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To note folio 9.

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Attached is submitted for your information/signature/approval.

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R.131.49.08.

19 September 1945.

SUBJECT: Operation of Italian Radio Circuits.

TO : Navy Sub-Commission.
Land Forces Sub-Commission (NMIA)
Air Forces Sub-Commission.

1. Reference paragraph 3 of attached letter AG 311.23/165-0 dated 28 August 45, subject as above.
2. Requests for frequencies for the Navy, Italian Army and Air Forces will be made through the Navy Sub-Commission, Land Forces Sub-Commission (NMIA) and Air Forces Sub-Commission to C.S.C., A.F.E.Q.
3. Frequency allocation to the P.T.T. and commercial radio companies will be made through the Communications Sub-Commission.

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission HHS/ec

R.131.50.03

17th September, 1945

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SUBJECT: Operation of Italian Radio Circuits

TO : Executive Commissioner.

1. Attached Letter AFHQ provides in para 3. that..... "all negotiations concerning Italian Radio Circuits will be handled through the Allied Commission".

2. In order to avoid any misunderstanding it is requested that attached Memo be issued by the Executive Commissioner, contents of Memo have been checked with interested Sub-Commissions and AFHQ.

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H.H. SCUDDER,
Lt. Col. Sig. C.
Director.

Enclosures: Letter of A.F.H.Q.
Memo to: NMIA, Navy Sub-Comm.
Air Forces Sub-Comm.

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APO 512

AG 311.23/165-0

SUBJECT: Operation of Italian Radio Circuits.

TO: All Concerned.

1. Letter this headquarters, file AG 311-20 SIG-ACM, subject as above, dated 7 February 1944, is rescinded.

2. The operation of radio circuits by the Italian Government without Allied supervision is authorized subject to the requirement that no new circuits will be opened without prior coordination with and specific approval of the Chief Signal Officer, AFHQ. This restriction is necessary to guarantee integrated frequency allocation throughout the theater and to avoid insofar as possible, interference with other radio stations.

3. All negotiations concerning Italian radio circuits will be handled through the Allied Commission.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

C. W. Christenberry
C. W. CHRISTENBERRY
Colonel, AGP
Adjutant General

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

CC 501

2 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Visits of Italian Radio Officials to North Italy -
Mr. Rossini, Managing Director of the R.A.I.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Lombardia Region.
(TRAD: SCMO TV Corps)

1. The Prime Minister has just informed me that Mr. Rossini, Managing Director of the R.A.I. (Italian Radio Broadcasting Company) is going to Milan to help straighten out the commercial affairs between the radio companies of Northern Italy and those of Central and Southern Italy.

2. It would be appreciated if the usual courtesies were extended to Mr. Rossini.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

cc: Ex.C. /
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Chief Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

8-11-45

3/PRB

3 February 1945.
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SUBJECT : Board of Governors for R.A.I. (E.I.A.R.)
TO : Chief of Staff for Chief Commissioner.

I had a talk with Libonati yesterday on the progress of the proposed Board of Governors for R.A.I. (E.I.A.R.). It may interest you to know what they have done in this connection. The Board so far set up is composed of 5 representatives of R.A.I., one representative of the Authors Society, one playwright, and one musician - all these nominated, not elected. To this will be added a member of the Sottosegretariato per la Stampa and one other upon whom they have not decided.

This, to my mind, is a very very long way from the intention and spirit of our proposals. The elective principle has been ignored: RAI plus the Government are in a majority: there is no guarantee that the 4 nominated members would not be turned out at a moment's notice if they failed to toe the line. All the members may be excellent people, but this set-up is NOT what we were hoping for. There are indications that some of the personnel now getting back into RAI are not above suspicion: and we may have trouble later.

Lionel Fielden

LIONEL FIELDEN
Major
Public Relations Branch.

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24 January 1945.

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My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

As you know, the Allied military authorities are most anxious to return E.I.A.R. completely to Italian control. However, as I know you will fully agree, it is important that E.I.A.R.'s programs reflect fully all shades of Italian political opinion. With that in mind, I have been directed by the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theater, to invite the Italian Government to create a Board of Governors to act as advisors to the management of E.I.A.R.

In this connection I am enclosing an Aide-Memoire which I shall be glad to discuss with you as soon as you have had an opportunity to consider it.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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

cc: [Signature]
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Aide-Memoire for discussion with Prime Minister
of Radio Plan for Liberated Italy.

As a result of considerable discussion between AG and PWB, the matter having been eventually referred to SACMED, it has been decided that the Allied authorities should invite the Italian Government :

- (a) To create a Board of Governors to act as advisers to the management of EIAR with a term of two years composed of the following :

- A nominee of the Minister of Education
- A University Professor
- An Industrialist
- A member of EIAR Employees' Association
- A musician
- An Author
- A Journalist.

Each, with the exception of the first, to be nominated by the appropriate body, e.g. the Association of University Professors, the Chamber of Commerce, The Federazione Stampa, etc.; the terms to be staggered in order to preserve continuity of experience.

- (b) To call upon this Board of Governors to make recommendations concerning the future organisation and operation of EIAR consistent with the maintenance of a free radio in Italy after the time of withdrawal of PWB from the Italian radio field.

