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BROADCASTS BY MINISTRY OF OCCUPIED ITALY

MAR. - APR. 1945

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BROADCAST BY MINISTRY OF

OCCURRED ITALY

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BROADCASTS BY MINISTRY OF

DEFENSE

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THIS FOLDER
CONTAINS PAPERS
FROM MAR. 1945
TO APR. 1945
CATALOGUE.

C.A. Sec: Pat.

Reference Minute 24 above.

Action has been taken as on folio 25.
All copies have been dispatched, with the
exception of copy for C.A. Sec., which is intended
to send folio 25.

G. Gordon
K. A. Sec.

Office E.C.
27 Apr 45.

Maps

Parents do not need file any
more - they suggest we incorporate it
with our file on broadcasting

W. B. Wells

Office EC.
27 Apr 45.

(M)

MAZOK.

May 5

Parsons Co. doesn't need file any
more - they suggest we incorporate it
with our file on broadcasting
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FILE

MINUTE SHEET NO.

DATE

FROM

24 APR 45.

TO. PARS

21.

Ref: 19B.

- (a) Furnish a copy to P.W.O. (Rome.)
- (b) Find out what individuals in rapport with the making up the detail of this programme, and will be the daily contact on these matters.

L.S.C.

R.R. Briggs

19B

Note

Ref min 21.

(a) see action at 21.

(b) Dott ONOFRIO = Head of the PARS
+ Propaganda Branch
of M.D.O.I.

Sig Coreio = Liaison Officer.
M.P. 25/4

22.

TO. CAS

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See file 246.

If all Ministers are going to be arrested
I feel this is getting above the level
of PARS Br.

Myself that it is a matter for Ex. Com.

27.04.

19B

(b) Find out what individual is responsible for making up the detail of this programme, and will be the daily contact on these matters.

L.G.Sc.
R.R. Briggs
cl

22.

Note

Ref min 21.

(a) see action at 21.

(b) Dott ONOFRIO = Head of the Press & Propaganda Branch of N.D.O.I.
Sgt Curcio = Liaison Officer.
M.P. 25/4

23

To CAS

See p. 10 d. 46.

If all this is going to be covered I feel this is getting above the level of Press Br.

Suggest that it is a matter for Ex. Com. Office and would be more properly handled by G.R.O. in detail.

L.G.Sc.
R.R. Briggs
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To C.S.O to cc.

Ref: tel courier. Quack - Class
Will forward to you for action. P.V.B. (non-violence)
requested to telephone you
L.G.Sc.
R.R. Briggs
cl

27 Apr.

27 Apr.

DATE	PAGE
22 APR. 45.	10
C.A.S.	At 18A & 19A are drafts for the approval of C.C. They have been completed in accordance with instructions given to V.P. C.A.S. With regard to 18A: your letter request for approval of SAC is at para 8 with reply at 17A <u>11</u> L.G.S.C. X. 495. EC Also 18A and 19A are drafts for the urgent approval of the Chief Commissioner please <u>12</u> M. E. L. L. L. <u>So to CC</u> For approval of CC (1) 18A to P.M. from CC (2) 19A to Secretary from Division head for etc. Papers 8 and 17A refer (filed)
22 April	

22 April

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With regard to 18A: your letter request for approval of SAC is at plus 8 with reply at 17A

[Signature]

L.G.S.C.
X. 495.

EC

Also 18a and 19a are drafts for the recent approval of the Chief Commissioner please

[Signature]
L.G.S.

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[Signature]
[Signature]

For approval of CC

- (1) 18A to P.M. from CC
- (2) 19A to Sococomarro from Division head P.M. etc.

Papers 8 and 17A refer (flipped)

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CSO to Executive Commissioner: 20.

24 April

Chief Commissioner has approved drafts at both 18a and 19a. The letter to Bonomi has been typed in this office and delivered personally to the Prime Minister by the Chief Commissioner this morning. The letter to Sococomarro has still to be issued.

[Signature]
J. A. QUAYLE, Major, R.A.
Staff Officer to CC

CAS *[Signature]*
please. 24/4
[Signature]

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MINUTES SHEET No. 3

DATE

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C.A. Section

1. Ref min 5 & previous mins & correspondence.
2. I have discussed the matter with the Asst Deputy Director P.G.B. & we have come to the conclusion that it would be advisable to put the results of my meeting with Seccimanno on 12 Apr onto paper & obtain his official agreement. Draft submitted opposite to you consideration, & decision.

K. Craig

H. G. L.

Patrols Branch

13 April 45

D/ Director H.G. Sub Com.

(7)

Director, Local Govt. Sub Com.

Ref. Folios 4, 5, 6A -

1. The draft at Folio A is resubmitted for your approval. The Italian official's appetite for political intrigue coupled with his inbred dishonest propensities appears to make this additional concession a dangerous one.
2. Letter to AGO, in reply to 6A, at B opposite for signature please.

18 April 45

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Patented Branch
13 Apr 45

Director, Local Govt. Sub Com.

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12. Letter to ARH, in reply to SA, at B opposite for signature please.

Krag

Lt.-Col.,
 Director,
 Local Govt. Sub. Com.

19. APR. 45.
10. CAS.

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letter of 15a is prepared ~~at~~ in answer
to prior 6a, and submitted for signature.

Spills
x 620.
P.O. 101.

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20 April.

VP, center
in office on
morning with
book about 500

Al. Lipp

14/11/45

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who are in daily contact with the Ministry & with P.W.B.

If you approve I will ask Patriotic Br

1. To make it plain to him of our Policy that no broadcasts will be permitted without our consent & previous approval of the script.

2. To ask H.E. Scoccimarro to prepare a draft script on the lines above indicated, this draft to be approved in conjunction with P.W.B. before delivery.

Approved

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9/4 approved. C.A. Sec will deal with min
Our reply. Para 3 & P.W.B. letter approved.
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(5)

12/4/45 To: C.A. SECTION (Ref mins. 3 and 4.)

1. At a meeting between Col. Grieco, Lt. Col. Craig and S.E. Scoccimarro (Minister of Occupied Italy) it was mutually agreed that Italian Broadcasts to North Italy would be confined to:

(a) Activities of the Italian Government;
(b) Information from people of liberated Italy to relatives in the North which would be worded in such a way as not to expose them to reprisals by the Nazi-fascists;

(c) Appeals for unity among the Patriots;
(d) General appeals for action against the enemy;
(e) References - if it was necessary ~~to~~ to fighting in the North - limited to the ~~to~~ to fighting in the North.

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PRB

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- (d) General appeals for action against the enemy;
- (e) References - if it was necessary ~~to~~ to fighting in the North - limited to matter contained in the broadcasts of the I.R. is Combate;

2. It was very definitely agreed that broadcasts must be made without prior scrutiny of the script by Militant **37427, P.W.B.** and A.C.H. Scripts of broadcasts would be submitted for scrutiny at least three days prior to date of broadcast. When convenient this time will be reduced.

3. The Ministry of Occupied Italy would be particularly careful not to broadcast promises which could not be fulfilled.

4. Copy of my letter 14/1/3/PA7
of 12 Apr opposite for information.
K Craig
Lt. Col. E. CRAIG
Director, Patriots Br.

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Director, PAB, (1)
Executive Commissioner, (2)
Chief Commissioner. (3)

Noted 3.4.45.
concur with Mr. Helford's comments
JRB
JRC

Please see the attached correspondence from the Assistant Deputy Director of PAB.

2. I think that this is a matter of direct concern to the AC since the chief consideration is that of ensuring that the Ministry of Occupied Italy work in properly with the Allied military authorities.
3. The suggestion made by Mr. Radford in paragraph 3 of his letter of March 27th seems very sound. It is in harmony with our general policy of urging the Ministry of Occupied Italy to concentrate on that aspect of their duties which concerns the post-liberation rather than the pre-liberation period.
4. I further agree with Mr. Radford that it would be undesirable to try to stop the Italian Government putting out this programme and the solution he offers seems to me the best one.
5. The Chief Commissioner might usefully discuss this with Signor Scoccimarro. I presume that PAB here could only be "authorized to keep in closest touch with the Ministry of Occupied Italy" by AFHQ.

3.4.45

Radford
Asst. Political Adviser (PR)

4/4 CA Sec. for comment. 7.

8 Apr. EEC

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3.4.45


Asst. Political Adviser (BR)

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4/4 CA Sec. for comment. 7.

