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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

July 30, 1945

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G. STEWART BROWN
Director
Public Relations Branch

Captain E. Ellison,
PRO
Venezia Giulia AMG.

cc: Capt. Braydon
Maj. Leacacos
Mrs. Oxilia

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Mrs. Ozilia

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RAAC MESSAGE FOR 1

CALL	CIRCUIT No. NR	PRIORITY	TRANSMISSION INSTRUCTIONS
SPACES WITHIN RED LINES FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY			
FROM (A)	ROG ARMA.	DATE-TIME OF ORIGIN JULY -291230B.hrs.	
TO (FOR ACTION)	ALLIED COMMISSION for PRO. FIVE ARMY for PRO. EIGHTH ARMY for DADPR.	AMC. PRO. MIHAN for	
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CONFIDENTIAL Reference PR/792 of 16 July (pd)

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	<i>for</i> P.R. ASTLEY: C. LORRAINE DDER.		

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

GSB/DO

5a/PRB

29 July 45

SUBJECT : Mrs. Alice Lepper, correspondent for the
London Daily Herald.

TO : Allied Civilian Personnel.

1. The attached letter from the London Ministry of Information, certifies that Mrs. Alice Lepper is an accredited political correspondent attached to Public Relations Branch.

2. Will you please accord her the normal facilities which political correspondents are given.

G. STEWART BROWN
Director
Public Relations Branch

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

5a/PRB

APO 394

GSE/dp

PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

July 23, 1945

Dear Captain Ellison:

Attached is a bulletin from the Chief of Information and Censorship Section of AFHQ lifting the ban on political correspondents and certain Italian correspondents from entering Venezia-Giulia.

You will note that the only Italian correspondents who will be permitted will be one representative from each of the three major Italian agencies.

You will also note that the Army PRO's will not feed or accommodate the political and Italian correspondents. As far as is possible I hope that AMG can provide food, billets and transport for the political correspondents. The Italian correspondents should not be a responsibility of AMG but I hope you will assist them in any way possible in their work.

Yours very truly,

G. STEWART BROWN
Director
Public Relations Branch

Capt. E. Ellison
Public Relations Officer
PRO, AMG
Venezia-Giulia Region

Enclosure:
Bulletin

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Political Correspondents Mess,
5, Via Romagna,
Rome,
July 23rd 1945.

To: Public Relations Branch,
H.Q., Allied Commission.

(Attention of Chief Clerk)

To avoid delay in communications reaching correspondents will you please note the following addresses of those who draw rations from this Mess but do not reside, and to whom it would be quicker to forward press releases direct.

Mr. Alexander Vishnevski,

"Tass" Agency,

Via della Mercede 54, Rome. (Office address)
Telephone No. 681268

Via dei Cerchi, 43 (Private address)
Telephone No. 60762.

Miss Elisabeth Mackenzie,

("News Chronicle")

18, Corso Umberto,
Rome.

Telephone No. 61782.

Mrs Alexander Clifford,

("Daily Mail")

Apartment No. 7,
(Top floor)

121, Piazza Monte Citorio,
Rome.

A. F. BRAYDON,
Captain,

Officer in Charge

駐意大利國公使館

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

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21 July 1945

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT : Reference to the attached

TO : Capt. A.F. Braydon
Villa Romagna
5 Via Romagna

Attached is a bulletin from the Chief of Information and Censorship Section of AFHQ which will be of interest to the political correspondents. Will you please see that it is prominently posted. We are also sending copies to all political correspondents.

G. STEWART BROWN,
Director,
Public Relations Branch

Attachment

Distribution:

All Political Correspondents
Major Leacacos
Mrs. Oxilia
Miss Evans

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BULLETIN FROM CHIEF OF INFORMATION AND CENSORSHIP SECTION
OF AFHQ

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- THREE (.) All copy will continue to be subject to normal military censorship regulations as now in force.
- FOUR (.) Only Italian correspondents permitted entry into Allied Zone of VENEZIA-GIULIA will be one representative each of three Agencies cma viz ANSA cma ORBIS and SIDI (.)
- FIVE (.) In all cases in the Venezia-Giulia area previous notice for entry of both Allied and Italian correspondents must be given and acceptance obtained through Army PR and/or AC PR channels (.)
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Public Relations Branch

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cc: Major Leachcos
Mrs Oxilia
Miss Evans
All Political Correspondents.