It is very desirable, from many points of view, that the proposed Board of Governors should be elected and permitted to function without delay, in order that the Italian radio may be in a position to take over control from PWB and to open negotiations for the collection and distribution of news, use of equipment and raw material, allocation of wave-lengths etc.

It will be appreciated if the Italian Government take the necessary steps as soon as possible.

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Extract from the Minutes of the Supreme Allied
Commander's Conference (Political) held on 30th
December, 1944.

Ref: SAC (P) (44) 37th Meeting - 30th December.
(Original on File 247/COS).

MINUTE No. 5.

5. RADIO PLAN FOR LIBERATED ITALY.

(Paper No. SAC (P) (44) 158).

THE CONFERENCE had before them a paper by the Chief, INC, recommending that the Italian Government be invited to create a Board of Governors to act as advisers to the management of EIAR, as a first step in freeing the Italian radio from Allied control.

MR. BARNES said that he would prefer to see more competition in the radio field. He felt also that the Italian radio should buy its news from the private news agencies, as had been approved in principle in the case of the Italian press. He advocated the earliest possible removal of all control over news issuing both through the press and through the radio, since it would be impracticable to maintain for long the distinction between news published in ROME and news published elsewhere in ITALY. It must be understood, however, that the removal of control would mean that FWB would no longer be able to carry out ~~its~~ its directives received from LONDON and WASHINGTON. FWB's function would then pass into the purely informational stage, and could more appropriately be undertaken by the Office of War Information (USA) and the Ministry of Information (UK) on behalf of the respective governments. He suggested that he submit a paper setting forth these considerations.

MR. MACMILLAN agreed that some adjustment of the functions of FWB would certainly follow from the freeing of the Italian press and radio and added that he believed this to be in accordance with the wishes of LONDON and WASHINGTON. He felt that the maximum liberty consistent with military security should now be accorded to the Italian press and radio, and drew a parallel between the organisation proposed for EIAR and the BBC. Proposals for relaxing existing controls were already under discussion in WASHINGTON.

MR. KIRK, approving in general the proposals under discussion, added that the FWB organisation would continue to have a valuable advisory function and expressed the hope that it would be retained in this capacity.

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THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

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- (a) Approved the recommendations of Chief, INC, embodied in Part III, paragraph 1, of paper No. SAC (P) (44) 158 and directed that the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, in conjunction as necessary with the appropriate authorities, take suitable action to implement them.
- (b) Directed that Director, PWB, submit through the Psychological Warfare Sub-Committee his recommendations regarding the organisation and functions of FWB when the Italian press and radio had been freed and what transitional measures he advised.

Copy to PEO 6/Jan - See 6.

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Ref: 9251/26/008.

6th January, 1945.

SUBJECT: Radio Plan for Liberated Italy.

TO : Public Relations Officer.

The following papers relating to the above subject are forwarded for your information:

- 4 SAC (P) (44) 158 dated 27th December 1944.
- 5 Extract from Minutes of SAGRED's Conference (Political) of 30th December 1944.

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Major E. Talbot
Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

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SAC (P) (44) 158
27th December, 1944.

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SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE (POLITICAL)

RADIO PLAN FOR LIBERATED ITALY.

Note by Chief, INC

I. Objectives with reference to radio in ITALY.

1. The ultimate objective of Allied effort in the field of radio is to promote a free radio which will not be the instrument for any government, political party or group of private interests.
2. To this end Italian radio should be adjusted to the conditions of the free ITALY of tomorrow. This does not mean that Italian radio should necessarily be re-modelled along British or American lines. Rather it must be based upon Italian character, temperament, traditions and economic possibilities. It must be politically free but not beyond the reach of criticism.

II. Present PWB Policy.

1. Conforming to overall directives, which call for the swiftest possible transfer to Italian hands of all domestic services, PWB transferred as of October 1, 1944, to EIAR, the existing Italian radio organisation, the responsibility for, and the actual organisation and production of, all musical programmes in AC territory, both "live" and recorded, representing approximately 50 per cent of the total radio output. PWB continues to assist EIAR in the production of musical programmes especially as regards supply of recorded programmes.
2. PWB retains the right to intervene and to request modifications in EIAR's musical programmes:-
 - (a) If it becomes apparent that these programmes pursue political aims at variance with those of the United Nations.
 - (b) If the quality, artistically or technically, of the programmes as broadcast is not of sufficiently high standard.
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III. Recommendations.

1. Upon the basis of proposals made to it by FWB the Psychological Warfare Sub-Committee (PWSWC (44) 8th Meeting) recommends that the Italian Government be invited:-

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- (b) To call upon this Board of Governors to make recommendations concerning the future organisation and operation of ~~ELAR~~ consistent with the maintenance of a free radio in ITALY after the time of withdrawal of PWB from the Italian radio field.

2. The Supreme Allied Commander in conference is requested to approve the foregoing recommendations and to authorise the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, in conjunction as necessary with the appropriate authorities, to take action accordingly.

(Intd) A.C.W.H.
for A.J. MC C.

AFHQ Distribution: Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission. Copy Nos. 31- 33

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Copy to PRD 6/Jan. - see folio 26.

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HEA JAKTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
APO 394

3/PRB

3 January 1945

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SUBJECT : Aide-Memoire for discussion with Prime Minister
of Radio Plan for Liberated Italy.

TO : The Chief Commissioner, A.C., through C.O.S.

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