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8 Apr. ExC

1. It is plain from the time when we permitted the him of O. Italy to be set up that no broadcasts can be made without our consent. 3741

2. It is agreed that broadcasts on the lines set out in para 3 of letter of 27 Mar would be beneficial but such broadcasts must be scrutinized by PW B. & A.C. (Patrols Branch) before delivery; an immediate broadcast promising more than the allies & Italian Govt can carry out would be very harmful.

3. The proper channel of communication in these matters with the him of O. Italy is surely the Patrols Br AC

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION.

21st April, 1945

Subject: Broadcast to Northern Italy.

Your Excellency,

In reply to your letter received on the 21st of April under Reference E/110 dated 19th April; ^{and} at the meeting held in my office on the 19th of April at which Y.E. was represented by Sig. CURCIO, I have to point out that there can be no misunderstanding over the matter of the Supreme Allied Commander's control over matters of communication with the North.

At the meeting which I held with Y.E. on the 11th April Y.E. agreed to the script being censored by the Military Censor, by PWB and by AC HQ. This is in fact recognising the Supreme Allied Commander's control in these matters as all these offices derive their authority from him.

Y.Es letter quotes "the powers and functions of the Ministry of Occupied Italy as determined by the decree of the Lt. Gen. of the 28th of February 1945, No. 73 Article No. 5 contains the words 'according to the instructions of the Allied Command'".

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Italian Government:

- (a) ...
- (b) that communications with enemy occupied

territory

territory can only be permitted through the Allied Commission and Allied Force Headquarters, and then only on matters which will be laid down in an Allied Force Headquarters directive.

- (ii) "Article 1 of Decree No. 68 dated 1st March 1945 which states that the Ministry of Occupied Italy instituted by Decree Law No. 68 shall provide as regards the Occupied Italian Territory through the medium of, and in collaboration with the Allied Commission and the Command of the Allied Forces to the intensification of the fight and the defence of National interests against the German invaders and the Fascists who collaborate with them."

I am sure Y.E. will agree therefore that the question of the Supreme Allied Commander's absolute control over these matters is clear and that any communication which passes to the North by any means may well have an operational bearing and must therefore be controlled by the Operational Commander, or by those delegated by him to do so.

A reply has not been received from Allied Force H.Q. in regard to these broadcasts giving approval for them subject to certain conditions. The Chief Commissioner has written to the P.M. in view of the instructions he has received from the Supreme Allied Commander. I attach for your information a copy of that letter.

Yours very truly,

H.E. Scoccimaro,
Minister for Occupied Italy.

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Yours very truly,

H.E. Scoccimaro,
Minister for Occupied Italy,

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27th April, 1945.

SUBJECT: Proposed Italian Broadcasts to Northern Italy

TO: AVV. ROSSINI, General Director, R.A.I. Rome.
MAJOR ALEXANDER, Press and Radio Censorship Branch.
FROM: Head of PWB, Liberated Italy. (Rear H.Q.)

REF: Further to PWB/R/I of today's date.

Paragraph 3 should be ignored, as confirmation has now been received that DOTT. ONOFRIO, Head of the Press and Propaganda Branch of the Ministry, will deal with these broadcasts.

10.2.45

LT. COLONEL
THE QUEEN'S BATS

COPY TO: Executive Commissioner, Allied Commission
Patriots Branch, Allied Commission-
Director, PWB, A.F.H.Q.
Deputy Director, PWB, A.F.H.Q.
Assistant Deputy Director, PWB, A.F.H.Q.

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27th April, 1945.

REF: FMB/R/1

SUBJECT: Proposed Italian broadcasts to Northern Italy.

TO: AVV. ROSSINI, General Director, R.A.I., Rome
MAJOR ALEXANDER, Press and Radio Censorship Branch.

FROM: Head of FMB, Liberated Italy. (Rear H.Q.)

1. Under the authority of the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, contained in 141/4/PAT of 27th April, 1945 the proposed series of Italian broadcasts to Northern Italy may start forthwith. It is understood that the series will be inaugurated by the Prime Minister on the 27th April, 1945.

2. The conditions subject to which the Supreme Allied Commander has given approval were set out in AC/141/3/PAT of 24th April 1945, addressed to the Prime Minister by the Chief Commissioner.

3. It is understood that DOTT. PICCONE-STELLA has been appointed to direct these broadcasts, and that all the scripts will be forwarded to the Allied Commission through him. It would be appreciated if this could be confirmed in writing, when further details regarding the submission of scripts can be arranged.

See

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To: Director, Lumber

LT. COLONEL
THE QUEEN'S BAYS

COPY TO: Executive Commissioner, Allied Commission
Patriots Branch, Allied Commission -
Director, FMB, A.F.H.Q.
Deputy Director, FMB, A.F.H.Q.
Assistant Deputy Director, FMB, A.F.H.Q.

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Ref. 144/14/PAT

27 April 1945

Subject : Proposed Italian Broadcasts to Northern Italy.

To : Colonel Lumley
Director of PWB, Italian Theater.

1913

1. A copy of a letter dated 24 April from Admiral Stone to the Prime Minister has already been sent to you in which the Italian Government are informed of certain terms laid down by the Supreme Allied Commander for a series of ministerial broadcasts to the North.
2. This letter is to inform you that the series, which will be inaugurated by the Prime Minister, will start forthwith, and you are requested to take whatever steps may be necessary to find room for them in the programme.

For the Chief Commissioner :

(Sgd) E. TALBOT, Major
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

cc. A/President
Chief Commissioner
Executive Commissioner
Civil Affairs Section
Political Adviser (A)
Political Adviser (B)
Public Relations Branch
G-5 Section, AFHQ (With copy Prime Minister Bonomi's letter
350 dated 25 Apr 45)

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C A SECTION

Translation

The President of the Council of Ministers

Rome

26 APR 1945

(24)

Rome, 25 April 1945

My dear Admiral,

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In answer to your letter about radio reception in occupied Italy - that is now being liberated - I want to tell you that all the conditions asked by the Supreme Allied Command have been agreed to.

The transmissions to North Italy will not be limited to the Ministry for Occupied Italy only, they will also be made by the other Ministries. I will begin personally the series of transmissions.

I think it would be advisable to begin on Saturday April 26th.

Yours very truly,

A. I. Bonomi

Admiral Henry W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome

c.c.

RC List - 26 APR 45

Action: C A Sec (2)

INFO: CHIEF COMM

Ex. COMM

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APR 26 RECD



*Al Presidente
del Consiglio dei Ministri*

Roma, li 25 aprile 1945

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Caro Ammiraglio,

in risposta alla Sua lettera circa le radioaudizioni nell'Italia occupata - che fortunatamente si sta liberando - le comunico che tutte le condizioni poste dal Comandante Supremo Alleato sono accettate.-

Le trasmissioni agli italiani del Nord non saranno limitate al solo Ministero dell'Italia Occupata ma saranno fatte anche dagli altri Ministeri.-Io inizierò personalmente la serie delle trasmissioni.-

Penso che sarebbe opportuno cominciare sabato 28 aprile.-

Con molte cordialità.-

Al Sig. Ammiraglio
Ellery W. Stone
Capo della Commissione Alleata

R O M A

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AFG 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

144/4

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Ref : 144/4/PAT
Subject : Italian Broadcasts.
To : Liaison Division.

26 April 1945.

1.

Reference your 731/ED/L of 25 April 45.

2.

The possibility of inaugurating broadcasts from various Ministries to Northern Italy has been approved in principle by AFHQ and the details are at present under discussion between the Chief Commissioner and the Prime Minister.

3.

As soon as negotiations have been completed and the date on which these broadcasts will commence is known you will be notified.

4.

It is requested however that until that time no announcements concerning the broadcasts should be made by the French radio.

M.P.

R.R. CRIPPS, Col,
Director,
Local Govt Sub Com.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

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Ref : 141/4/PAT 26 April 1945.
Subject : Broadcasts to Northern Italy.
To : P.W.B. Ross.

1. Further to our letter 141/4/PAT of 25 April 1945 this Branch has been informed that the official at the Ministry of Occupied Italy who will deal with broadcasts to Northern Italy will be Dott. Onofrio, head of the Press and Propaganda Branch of the Ministry.

A.P.

R.R. CRIPPS, Col,
Director,
Local Govt Sub Com.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref : 141/14/PAT.

25 April 1945.

Subject: Broadcast to North Italy.

To : P.W.B., Rome.

Ref the meeting between Col. Lamley - Col. Cripps
on 24 Apr.