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HEADQUARTERS PUBLIC RELATIONS
CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCE

20 JULY 1945

FOR THE ATTENTION OF MR. STEWART BROWN, WITH THE
COMPLIMENTS OF COLONEL P.R. ASTLEY.

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RAAC MESSAGE FORM

CALL	CIRCUIT No. NR	PRIORITY	TRANSMISSION INSTRUCTIONS
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FROM (A)	ROME AREA.		
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TO (FOR INFORMATION)	Copy to Chief, WFO. (SECURITY CLASSIFICATION)		
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(sgd) P.R. ASTLEY: COLONEL: DDPR.

INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: PR/792

Date/Time of Origin: JULY

Message Centre No: B/9863

Date Time Rec'd: JULY 160935

Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: ROLE AREA

TO : ALLIED COMMISSION PRO, IV CORPS PRO, 5 ARMY PRO, 8 ARMY DADPR INFO FREEDOM FOR
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From Chief of IAC. Existing ban on movement of Political correspondents anywhere in Northern ITALY is now relaxed subject to following provisions.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

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5a/PRB

12 July 45

SUBJECT: Attached Draft Signal

TO : Col. P.R. Astley
D D P R, FRO AFHQ

1. I have taken the liberty of making a few suggested changes in the draft of your signal. Under proviso 1 AC will try to do its best to feed, accommodate and transport the political correspondents but I would not like to put this in writing as our facilities are very limited.

2. I hope my minor suggestions meet with your approval.

G. STEWART BROWN
Director,
Public Relations Branch

Attachment (1)

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H.Q. PUBLIC RELATIONS
Central Mediterranean Force

12 July '45.

2/PRS/12.

Mr. G. Stewart Brown,
Public Relations Director,
Allied Commission.

Dear *Stewart Brown*.

Following our telephone conversation this morning, I am herewith attaching copy of the signal it is proposed should be sent removing the ban on movement of Political correspondents in Northern Italy.

I have thought it desirable to recapitulate various provisos concerning points which have been brought up from time to time by various authorities.

I hope you will agree with the contents of the signal. May I request that the draft be returned to me as soon as possible, together with any comments you may have to make so that I can take action immediately.

Yours *Sincerely*

Philip Astley

P.R.ASTLEY.
Colonel.
DDPR

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ALLIED [REDACTED] COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Accreditation: Mrs. Lepper
"Daily Herald"

FILE No. PCM/9

TO : G. Stewart Brown, Esq.,
Director Public Relations,
H.Q., Allied Commission.

June 29 1945

Sir,

I have received a letter from Mr. Gedge, accredited correspondent of the London "Daily Herald" who has gone to Cairo to collect the rest of his baggage. He states that he will be returning very shortly with all his gear, ready to go into Austria.

In his note he mentions his assistant, Mrs. Lepper. He says that he is striving to get her accredited as political correspondent in Rome and she will take over from him. He asks that we accommodate Mrs. Lepper at this Mess should she arrive.

I am mentioning this matter in case you have not yet received word of Mrs. Lepper's possible arrival.

A.F. Braydon

A.F. BRAYDON,
Captain.

5, Via Romagna,
ROME.

Halamco

of 5a

Via Donatello 71

Self, Cuba Halamco

BRITISH EMBASSY,
ROME.

25th June, 1945.

Dear Sir,

The bearer of this letter, Mr. Fortunio Matania, is a representative of Odhams Press, London, whose journey to Italy has been sponsored by the Ministry of Information.

As agreed in a telephone conversation between Major Leacacos and Lt. Col. Pigott, I should be very grateful if you would afford him such correspondents' facilities as he requires.

Will you please let me know if you would like me to telegraph to London to obtain for Mr. Matania a formal letter of accreditation from Odhams Press.

Yours sincerely
Michael Stewart.

Michael Stewart,
Press Attaché.

G. Stewart Brown, Esq.,
Director of Public Relations,
Allied Commission,
Via Veneto,
ROME.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

GSB/mew

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23 June 1945

SUBJECT: Request for Travel Orders

TO : Adjutant General, Rome Area

1. It is requested that necessary travel orders be issued for Robert Hadfield, British accredited political correspondent of the LONDON TIMES, to proceed on temporary duty from this station on or after July 7 to London for the purpose of consultation with his editors at their cabled request.

