put forward by PWB as a basis for discussion:

1. Italian Theatre Headquarters of PWB to be abolished w.e.f. 15 Jan 1945.
2. With effect from the same date regard to PWB Headquarters will be set up:

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PWB (AC Italy) - Head: Lt. Col. H.
Deputy Head: Lt. Col. H. H. H. H.
PWB IV Army Group - Head: Mr. H. H. H. H.
Deputy Head: Mr. H. H. H. H.

In order to facilitate this operation, it is desirable to separate the present PW3 Italian Headquarters into two parts: PW3 (AG Italy), and PW3 IV Army Group, the former principally concerned with the smooth handover of functions in accordance with a programme to be worked out between AGHQ, PW3, AG, and the US and British Taskforces; the latter designed to carry on psychological warfare against the enemy in German-occupied Italy and consolidation propaganda in Italian territory under AMG administration.

The following suggestions are put forward by PW3 as a basis for discussion:

1. Italian Theatre Headquarters of PW3 to be abolished w.e.f. 15 Jan 1945. 861
2. With effect from the same date report to PW3 headquarters will be sent up.
 PW3 (AG Italy) - Head: Lt. T. D. H.
 Deputy Head: Lt. C. H. H.
 PW3 IV Army Group - Head: Lt. H. H.
 Deputy Head: Lt. C. H. H.
3. PW3 (AG Italy) will be responsible for all operations within Italian territory under Italian administration and in the Command of Naples; and will also be charged with the liquidation or transfer of large concentrations, in agreement with AGHQ, AG, and the US and British Taskforces.
4. PW3 IV Army Group will be responsible for all propaganda directed against the enemy in German-occupied Italy, for all propaganda directed towards the population of the AGHQ area, and for propaganda of consolidation in the area administered by AMG.
5. Directives will be prepared in draft by each Headquarters, and will be forwarded to PW3 AGHQ for the necessary clearance and issue. No directive will become valid unless issued by PW3 AGHQ.

10. Plans for the future - the use of the information from existing

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Present services to be maintained until the only one
possible in a position to service the whole
territory. Thereafter, this unit to be modified to
provide limited mail news service covering communities,
in order to keep service department in touch
of local people and by it in a Press Office and official
statements by official representatives.

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That for the majority of this country there, it is a matter of time to make the best use of the available.

7. Novi tortuga

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Unit to provide comprehensive service of Italian
and assist the interests of Italy in Brazil and is
required for peace and progress (communications, etc.)
and is required of the Austrian Radio Section.

Note 1: A sub-committee under the chairmanship of Mr. Richard Stone is already studying the technical problems connected with the provision of private teletype news to press outside home.

Note 2: The Italian news file in London, known as Rome, to be discontinued.

Note 3: Printed radio news, home edition, to be continued as long as present commitments continue, but not to be distributed to Italian press in Rome.

7. Monitoring following three units to be established:
a. Unit for intelligence monitoring to requirements of 3-3 A.M.

AC 14.17 Unit to provide comprehensive service of Italian requests and details of German broadcasts as required for general purposes (communications, etc.) and as required by the Italian 2.4.4.0.0.

AC 14.18 Unit to provide full German coverage and essential coverage of Italian broadcast etc.

AC 14.19 Unit to provide full German coverage and essential coverage of Italian broadcast etc.

8. Radio:

AC 14.19 Services to be returned to Italian administration as soon as possible. In parallel 3-3. 1.4.4.4. and 1.4.4.4. to derive a joint heads of Radio Services and AC 14.19.

AC 14.20 Radio services to continue as at present. Mr. Ivor Jones to have responsibility to the 3-3. 1.4.4.4. and 1.4.4.4. Section and other personnel.

Note 1. Italian broadcast programme to be responsibility of 3-3. 1.4.4.4. (3-3. 1.4.4.4. in 1/4), and through press in part to 3-3. 1.4.4.4. and broadcast from home 3-3. 1.4.4.4. It is recommended that time be reserved on the network for broadcasting Italian broadcast programme throughout Italian 1.4.4.4.

Note 2: 3-3. 1.4.4.4. to be reserved for 3-3. 1.4.4.4. operations to

42. Publishing studies

 Springer

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13. collected in studies: (i.e. Ball away, 1974)

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To be designated as "low power" does not eliminate the station from the Low Power Coalition or prevent it from participating in the Coalition's activities. It is essential that this service include "low power" as it constitutes a vital.

1. The first step is to identify the problem or question that needs to be answered. This involves understanding the context and the specific requirements of the task.

To be continued unless Chief Yeung Officially says

(iv) ... is required by ... these ...
production by ... connection unit (if any), or by
... Public Affairs Section (see below).

... themselves ... to make their own
arrangements for distribution of publications.
... to continue distribution until these arrangements
have been made. It is possible to give any material
available in the hands of them.
... is asked to be the Publications Section and
... to submit recommendations concerning
staff required by the Section. Included staff to
be at the disposal of ... of the ... office, if required.

IV A.G.

13. Collection of Publications (All newspapers)
AC Italy No to be discontinued in the newspapers are given by
(the Italian Press Commission can perfectly well
continue this service itself apart from its consignment
of material).

To be continued under Chief Press Officer.
As for Books.

15. Books
14. Books

AC Italy Responsibility for clearance of copyrights and as
far as possible to the ... is given as previously.

IV A.G. Not applicable.

16. Propaganda Signs

AC Italy To be maintained by ... until the ...
have started and decided on the future of this
medium. (Notes to be placed outside of this
applied for the ... use).

Service to be continued as at present. Mr. ...
in the recommendations to the division of staff
between the two in question.

IV A.G.

17. Film Distribution:

AC Italy This to continue responsibility until arrangements can be made for the film being, AC or Italy to distribute to the over.

XV A.G. As it presents, AC. This is with recommendations as to the division of AC if between the two agencies.

18. Film Production:

AC Italy Production consists of: (i) the regular Italian power, (ii) accountancy, and efforts in support of AC Italy. The recommendations that it should not in responsibility for both services until AC can arrange to be over.

XV A.G. Not applicable.

19. Intelligence:

AC Italy To continue at present, with Major Greenhouse i/c, subject to directives of CIO, PAB A.H.Q. (Notes: Services are in four groups: liberated Italy, Central Italy, French Italy, Documents Section; and from the day through).

XV A.G. Occupied Italy Intelligence (Major Robertson i/c) and Italy Intelligence (Major Howard i/c) 853
Plans to this headquarters, remaining subject, however, to directives of CIO PAB A.H.Q.

Notes: The organization of general intelligence to be reserved for future discussion.

20. News and Press Unit:

AC Italy This service to be as to press attention as soon as possible.

XV A.G. As it presents to submit recommendations as to requirements.

21. Printing Services:

AC Italy General liberation of services.

24. Australian Radio Section: Service to be under the control of
this office, but administratively responsible to one of two
(13 of 14).

TCHE/SB
17th JULY, 1945.