A copy of letter No. 140/141/3/PAT of 24 Apr, from the
Chief Commissioner to the Prime Minister, is forwarded herewith
for your information.

M.P.
R.R. CRIPPS,
Colonel,
Director,
Local Govt. S/C.

dispatch in return

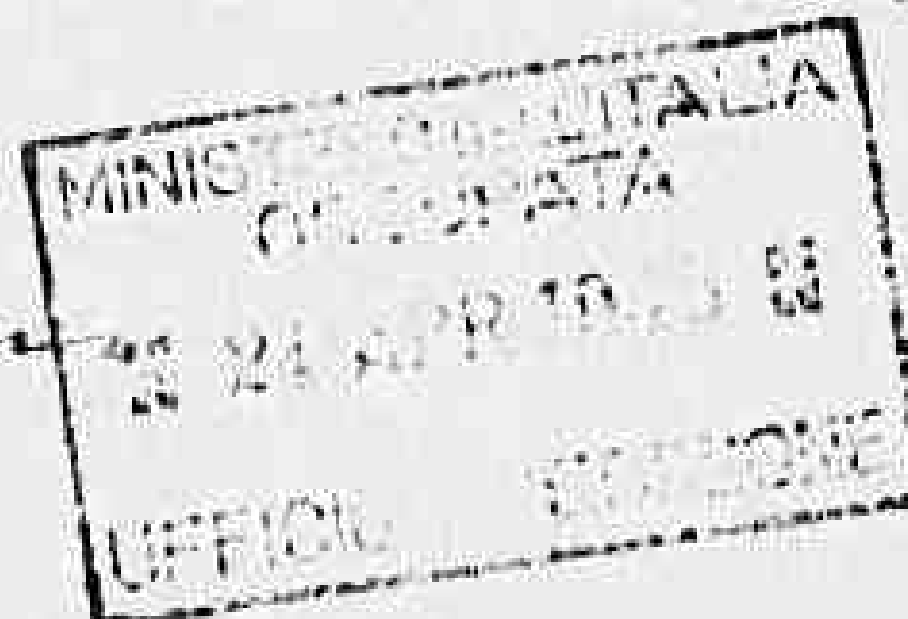
mfg.

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Ricevo dalla Commissione Alleata, Patriots Branch, un plico
n. 141/4, indirizzato a S. E. il Ministro dell'Italia Occupata.

24 Aprile 1945.



HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

Ref : 141/4/PAGE

24 April 1945.

SUBJECT: Broadcast in Northern Italy.

TO : His Excellency Mauro SCOCIMARNO
Minister for Occupied Italy.

Your Excellency,

I acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 19th April
under reference 4/110.

I am directed to say that the approval of the Supreme
Allied Commander is necessary before any communication, broad-
cast or otherwise can be made to enemy occupied territory.

The Chief Commissioner of the Allied Commission has
communicated with the Prime Minister on this subject and I
attach for your information a copy of his letter.

Yours very truly,

R.R.C.
R.R. CRIPPS,
Colonel,
Director,
Local Govt. S/C.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref : 141/4/PAT.

24 Aprile 1945

Oggetto: Radiotrasmissione all'Italia del Nord.

A : S.E. Mauro SCOGGINARIO,
Ministro dell'Italia Occupata.

Eccellenza,

16A

nell'occasione ricevuta della lettera di V.E. n. E/110
datata 19 Aprile 1945, ho il pregio di comunicare che e' neces-
saria l'approvazione del Comandante Supremo Alleato prima che
qualsiasi comunicazione possa essere fatta sia a mezzo di radio-
trasmissioni, sia con altri mezzi ai territori occupati dal ne-
mico.

Il Commissario Capo della Commissione Alleata ha scrit-
to in merito al Primo Ministro ed io allego per l'informazione
di V.E. una copia di detta lettera.

19A

Sinceramente vostro

R.R. CRIPPS,
Colonel,
Director,
Local Govt. S/C.

mfg.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO 394

Confidential

17B

AC/1.1/3/PAT

24 April 1945.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

The Minister for Occupied Italy has approached the Psychological Warfare Branch and this Commission with a view to initiating a series of daily broadcasts addressed to Northern Italy. The matter has been referred to the Supreme Allied Commander, who has given his approval subject to the conditions which are set out hereunder:

(a) The subject of broadcasts will be confined to:

- (i) Activities of the Italian Government.
- (ii) Information from people in liberated Italy to relatives in the North. This will be worded to avoid exposing relatives to reprisals.
- (iii) Appeals for unity among Patriots.
- (iv) General appeals for action against the enemy.
- (v) Reviews of the Italian press.
- (vi) Criticisms of Fascist and German propaganda.
- (vii) News of Patriots.
- (viii) Reviews of the events of the week.

(b) The script, which will be strictly adhered to in the broadcast, will be subject to the approval of the Military Censor, Psychological Warfare Branch and this Commission.

(c) If the Psychological Warfare Branch are unable to agree to a particular broadcast which your departments wish to make, the broadcast will be withheld and the point at issue will be referred to this Commission for the decision of the Supreme Allied Commander.

The Supreme Allied Commander further considers that the broadcasts to occupied Italy should not be confined to the Ministry for Occupied Italy, but should be made by various Ministries representing the four parties in the Government. The Supreme Allied Commander also considers it desirable that Your Excellency, as Prime Minister, should personally open the series.

I shall be glad to hear that you are in agreement with these proposals and to be advised in good time of the date on which Your Excellency proposes that the series should start in order that the necessary arrangements for the approval of the scripts may be organized.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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

Acting President
Executive Commissioner
Civil Affairs Section
Political Advisor (A)
Political Advisor (B)
G-5 AFHQ

Cy R PWB (Rome)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Chief Commissioner

AC/1411/3/PAT.

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and this Commission

(c) If the Psychological Warfare Board are unable to agree to a particular broadcast which your departments wish to press, the broadcast will

Warfare Branch and this Commission with a view to initiating a series of daily broadcasts addressed to Northern Italy. The matter has been referred to the Supreme Allied Commander, who has given his approval subject to the conditions which are set out hereunder:

(a) The subject of broadcasts will be confined to:

- (i) Activities of the Italian Government
- (ii) Information from people in Liberated Italy to relatives in the North. This will be worded to avoid exposing relatives to reprisals.

(iii) Appeals for unity among Patriots.

(iv) General appeals for action against the enemy

(v) Reviews of the Italian press

(vi) Criticisms of Fascist and German propaganda

(vii) News of Patriots

(viii) Reviews of the events of the week.

(b) The script, which will always be adhered to when on the air, will be subject to the approval of the Military Censor, Psychological Warfare Board and this Commission. *Branch*

(c) If the Psychological Warfare Board are unable to agree to a particular broadcast which your departments wish to press, the broadcast will be withheld and the point at issue will be referred to this Commission for the decision of the Supreme Allied Commander. *Branch*

The Supreme Allied Commander further considers that the broadcasts to occupied Italy should not be confined to the Minister for Occupied Italy, but should be made by various Ministries representing the four parties in the Government. The Supreme Allied Commander also considers it desirable that

you as Prime Minister, should personally open the series.

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I shall be glad to hear that you are in agreement with these proposals and to be advised in good time of the date on which Your excellency proposes that the series should start in order that the necessary arrangements for the approval of the script may be organized.

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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

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ELBERT W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: T 6281.1
 Date/Time of Origin: APR 20 1445

Message Centre No: D/8193
 Date Time Rec'd: APR 21 0830E
 Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SAC (21 APR 1945)
 TO: ACTION ALLIED COM

ACTION

SECRET.

Reur 5344 of 14 April.

Considered that broadcasts to occupied ITALY should not be confined to Minister of occupied ITALY but should be made by various Ministers representing the 4 parties in the Government. Also considered desirable publication Prime Minister to open series.

Approval is given to broadcasts of types set out by you subject to them being given as indicated above. Approval is also subject to conditions suggested by you for script and censorship approval and to stipulation that should WE be unable agree a particular broadcast which Italians desire to press broadcast be withheld and point at issue be referred to this Headquarters for decision.

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ACTION: CA Sec
 INFO: A/President
 Chief Commissioner
 Executive Commissioner
 Local Govt S/C
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HEADQUARTERS

21 APR 1945

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SECRET

To Relations

was. J. Holland, Mgr

C. A. Sec.

21 Apr 45

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TRANSLATION

MINISTRY OF OCCUPIED ITALY,
Rome.

19th April, 1945.

Subject: Broadcast to Northern Italy.