2. Travel by air is requested.

3. Cost of travel is chargeable to individual.

G. STEWART BROWN
Director,
Public Relations Branch

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

Adj: 230.3

22 June 1945

SUBJECT: Attachment

TO : All Concerned

Mrs. Jenny P. Nicholson Clifford, British civilian, Ministry of Information, having reported this Headquarters per Letter, Ministry of Information, London, W.O.I., R.O. 210, dated 14 June 1945, is attached to Public Relations Branch, this Headquarters, for duty.

BY COMMAND OF REAR ADMIRAL STONE:

Nicholas Fignino
NICHOLAS FIGNINO
CWO, USA
Asst Adjutant

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BRITISH MINISTRY OF INFORMATION
MIDDLE EAST SERVICES
6, .SH. EL Antikhana El Masria
CAIRO

20th June 1945

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Mrs. Alice Lepper of the London "Daily Herald"
is travelling to Rome as an accredited Ministry of
Information correspondent.

You are requested to give her every assistance
in your power to facilitate her speedy arrival at her
destination.

(sgd)

JAPOLSKY
Maj., G.S.

for CONTROLLER
M.I.M.E.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

GSB/ob

5a/PRB

19 June 1945

SUBJECT : Mrs Jenny Nicholson Clifford, correspondent for
the London DAILY MAIL.

TO : Major G.Wm. Cunliffe
Civilian Personnel Director.

1. The attached letter from Mr. Michael Stewart,
Press Attaché of the British Embassy, certifies that Mrs.
Jenny Nicholson Clifford is an accredited political corre-
spondent attached to Public Relations Branch.

2. Will you please accord her the normal facilities
which political correspondents are given.

G. STEWART BROWN,
Director,
Public Relations Branch.

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*Mrs. Oklin*BRITISH EMBASSY,
ROME.

18th June, 1915.

Dear Stewart,

I understand that you have seen Miss Jenny Nicholson, who has recently arrived in Rome as political correspondent of the London DAILY MAIL, and have informed her that you require a letter from the Embassy before you can give her the facilities to which political correspondents are normally entitled.

I therefore write to confirm that Miss Jenny Nicholson is representing the DAILY MAIL, and should be grateful for any assistance that you can give her.

*Yours sincerely
Michael Stewart.*Michael Stewart,
Press Attaché.

G. Stewart-Brown, Esq.,
Director of Public Relations,
Allied Commission,
Via Veneto,
ROME.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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19 June 1945

SUBJECT: Visit to this Theatre of Mrs. Lepper

TO : Lt. Col. G.A.L. Helder
A D P R

1. The attached correspondence regarding Mrs. Lepper is returned herewith.

2. Mrs. Lepper is acceptable to the Allied Commission as a political correspondent for the Daily Herald but she should bring with her an official letter of accreditation from the Ministry of Information or have the Ministry cable us.

G. STEWART BROWN
Director,
Public Relations Branch

Encl. (1)

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H.Q. PUBLIC RELATIONS
Central Mediterranean Force

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18 June '45

2/PRS/107

SUBJECT: Civilian Correspondent - Mrs. Lepper

TO : Mr. G. Stewart Brown,
Director,
Public Relations Branch,
ALLIED COMMISSION.

Further to my memo of yesterday and attached correspondence regarding Mrs. Lepper.

It is correct to say that Geyde has now been appointed a war correspondent for the "Daily Herald".

I take it you will now advise whether Mrs. Lepper would be acceptable to you as a civilian correspondent for the "Daily Herald".

Please return the attached correspondence with your reply.

For the PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER:

Gad Helder

G.A.L. HELDER
Lieut-Colonel

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H.Q. PUBLIC RELATIONS
Central Mediterranean Force

17 June '45.

2/PRS/107.

SUBJECT: Civilian Correspondents - Mrs. Lepper.

TO : Public Relations Director,
Allied Commission.

1. The following signal has been received from Middle East.

"ALICE LEPPER again applies entry as Daily Herald Political
Correspondent ROME and states reasons for your previous
refusal do NOT now exist.

Your advice required".

2. Can you please supply the answer.

For PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER

G A L Heider

G.A.L. HEIDER.
Lieut-Colonel.

