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12 Feb 46 below HS. 13/2 The attached draft is forwarded for your approval.
JPL Maj. PRO Reference is made to G-5: 387.4-1 of 5 February 1946. 1. The Allied Commission regrets its inability to concur in the proposal to amalgamate Allied Commission public relations functions into an AFHQ staff section under G-2.

2. It is our view that the functions of A.C. PRO are too specialized to permit such incorporation, particularly because of the matathem liaison still necessary with the Italian press.

3. It is our belief that as long as the Allied Commission continues to exist, it should 262 retain its own independent PRO.

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Ref: 9282/9/EC.

28 February 1946.

SUBJECT: Public Relations Staff Study.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters.
Attn: G-5 Section.

I refer to your letter G-5: 387.4-1 of 5 Feb 46.

- 1. The Allied Commission regrets its inability to concur in the proposal to amalgamate Allied Commission Public Relations functions into an AFHD staff section under G-2.
 - 2. The reasons for our position may be briefly summarised in:
 - (a) the specialized functions and ALCOM PRO; and
 - (b) the uncertain but unique status of this organization in view of the international situation regarding the Italian Peace Treaty.

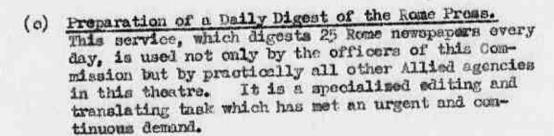
3. The functions listed below indicate the scope of activity of ALCOM PRO. It is questionable whether a new, amalgamated PRO set-up can be prepared to assume these functions in the light of the technical background necessary as regards both knowledge of ALCOM operations and as to acquintance with the Italian Press which is one of ALCOM PRO's specialities. These functions referred to include:

- reports pertaining to AMG UDINE and AMG VENEZIA GIULIA and to general information of Italian matters within our competence. It should be noted that ALCOM PRO is the sole channel for news from 15 Corps PRO for the Italian and Allied Press. Reports from VENEZIA GIULIA are received daily by teletype and relayed to the press for 15 Corps. While the Allied Commission has, in effect, given up most of its supervisory activities over Italian matters, Allied correspondents still use ALCOM PRO as the quickest and most accurate means of checking general Italian background material.
- (b) Liaison with the Itulian Press. In addition to service such as given to Allied correspondents, almost daily contacts are maintained with Italian newspapers for purposes of correcting erroneous statements on the request of various Allied agencies, including AFHQ. ALCOM PRO is the sole affective channel of such working liaison.

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(d) Preparation of the Allied Commission Weekly Bulletin.
This document, which gives a complete, interim
account of Italian events and background of interest
during the week in politics, economics and other
matters, has met wide recognition in the highest
quarters of your own command, the War Department, Mar
Office, Foreign Office, and State Department, as a
paper of considerable value.

4. In any event it is our opinion that the position of the Allied Commission vis-a-vis the Italian Government and the frequent necessity to explain certain Allied viewpoints make it necessary to retain an independent ALCOM PRO as long as the Commission continues to exist.

5. Starf Study is returned herewith, as requested.

For the Chief Commissioner:

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Brigadier, Executive Commissioner.

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G-5: 387.4-1

5 February 1946

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- SUBJECT: Public Relations Sub Commission.

Office of Executive Commissioner.

Reference conversation Col Glenn - Lt Col McCleary on or about 19 January 1946.

l. Attached staff study prepared by the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, AFHQ, is forwarded for your early comments or concurrence.

2. While the study does not bring out the fact, it is established that there is no intention of moving PR personnel from their present locations nor of altering their functions.

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3. The delay in forwarding this document is regretted.

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E. G. A. PARSONS,

Brigadier, Acting Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

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Office of the Executive Commissioner

MEMORANDUM

TO

: Col. H.L.Glenn. (At HQ Allied Commission) Ref: 9252/EC.

February 1946.

Sir,

A careful search has been made in this HQ for the Staff Study on Public Relations that you mentioned to me this morning, but no trace of this can be found anywhere.

Can you please let us have the reference number and date of despatch.

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Chief Staff Officer, To the Executive Commissioner.

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