To: Allied Commission, Rome.

I was highly astonished in receiving this morning the letter sent me by the A.C. in connection with broadcasts to Northern Italy.

I deem in fact that the text of such letter is in contrast with the agreement made at the meeting of the 11th April held in the presence of Col. GRIGG, Col. GRIGG and myself.

At this meeting it was clearly decided that the programmes of the broadcasts had to be submitted for examination and approval to the Military Censorship and to the competent Allied Censorship Offices, but that on the other hand the execution itself should not need the previous approval of the Supreme Allied Command.

This was confirmed by letter dated 15th April 1945 sent to me personally by the Commission on. On this assumption I gave instructions to begin work for the broadcast, and I had the next broadcast announced through the Radio.

It is my definite conviction that the approval of the competent Allied Commands is not necessary for the execution of such broadcast, but only the approval of the competent Allied Censorships.

In fact the powers and the functions of the Ministry of Occupied Italy, instituted with Decreto Luogotenenziale No. of the 12/12/44 n. 395, were established by the Decreto Luogotenenziale of the 28/2/45 n. 73 article No. 5 of which reads as follows:

"Para. 1. the Ufficio Stampa e Propaganda of the Ministry of Occupied Italy takes part, according to the instructions of the Allied Command, in the propaganda for the war of liberation of Occupied Italy".

In accordance with this Article, I believe that it is in the line of the Ministry of Occupied Italy to execute the propaganda of Press and Radio for the war of liberation, without previous approval of the Allied Commands.

The matter has been on the contrary misinterpreted by this Commission in contrast with what has been decided in the letter of the 12th April 1945, on the subject of the competences of the Ministry.

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I deem that such interpretation of the Article 5 of the Decreto Luogotenenziale of the 28/2/n.73, is not in agreement with the spirit of the arrangements made between the Italian Government and the Supreme Allied Command in the institution of the Ministry.

I beg this Commission to let me have a satisfactory explanation in this regard.

Signed.

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*Nota Rec. 1 by
hand of Sig. Citta di...*

1000m. 21 April 45

Ministero dell'Industria Occupata

Roma 19 Aprile

la COMMISSIONE ALLEATA

A.C.

UFFICIO IV° ALLEATI ED ESTERI

Doc. No. E/ 140

ROMA

OCCETTO Radiotrasmissione all'Italia del Nord.

Sono rimasto vivamente sorpreso nel ricevere stamane la lettera inviata da codesta Commissione Alleata relativa alle radio trasmissioni all'Italia del Nord.

Ritengo infatti il testo di tale lettera in contrasto con gli accordi intercorsi nella riunione dell'11 aprile u.s. svoltasi alla presenza del Col. Cripps, del Colon. Craig, e mia.

In tale riunione fu chiaramente stabilito che i programmi delle trasmissioni dovevano essere sottoposti all'esame ed all'approvazione della Censura Militare e dei competenti Uffici Alleati di Censura, ma che per effettuare la trasmissione stessa non sarebbe stata necessaria la preventiva approvazione del Comando Supremo Alleato.

Tale atteggiamento fu confermato con lettera del 12 aprile 1945 diretta da codesta Commissione a me personalmente.

In base a tale situazione, detti disposizione di preparare il lavoro per la radiotrasmissione in oggetto, e feci comunicare attraverso la radio l'annuncio della prossima effettuazione della trasmissione stessa.

E' mia precisa convinzione che per effettuare tale trasmissione non occorra l'approvazione dei competenti Comandi Alleati, ma solo la approvazione delle competenti Censure Alleate.

Infatti le attribuzioni e l'ordinamento del Ministero della Italia Occupata, istituito con Decreto Luogotenenziale del 12/12/44 n. 395 furono fissate con il Decreto Luogotenenziale del 28/2/45 n. 73 il cui art. 5) risulta del seguente tenore:

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" Parag.I) l'Ufficio Stampa e Propaganda del Ministero dell'Italia Occupata contribuisce secondo le direttive del Comando Alleato alla propaganda per la guerra di liberazione dell'Italia occupata..."

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In base a tale articolo, ritengo di competenza del Ministero della Italia Occupata, l'effettuazione della propaganda di stampa e radio per la guerra di liberazione, senza preventive approvazioni dei Comandi Alleati.

La questione è stata invece spostata da codesta Commissione, in contrasto con quanto sancito nella lettera I2/ aprile 1945, sul piano di competenza del Ministero.

Ritengo che tale interpretazione dell'art.5 del Decreto Luogotenenziale 28/2/45 n.73 non sia consona allo spirito degli accordi presi tra il Governo Italiano con il Comando Supremo Alleato all'atto della costituzione del Ministero. Prego codesta Commissione volermi fornire una esauriente chiarificazione al riguardo.

IL MINISTRO

M. Scacchi

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref : DL1/4/PMT. 19 April, 1945

Subject : Proposed Italian Broadcasts to Northern Italy

To : AFHQ, G-5 Section

1. Reference G-5 000.77 of 13 April.

2. Action is being taken according to the instructions contained in the above letter. The Minister of Occupied Italy, who is responsible for arranging the broadcasts, was interviewed on the 11 April and it was pointed out to him that broadcasts must be subject to prior scrutiny of the script by the Military Censor, PWB and AC.I.R., and that any matter contained therein must in no way conflict with that put out by ITALIA GIUSTIZIA.

3. Your approval in principle to these broadcasts has been requested by this Commission's signal 5344 dated 14 April and the reply is awaited.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

G.R. UPJOHN, Brigadier,
V.P., C.A. Section.

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Ministero dell'Italia Occupata

17 Aprile 1945

Si prega codesta Ambasciata di voler cortesemente disporre affinché l'unito comunicato, relativo ad una trasmissione radio dedicata agli italiani dell'Italia Settentrionale, dovuta all'iniziativa di questo Ministero, venga diffuso dalle stazioni radio nazionali.

Si sarà grati se verrà dato, al riguardo, un cortese cenno di assicurazione.

Il Capo di Gabinetto
M. Borelli

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MINISTERO DELL'ITALIA OCCUPATA

Ufficio Stampa

COMUNICATO RADIO

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Tale trasmissione, che avrà il titolo "L'Italia Risorge", sarà quotidiana, andrà in onda ogni sera dalle ore 20,45 alle ore 21, e verrà ripetuta per la stessa onda il mattino successivo dalle ore 8 alle 8.15.

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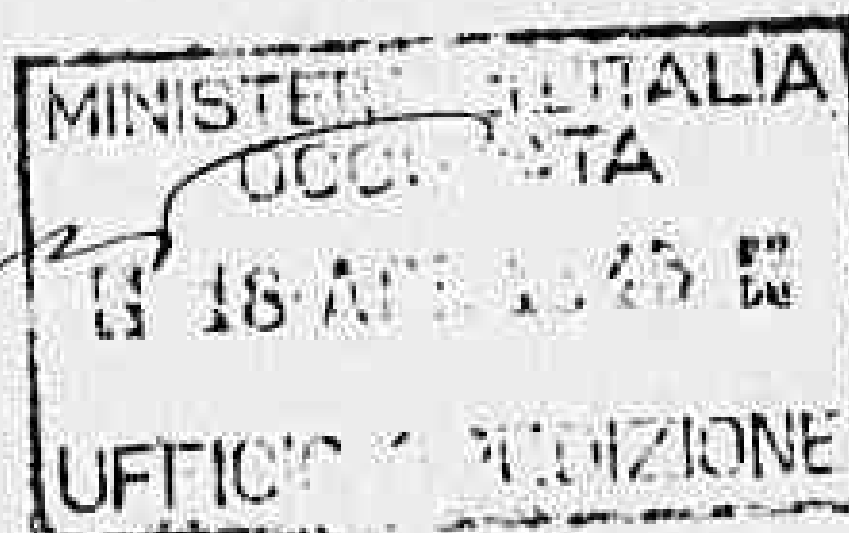
Roma 16 Aprile 1945.

*This is a document which Secretary wants to
publish in N. Italy*

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Si accusa ricevuta del plico No. 495 Ref 143/4/PAT. indirizzato
a S.E. Noccoimarro dal Hq. Ac. Patriots Branch.

16 Aprile 1945.



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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref : 141/4/PAT.

18 April 1945.

Subject: Proposed Broadcast to North Italy.

To : S. S. Mauro SCOCIMARRO,
Minister of Occupied Italy.

1. It has been brought to my notice that an announcement was broadcast from Rome Radio yesterday at 1300 hrs to the effect that, commencing 19 April, a daily broadcast organised by the Ministry of Occupied Italy would be transmitted to the people of North Italy.
2. I must draw your attention to your meeting with Lt. Col. Craig and myself on 11 Apr., when it was stated that no such broadcasts should be inaugurated without the sanction of the Supreme Allied Commander, and when it was further agreed that prior to transmission all scripts must be scrutinized, censored, and approved by the Allied Censorship Officials and this HQ.
3. I must therefore point out to you that until the Supreme Allied Commander's approval has been received and the procedure for scrutiny of the scripts has been agreed upon, no broadcasts can take place

R.R. Cripps
R.R. CRIPPS,
Colonel,
Director,
Local Govt. S/C.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

18 Aprile 1945

OGGETTO: Radiotrasmissioni all'Italia del Nord.

1. Mi è stato comunicato che è stato radiotrasmesso un annuncio da Radio Roma ieri alle 13 nel senso che a cominciare dal 19 Aprile avrebbe avuto luogo una trasmissione a cura del Ministero dell'Italia Occupata diretta alle popolazioni dell'Italia Settentrionale.
2. Devo attirare la Vostra attenzione sulla riunione tenutasi l'11 Aprile fra V.S., il Col. Craig ed il sottoscritto nella quale era stato convenuto che tali trasmissioni non sarebbero state iniziate senza il nulla osta del Comandante Supremo Alleato e che prima di effettuare le trasmissioni, i programmi dovevano essere sottoposti all'esame, alla censura ed all'approvazione di questo C.Q. e dei funzionari Alleati addetti alla censura.
3. Devo quindi precisare che fintanto che l'approvazione del Comandante Supremo Alleato non giunge e non viene accettata la procedura per l'esame dei programmi, nessuna trasmissione può aver luogo.

R. R. CRIPPS
Colonel,
Director,
Local Govt. S/C.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION.
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION.

Ext. 620

19th April, 1946

Subject: Broadcast in Northern Italy.

Your Excellency,

I refer to the meeting held this morning in my office with ^{View} ~~your~~ representative Signore JUCOLO, at which he expressed your ~~intention~~ ^{view} that it is your precise and clear conviction that to effect a radio transmission ~~for~~ the approval of the competent Allied Commander is not necessary, and all that is required is Military Censorship. It is my duty to point out that this is not the case, and that the Supreme Allied Commander has sole control over all communications to ~~a~~ territory occupied by the enemy.

I wish to refer Y.E. (1) to the Aide Memoire handed to the President of the Council of Ministers by the Chief Commissioner on 27th January 1945, and in particular to paragraph 2 thereof which reads: "The Supreme Allied Commander has directed me to inform the Italian Government (r)

... (b) that communications with enemy occupied territory can only be permitted through the Allied Commission and Allied Force Headquarters, and then only on matters which will be laid down in an Allied Force Headquarters directive.

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~~This direction particularly affects articles 3, 3 and 4.~~
(ii) Article 1 of Decree No. 68 dated 1st March 1945 which states that the Ministry of Occupied Italy instituted by Decree Law No. 68 shall provide as regards the Occupied Italian Territory through the medium of, and in collaboration with the Allied Commission and the Command of the Allied Forces to the intensification of the fight and the defence of National interests against the German invaders and the

/ Fascists

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Fascists who collaborate with them.

Furthermore ~~XXXXX~~ Article ~~V~~, which particularly deals with the question of propaganda states in the first paragraph: "contribute to the propaganda for the war of liberation in Occupied Italy according to the directives of the Command of the Allied Forces".

I am sure Y.E. will agree therefore that the question of the Supreme Allied Commander's absolute control over these matters is clear that any communication which passes to the North by any means ^{may well} have an operational bearing and must therefore be controlled by the Operational Commander, or by those delegated by him to do so.

H.E. Scoccimaro,

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Minister for Occupied Italy.

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SUBJECT: Note of Interview - Local Government Sub Commission offices

DATE : 19 April 1945 - 1100 hours.

PRESENT: Dott. Rocco CURCIO, Ministry of Occupied Italy
Col. R. R. Cripps, Director, Local Government Sub Commission
Col. F. Craig, Deputy Director, Patriots Branch
Mr. S. Halford, British Political Advisor
Marchese CITTADINI CESI, interpreting

1. Marchese CITTADINI CESI, speaking for Dott. CURCIO, who was in turn representing the Minister of Occupied Italy, began by explaining that the Minister was surprised to receive the letter concerning the proposed broadcast to North Italy, the text of which was in conflict with the agreement reached at the meeting on 11 April between the Minister, Col. Cripps and Col. Craig. At this meeting, it was clearly decided that the problem of the broadcast should be submitted for approval of Allied Military Censorship, but should not necessarily have the prior approval of the Supreme Allied Commander. This attitude, according to the Minister, was confirmed by letter of 12 April on the file of the Allied Commission addressed to the Minister, subject "Broadcast to the North of Italy". It was on this basis that the Ministry had begun preparations for the broadcast. It is the precise and clear conviction of the Minister that to effect such a transmission for the approval of the competent Allied Commander is not necessary. It was necessary to have the approval of Allied Military Censorship.
2. Mr. Halford interposed, for the purpose of clarity, that it was the Minister's conviction that it was not necessary to have the approval in principle of the Allied Command, but only that the actual broadcast should be submitted to Military Censorship.
3. Reference was made to the Decrees of December 1944, No. 595 and

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3. Reference was made to the Decrees of December 1944, No. 395 and 28 February 1945, No. 70. Art. 5 of the latter Decree, according to the Minister, entrusts the handling of propaganda regarding the war for the liberation of North Italy to the Ministry of Occupied Italy, such press and radio propaganda to be operated without prejudice. The question has been transferred by the Allied Commission and this is in conflict with what is said in the letter of 12 April from the Allied Commission, signed by Col. Cripps. The Minister considers that such a position is absolutely in conflict with the spirit of the agreements reached with the Italian Government and the Supreme

Allied Command.

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4. Col. Cripps mentioned that it had apparently not been made clear that the question of the broadcast must be referred to the Supreme Allied Command. The details of the broadcast had been discussed, but until an affirmative answer was received from AFHQ, it could not be made.
5. It was stated that the Minister felt that the question had been moved from the technical point of the broadcast to a more general field, and that he felt also that he was not working with the full confidence of the Allies.
6. Col. Cripps mentioned that AC had been steadily pressing for an answer from AFHQ.
7. It was the opinion of the Minister that this authority was not actually necessary, and he would be pleased to have a written statement to the effect that this approval was necessary. It was added that the Minister felt that he was working with a lack of confidence on the part of the Allies because he belonged to a political party.
8. Col. Cripps reiterated that it was necessary to get this permission. He said he did not want to be obstructing anything, but the thing must be tied up before the broadcast was started.
9. The Minister's representative thanked Col. Cripps, but drew attention once again to the question of principle. The question the Minister would like answered was this: Is the Ministry of Occupied Italy authorized to start the broadcast to North Italy without definite authority from the Supreme Allied Command and only having the text submitted to Allied Military Censorship authorities or not? The Minister would like an immediate answer because he intends to take the question up with the Council of Ministers.
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10. In answer to Col. Cripps' question as to what wave length it was intended to use for the broadcast, the Minister's representative stated he did not actually know.

11. Dott. CURCIO also advanced, on behalf of the Minister, the idea of sending on a mission to the North for the purpose of contacting Patriots and returning to report thereon a group of three men: Col. SCOTTO, Col. CANO and Dott. CURCIO. Col. Cripps suggested that such a suggestion should be submitted in writing.

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12. Dott. CURCIO asked Col. Craig if it might be arranged that his office could have a weekly audience to discuss matters appertaining thereto. Col. Craig agreed that this might be done if it did not conflict with any other existing arrangements.

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Organized by the Ministry of Occupied Italy, from tomorrow 19 April there will be a daily broadcast dedicated to the populations of Northern Italy. The transmission named "Italy resurrects" (Italia Risorge), will be transmitted on a wave length of m. 4978. "Italy resurrects" will be broadcast from 2045 hrs to 21 hrs and will be repeated the following day from 0800 hrs to 0845 hrs.

This announcement was given yesterday at 1300 hrs.

Handwritten: J. Caruso informed Capt de Lital about the
14-10 hrs that are broadcast must take place
without the prior authority of Allied Commission

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Handwritten: Letter delivered to SC Government

Handwritten: 17/4/45

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A cura del Ministero dell'Italia Occupata domani 19 Aprile
avrà inizio una trasmissione giornaliera dedicata alle popolazioni
dell'Italia settentrionale. La trasmissione dal titolo "L'Italia
Risorge" sarà trasmessa sulla lunghezza d'onda di metri 4978.
"L'Italia Risorge" sarà trasmessa dalle ore 20,45 alle 21 e il
giorno successivo dalle 8 alle 8,15/

Questo annuncio è stato dato ieri alle ore 13.

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26.
 TO : W.A. Goccinero,
Minister of Internal Italy

1. I refer to the meeting on the 12th April between Col. CRISP, Lt. Col. CRAIG and your Excellency on the proposal to initiate a series of daily Broadcasts for the benefit of the people in North Italy.
2. Before any Broadcast can be inaugurated, it will be necessary - in the interests of Allied Military Operations - for your Ministry to obey the rules governing this type of broadcast and to adhere to all the instructions relating to the subjects which may be broadcast, which include the following points:-
- (a) All script for broadcasts will be censored by Allied Authorities.
- (b) The broadcasts will be transmitted from Rome Radio only. The Broadcast will always commence "Telesempio radiocor, e' giunta l'ora, subito fissi dovete andar.... Qui Radio Roma. L'Italia ricorge. Vi parla il Ministero dell'Italia Occupata a nome del Governo Italiano".
- (c) Until further notice the hours for broadcasting will be 0800 hrs and 2045 hrs daily.
- (d) The script for the broadcast will be prepared by the Ministry of Occupied Italy in quintuplicate (one copy in English and four copies in Italian) and will be brought to Embassy Branch at HQ. AC. by a

Lt. Col. CRAIG and your Excellency on the proposal to initiate a series of daily broadcasts for the benefit of the people in North Italy.

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(a) All script for broadcasts will be censored by Allied Authorities

(b) The broadcasts will be transmitted from Rome radio only. The

broadcast will always commence "L'edecant traditori, e' giunta l'ora, subito fuori dovete andar.... Qui radio Roma. L'Italia risorge. Vi parla il Ministero dell'Italia occupata e nome del Governo Italiano".

(c) Until further notice the hours for broadcasting will be 0800 hrs and 2045 hrs daily.

(d) The script for the broadcast will be prepared by the Ministry of Occupied Italy in quintuplicate (one copy in English and four copies in Italian) and will be brought to Patriote Branch at HQ. AC. by a special messenger from the Ministry of Occupied Italy.

The messenger will wait until the script is scrutinized and checked by Patriote Branch ^{HQ. AC.} He will then take it to the office of the A/Deputy Director P.M.S., room 424, where again he will wait until the script is scrutinized and checked. From this office he will take it to Censor Office PMS ^{Ministry} Room 424 and after censoring there he will return it to the responsible official of the Ministry of Occupied Italy.

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- (c) The allied Officials referred to above will after checking, retain copies of the script as under :-

1	copy English	{	by Patriots Branch AG
1	" Italian		
1	" Italian	{	by A/Deputy Director P.W.B.
1	" Italian		
			by Censor Office PWB

- (d) The broadcasts will be based on and confined to the following :
- (a) Activities of the Italian Government
 - (b) Information from people in liberated Italy to relatives in the North which will be worded in such a way as not to expose them to reprisals by Nazi-Fascists
 - (c) Appeals for unity among patriots
 - (d) General appeals for action against the enemy
 - (e) Reviews of the Italian Press
 - (f) Debates and criticisms on Fascist and German propaganda
 - (g) News of Patriots
 - (h) Review of the events of the week
- (e) Any references to fighting in North Italy will be limited to that contained ~~x~~ in broadcasts by Italis Combattente
- (f) The Ministry of Occupied Italy will be particularly careful not to broadcast untrustworthy or unconfirmed reports or to broadcast promises to Patriots which cannot be wholly fulfilled.
- (g) The broadcast will not be used as a means for furthering Party politics.
3. It must be clearly understood that any breach of these regulations will cause the closing down of this broadcast

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- (g) The broadcast will not be used as a means for furthering Party politics.

3. It must be clearly understood that any breach of these regulations will cause the closing down of this Broadcast

Col. GRIPS
Director,
Local Govt. S/C
5th floor

cc
enc.

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A/Exec Comm

C. C.
APR 16 RECD

This script must be
carefully reviewed at high level -
suggest you & Upjohn
16/4/85 MS

AFHQ G-5

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14 April 1945

PRIORITY

RESTRICTED PD

PARA ONE PD MINISTER OF OCCUPIED ITALY ANXIOUS TO MAKE DAILY BROADCASTS PD SCIP
WOULD BE APPROVED BY THIS COMMISSION CMA ALSO APPROVED AND CENSORED BY PWB PD
PARA TWO PD BROADCASTS WOULD BE CONFINED TO THE FOLLOWING CLN PAREN ONE PAREN
ACTIVITIES OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT PAREN TWO PAREN INFORMATION FROM PEOPLE IN
LIBERATED ITALY TO RELATIVES IN THE NORTH PD THIS WILL BE WORDED SO AS TO AVOID
EXPOSING RELATIVES TO REPRISALS PAREN THREE PAREN APPEALS FOR UNITY AMONG PATRIOTS
PAREN FOUR PAREN GENERAL APPEALS FOR ACTION AGAINST ENEMY PAREN FIVE PAREN REVIEWS
OF THE ITALIAN PRESS PAREN SIX PAREN CRITICISMS ON FASCIST AND GERMAN PROPAGANDA PAREN
SEVEN PAREN NEWS OF PATRIOTS PAREN EIGHT PAREN REVIEW OF THE EVENTS OF THE WEEK PD
PAREN TO AFHQ GEORGE FIVE FROM HQ ALCOM CITE ACCAS PAREN

PARA THREE PD THIS COMMISSION APPROVES THE PROPOSAL AND REQUESTS YOUR URGENT DECISION
AS MINISTER IS ANXIOUS TO COMMENCE ^{BROADCASTING} EARLY NEXT WEEK

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A.D. BONHAM-CARTER LT COL

NICHOLAS PIOMBINO
CWO, USA
Asst. Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 994
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref : 141/4/PAT.

17 April 1945.

Subject: Proposed Italian Broadcasts
to Northern Italy.

To : AFHQ, C-5 Section

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1. Ref C-5 000.77 of 13 Apr.
 2. Action is being taken according to the instructions contained in the above letter and you will be kept informed of further developments.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

G.H. UNGER,
Brigadier,
VP. C.A. Section

/s/ G.

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ALLIED ~~CONTROL~~ COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Attached letter
TO : Patriots Branch

FILE No. 3

16 April 1945

For appropriate action.

G. Stewart Brown
Public Relations Branch *new.*

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Patrols Branch

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

JB/WSW

G-5: 000.77

13 April 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Broadcasts to Northern Italy.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

1. Reference PWB letter, subject as above, dated 27 March, of which you were one of the addressees.

2. G-2 this HQ have discussed the question of these broadcasts with Mr. Radford of PWB who suggested that Allied Commission is the correct channel for dealings on this matter between PWB and the Italian Government (Ministry for Occupied Territory).

3. It is desired that you approach this Ministry and point out the undesirability of putting out any broadcasts to North Italy which have not been fully coordinated with PWB.

4. An arrangement along lines suggested in PWB's 27 March letter would be satisfactory but it is emphasized that any program which might affect and alter directives issued through "ITALIA COMBATTE" or put out in competition with it would be most undesirable.

For Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

Julius Byles
JULIUS BYLES,
Major, F. A.

Copy to: G-2
PWB

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14 APRIL 1945

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A.D. DERRAM-CARTER LT COL

 MICHAEL FLORENCE
 CPO, USA
 Asst Adjutant

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AGREEMENT BETWEEN ALLIED COMMISSION AND THE
 MINISTRY OF OCCUPIED ITALY
 REGARDING BROADCASTS TO NORTH ITALY

1. The broadcasts will be transmitted from Rome Radio. They will begin the broadcast "tedeschi traditori, e' giunta l'ora, subito fuori dovere and... Qui Radio Roma. L'Italia risorge. Vi parla il Ministero dell'Italia Occupata e nome del governo Italiano".

2. The times for broadcasting are: 1800 hr and 2045 hrs daily

This may be varied from time to time according to emergency or necessity.

3. The script for the broadcast will be prepared by the Ministry of Occupied Italy in quintuplicate (one copy in English and four copies in Italian) and will be brought to ^{Scp, P.O. Liaison} ~~substante~~ Branch at Hqs. AC. by a special messenger from the Ministry of Occupied Italy.

The messenger will wait until the script is scrutinized and checked by Patriots Branch. He will then take it to the Office of the A/Duty Director P.W.B. Room 424 where again he will wait until

begin the broadcast "Medeschi traditori, e' giunta l'ora, subito
sarete uccisi..... Mi Radio Roma. L'Italia pigra.
Vi parla il Ministero dell'Interno Occupata da noi dal governo I-
taliano".

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necessity.

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the A/Deputy Director E.W.B. Room 424 where again he will wait until
the script is scrutinized and checked. From this office he will take
it to Censor Office E.W.B. (Room) and after censoring there he
will return it to the responsible official of the Ministry of Occupied
Italy.

4. The Allied officials referred to above will after checking, retain
4 copies of the script as under:

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1 copy English { Patriots Branch A.C.
 1 " Italian {
 1 " " A/Duty Director P.M.B.
 1 " " Censor Office P.W.E.

Broadcast

5. The ~~news items~~ will be based on and confined to the following :
- (a) Activities of the Italian Government;
 - (b) Information from people in liberated Italy to relatives in the North, which will be worded in such a way as not to expose them to reprisals by Nazi-fascists;
 - (c) Appeals for unity among Patriots;
 - (d) General appeals for action against the enemy;
 - (e) Reviews of the Italian Press;
 - (f) Debates and criticisms on Fascist and German propaganda;
 - (g) News of Patriots;
 - (h) Review of the events of the week.

6. Any references to fighting in North Italy will be limited to that contained in broadcasts by Italian Combatte.
- The Broadcasts will not be used for Party Politics*
7. The Ministry of Occupied Italy will be particularly careful not to broadcast promises to Patriots which cannot be wholly fulfilled.

8. This agreement may be reviewed and revised from time to time, ~~but~~

~~by the Ministry of Occupied Italy and the Patriots.~~

Signed

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- (b) Information from people in liberated Italy to relatives in the North, which will be worded in such a way as not to expose them to reprisals by anti-fascists;
- (c) Appeals for unity among Patriots;
- (d) General appeals for action against the enemy;
- (e) Reviews of the Italian Press;
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~~only on the subject of movement of all the anti-fascist elements.~~

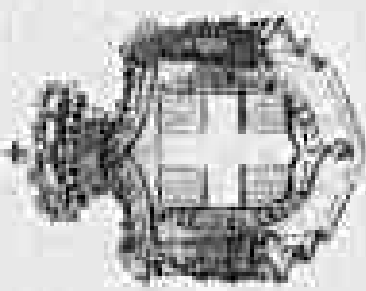
Signed

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Minister of Occupied Italy

V.P. C.A. Section
Allied Occupation

13-4-45



Ministro dell'Interno

Ufficio Gabinetto

Prot. N. 798/8-1

Allegato N. 2

Proposta al N. 141/3/PAT

del 12.4.45

OGGETTO Radiotrasmissione per l'Italia del Nord

Si ha il pregio di confermare la nota concernente
l'oggetto su indicato.

IL MINISTRO

De Gasperi

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Roma 17 Aprile

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M Lt. Colonel F. CRAIG

Director "Patriots Branch"

Commissione Alleata

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Ufficio Gabinetto

Ind. N. 795/D-1

Allegato N. 2

Prospetto al N. 2 I41/3/PAT

del 12.4.45

OGGETTO Radiotrasmissione per l'Italia del Nord

Si ha il pregio di confermare la nota concernente
l'oggetto su indicato.

IL MINISTRO

M. Laccini

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref : 141/3/PAT.

12 April 1945.

Subject: Broadcasts to N. Italy.

To : S. E. Mauro SCOCIMARRO,
Minister of Occupied Italy

Copy : Executive Commissioner

I forward herewith a copy of the notes of a meeting which took place yesterday at the Ministry of Occupied Italy and should be grateful to have your confirmation of these points.



F. CRAIG,
Lt. Colonel,
Deputy Director,
Local Govt. S/C.

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NOTES ON MEETING BETWEEN S.E. SCOCIMARRO AND COL. CRIPPS
AND LT. COL. CRAIG.

14 April 1945

1. At a meeting between Col. Cripps, Lt. Col. Craig and S.E. Scocimarro (Minister of Occupied Italy) it was mutually agreed that Italian Broadcasts to North Italy would be confined to :
 - (a) Activities of the Italian Government;
 - (b) Information from people of Liberated Italy to relatives in the North which would be worded in such a way as not to expose them to reprisals by the Nazi-Fascists;
 - (c) Appeals for unity among the Patriots;
 - (d) General appeals for action against the enemy;
 - (e) References - if it was necessary to refer to fighting in the North - limited to matter contained in the broadcasts of the Italia Combatta.
2. It was very definitely agreed that Broadcasts cannot be made without prior scrutiny of the script by Military Censor, P.W.D. and A.C. Hq. Scripts of broadcasts would be submitted for scrutiny at least three days prior to date of broadcast. When convenient this time will be reduced.
3. The Ministry of Occupied Italy would be particularly careful not to Broadcast promises which could not be fulfilled.

/mf'g.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH

27th March, 1945.

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TO: G-2, C.I.
G-5, AFHQ.
Censorship, Rome, Attention Major Alexander.
A.C. Rome, Attention Mr. Robinson.
P.W.O. 15th Army Group.

FROM: Assistant Deputy Director.

SUBJECT: ITALIAN BROADCASTS TO NORTHERN ITALY

1. Further to my previous communication on this subject, I attach a letter from PWS 15th Army Group.
2. I am in full agreement with Mr. Rayner's remarks.
3. I have informally discussed the matter with the Ministry for Occupied Italy, and I think it would be possible to arrive at an arrangement with the Ministry that their broadcasts would concentrate on the presentation of activities by the Italian Government and Italian parties in Liberated Italy to the north, and that it would be agreed that any treatment of the partisan question would be confined to general appeals for unity, general appeals for action against the enemy and that any accounts of fighting in the north would be based on those broadcast in Italia Combatta or on material supplied by PWS after appropriate checking.
4. In my view ^a the programme of this type would have considerable appeal both to Liberated Italy and to Italians in the north, would assist our own operational programmes and would in no way conflict with Italia Combatta.
5. I feel it undesirable for many reasons to prevent the Italian Government putting out a programme towards Northern Italy, but I feel that such a programme should be arranged and carried out so as to fit in with Italia Combatta and other operational programmes directed by PWS, and I suggest that this end would be usefully achieved if PWS were authorised to keep in closest touch with the Ministry of Occupied Italy and if the Ministry could be induced to accept restrictions on the lines outlined in my preceding paragraph.

G. A. Raleigh

Assistant Deputy Director.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH
P.W.B. UNIT NO. 14.

21st March, 1945.

The Assistant Deputy Director,
P.W.B.
A.F.H.Q.

In reply to your letter of the 16th March about proposed Italian broadcasts to North Italy.

2. We have now discussed this with HQ 15th Army Group and would make the following points.
3. Specific broadcasts of any sort to North Italy are a branch of operational warfare and as such in our view should be only under Allied control.
4. More specifically, the proposed broadcasts as outlined would seem to be in direct competition with the present Italia Combatta programmes and would lead, apart from anything else, to confusion in the minds of listeners.
5. Such broadcasts would not be subject to any other control than the normal military censorship on security grounds which in this case are of a very special nature which ordinary military censorship is not briefed to deal with. They would not be subject to censorship from the point of view of accuracy or policy.
6. As you know, Italia Combatta programmes are conducted according to close directives designed in relation to coming operations. It would presumably not be thought desirable to show these directives to the Italian Government.
7. We cannot, however, see any objection to the Italian Government's putting on a programme to the North of Italy giving news from Liberated Italy so far as operational considerations are concerned. This is presumably a matter for political consideration.
8. We are already being embarrassed by the issuing by the Italian of unconfirmed and untrustworthy reports of activity in northern Italy, put out by ANSA and broadcast by Radio Rome.
9. We hope, therefore that you will be able to stop the programmes if not altogether, at any rate from going out as designed, and would be very glad to hear of further developments.

(signed) JOHN RAYNER,
P.W.O.

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION R/cem
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Liaison Division

SUBJECT: Broadcasts to North Italy

FILE No. 731/EC(L)

TO : Public Relations Officer A.C.

21 March 1945

The attached documents are forwarded for your files.

Ranford Capt

Officer-in-Charge
Liaison Division

4. Encls:

- 1 - Ltr fr PWB dtd 17 Mar 45
- 2 - Copy of ltr fr PWB, AFHQ to PWB, 15th Army Gp, dtd 16.3.45.
- 3 - Ltr fr Sig. Forrelli dtd 16 Mar 45
- 4 - Contents of Proposed Broadcasts.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
INFORMATION AND CENSORSHIP SECTION
PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH
ITALIAN THEATRE HEADQUARTERS
P.W.B. UNIT No. 12 U.S.A.P.O. 512

17th March 1945.

To : Mr. H. Hopkinson, A.C.

From: Mr. C.A.R. Redford, PWB, AFHQ.

Attached please find copies of the documents about which I spoke to you to-day, regarding the Italian Government's proposed broadcasts to North Italy.

for *RAW*
Assistant Deputy Director,
PWB, AFHQ.

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To : FWC, FWD 15th Army Group.

From: Assistant Deputy Director, FWB, AFHQ.

16th March 1945.

Proposed Italian Broadcasts to North Italy

1. I attach copy of a letter which has been received by Captain Isolani from the Italian Ministry for Occupied Italy, together with an outline programme of the series of broadcasts which they intend to put on.
2. It was my understanding, when the question of FWE relinquishing its control of the news broadcasts over the Italian network was brought forward, that steps would be taken to prevent the Italian Government putting on a programme specially addressed to the North, or at least to control the form and contents of any such programme.
3. While parts of the suggested programme are unexceptionable, it would appear that certain items if not carefully controlled, would have an inimical effect on "Italia Combate", the FWE Operational programme addressed to Northern Italy. In particular, the inclusion of inaccurate news about partisan activity in the North, whether in part 3 of the attached memo, or taken from the Italian press in part 2 of the memo, would by its inaccuracy tend to throw discredit on "Italia Combate".
4. I am enquiring from the censorship authorities in Rome, what directive has been issued with respect to such transmissions, and I am further bringing to the notice of Mr. Hopkinson of A.C., the Italian Government's intention to initiate this programme, and FWE's own reaction as expressed in the preceding paragraph of this letter.
5. I should be grateful as a matter of urgency to receive your own observations on the proposition. I am sending a copy of this letter and the enclosures to the Director, FWE, in case it is necessary to take the matter up with AFHQ.

Assistant Deputy Director,
FWB, AFHQ

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16th March 1945.

MINISTERO DELL'ITALIA OCCUPATA To : Captain Isolani
Dir. "Italia Combatta"
FWS, Roma.

Oggetto: Trasmissione radiofonica.

Questo Ministero ha intenzione di iniziare una serie di trasmissioni-radio giornaliere, dedicate alle popolazioni dell'Italia del Nord, per far conoscere nelle regioni occupate ciò che si fa nell'Italia liberata per i fratelli oppressi in genere per la ricostruzione e la rinascita dell'Italia.

Il piano-programma, qui allegato, chiarisce in che senso il Ministero intende svolgere tale attività radiofonica.

La RAI, interpellata al riguardo, ha comunicato di poter mettere a disposizione un quarto d'ora di trasmissione serale ed un quarto d'ora di ripetizione al mattino, sempreché non esistano difficoltà di altro genere.

Questo Ministero, nel sottoporre il piano di cui sopra, gradirebbe conoscere se vengano a frapporsi tali eventuali difficoltà.

Si ringrazia.

IL CAPO DI CABINETTO.

Borrelli,

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TITLE OF THE BROADCAST. - Italy resuracts.

Signal.

" Germans and traitors the hour has come - forthwith you must get out".

1st Part.

FREE ITALY

Chronicles of liberated Italy with special attention to what is done; primo for the North, secundo, for the partisans, third for the Army.

alternative:
Live democracy

Radio conversation of representative of U.D.I. (Union of Italian Women) A.N.P.I. (National Association of Italian Partisans), C.G.I.L. (General Confederation of Labour) referring on some of their complete activities and refer to similar organization in the North (SAP-Defense of the woman - Agitation Committees etc).

alternative:
Italy is united.

Activities of National Liberation Committees and any other unitarian activity with similar reference to the North.

In total three pages.

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2nd Part

<u>Review of the Italian Press.</u>	Referring especially to what is published about the North or on discussions on the problems of the North, of the Partisans etc.
<u>Partisans of all Countries.</u>	News of the International resistance.
<u>Liberated Europe.</u>	News of liberated countries and of the activities of the democracy in action.
<u>Repartees.</u>	Daily repartees with Fascist radio and with German propaganda. A particular voice. Wise cracks, etc.

Totally about two pages.

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3rd Part.

News on the resistance

One or two news without repeating the bulletins of "Italia Combattente" formed in such fascios as to unify a directive for action, for example a sabotage (point out the importance of it in the general picture of enemy's movement).

News from the North.

No spectacular news which often happen to be false. News must in preference be obtained from fascist source and must be given as indications of the situation.

News on the Germans.

With particular reference to Fa of I. to signs of desintegration, and to armament conditions.

Totally a couple of pages.

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4th Part.Our Brigade.

A lively review, quoting the leaders, episodes of our partisan Units, gathering the news also from non recent sources.

alternative:
Our News.

Brief biographies of leaders and partisan news.

alternative:
The soldiers are fighting again.

A review of Italian Units fighting side by side with the Allies.

Broadcast from time to time.Once a week.

Greetings to the North.
(regional and provincial)

Conversations of Partisans.

Attacks of Fascist Leaders.

Biographies of fascist leaders, especially concerning those that have been liquidated or arrested here.

The Week.

A comment to "The seven days" read by a newspaper commentator expressly chosen from amongst well known journalists, possibly ex partisans.

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Titolo sulla rubrica

Segnale

L'Italia libera

oppure democrazia viva

oppure L'Italia è unita

Italia risorge.

"Tedeschi traditori è giunta l'ora", subito fuori dovete andar"

I parte

Cronache de l'Italia liberata con particolare attenzione a questo vino fatto: uno per il nord, uno per i partigiani 3) per tutta l'esercito

Radioconversazioni di rep presentanti di UDI, ANPI, U. Gilletti, che riferiscono su qualche complicità loro attività e facciano riferi- mento alle organizzazioni simili di loro (Sap-dies: della (Gua-comitati di agiti- zione ec..)

L'attività dei Comitati Libe azione Nazionale ad ogni e tr attività unitaria con una o- ghi riferimenti al nord.

complessivamente tre pagine

L'Italia libera

oppure sempre vive

oppure L'Italia è unita

Cronache de l'Italia liberata
con particolare attenzione
a quanto viene fatto: uno per
il nord, uno per i partigiani
3) per l'area l'esercito

Radioconversazioni di rep
presentanti di UDI, ANPI,
C. Gilotti, che riferiscono
su qualche completa loro
attività e le ci sono riferi-
mento alle organizzazioni
simili al loro (Napoli es-
telle come-diretti di agiti,
zione sc.)

L'attività dei comitati libe-
rismo nazionale ad ogni n tr
attività unitaria con una o-
chi riferimenti al nord.

completamente tre pagine

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2^a parteRassegna delle stampe italiane

Con particolare riferimento a quanto si pubblica sul nord o alle discussioni sui problemi nord, partigiani ecc.

partigiani di ogni paese

Notizie della resistenza internazionale

Europa liberata

Notizie sui paesi liberati e l'attività democratica in atto.

Batte e risposte

Polemica quotidiana con le radio fasciste e con la propaganda tedesca. voce particolare, battute ecc.

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Non notizie spettacolari che spesso

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Una o due notizie senza ripetere il bollettino dell'Italia combattente, presentandole in modo che se ne desuma una direttiva di azione per esempio: un sabotaggio, (si indichi l'importanza nel quadro degli spostamenti che il nemico ha in corso)

Non notizie spettacolari che spesso risultano false. Desumerle preferibilmente da fonte fascista presentarle come sintomi della situazione.

Particolarmente riferendosi ai prigionieri, e segni di cedimento, alle condizidi armamento.

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4^a parte

Le nostre brigate

Vivace rassegna, citando capi, episodi delle nostre unità partigiane, desumendo le notizie anche da materiali non recenti.

Oppure i nostri eroi

Brevi biografie di comandanti e di eroi partigiani

oppure

I soldati sono ritornati a combattere

Rassegna delle unità che combattono a fianco degli alleati.

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Conversazioni di partigiani

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