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CAIRO FOR MINIFORM ATTENTION ERIC GEDYE

9763

14 June 1945

ROUTINE

RESTRICTED PD

PARA ONE PD NO AC PERMIT NECESSARY FOR MRS LEPPER COME ROME
BUT IN ORDER GET MESSING CMA BILLETING PRIVILEGES FROM AC WE
MUST HAVE CABLE OR LETTER FROM MOI STATING SHE IS OFFICIALLY
RECOGNIZED AS ROME POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT PD

PAREN CAIRO FOR MINIFORM ATTENTION ERIC GEDYE FROM BROWN PRB
HQ ALCOM PAREN

PARA TWO PD WE CAN ONLY ACCREDIT ONE POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT
PER PAPER WHICH MEANS YOU WOULD CEASE HAVE STATUS PRIVILEGES OF
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT WHEN MRS LEPPER IS ACCREDITED AS SUCH

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

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 NLT STUART BROWN PUBLIC RELATION ALLIED COMMISSION CMF -
 HERALD CABLED ME SATURDAY QUOTES REQUESTED MINIFORM
 TRANSFER LEPPER ROMEWARDS AS POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT
 UNQUOTES WOULD MUCH APPRECIATE IF YOUD HAVE LEPPERS PERMIT
 TELEGRAPHED IMMEDIATELY TO MINIFORM CAIRO AS ANXIOUS RETURN
 ROMEWARD SOONS LEPPER DIFFUCULTIES FINALLY SETTLED STOP
 REGARDS - ERIC GEDYE +

The first line of this Telegram contains the following particulars in the order named:-
 Prefix Letters and Number of Message, Office of Origin, Number of Words, Date, Time handed in and
 Official instructions - if any.

MARK YOUR REPLY

"Via Imperial"

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NO ENQUIRY RESPECTING THIS TELEGRAM CAN BE ATTENDED TO WITHOUT PRODUCTION OF THIS COPY.

REUTERS

85 FLEET STREET LONDON

ROME OFFICE:

VIA LUDOVISI 16

TEL. 478955 - 478082

June 9 45

Dear Sir,

I am asked by Reuters Head Office to attempt to expedite the return of Mr Robert Allen, American citizen, to Switzerland. Mr Allen is connected with Reuters Office in Zurich.

He is now in Rome, where he has learned from the Swiss authorities that arrangements for his crossing the frontier can be much more easily effected from Milan. What I am now requesting is your assistance in getting Mr Allen to Milan.

I am writing this letter following a conversation which Mr Aguilar of our office had yesterday with Mr Stewart Brown.

~~Continued~~

C.S.

Thanking you for your kind assistance,

I am,

Yours faithfully

Cecil Spriggs
Cecil Spriggs

Director, Reuters Rome Office.

The Secretary

Public Relations Office

Allied Commission

Rome

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

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8 Juin 1945

Cher Monsieur Bergère,

En réponse à votre Lettre du 6 courant, j'ai le plaisir de vous communiquer que nous n'avons aucune difficulté à accrédi-ter votre collaborateur, M. Gérard Relandini, auprès de la Commission Alliée. Pour cela il faut que M. Relandini aie l'obligeance de passer chez Mme Oxilia (3ème étage, chambre N° 26) qui est chargée de l'accréditation des journalistes.

Quant à M. Mario Del Vecchio, je regrette, mais, étant donné qu'il n'est pas résident à Rome, il est impossible de remplir les formalités nécessaires pour l'accrédi-ter auprès de la Commission Alliée.

Je ne me rend pas exactement compte de la position de M. Pierre Artigue, de nationalité française je suppose. S'il est déjà accrédi-ter comme correspondant de guerre auprès de l'AVHQ, il me semble qu'il n'est pas nécessaire qu'il soit aussi accrédi-ter auprès de nous. En tout cas pour recevoir une carte de correspondant politique il est nécessaire que la personne intéressée nous transmette une lettre d'accréditation du Ministère des Affaires Etrangères de son Gouvernement.

Veuillez agréer, Monsieur, l'expression de nos meilleurs sentiments.

THOMAS G. BERGIN
Major AUS
D.D.P.R.M. Max Bergère
Agence France Presse
Via della Torcede 54

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H.Q. PUBLIC RELATIONS
C.M.F.

2/PKS/12.

24th May, 1945.

TO:- Mr. G. Stewart Brown,
Public Relations Director,
Allied Commission.

Dear Stewart Brown -

1. I have carefully considered the question of admitting Mrs. Sprigge and Mrs. Mackenzie into the Trieste area. Whilst fully appreciating their claims to be placed on the same basis as accredited correspondents in that political considerations in the main now apply, other factors have to be thought of.
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Colonel
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

GSB/mew

5a/PRB

21 May 45

SUBJECT: Mr. Cyril Ray, Political Correspondent for the
"London Daily Express"

TO: : Maj. G. Wm. Cunliffe
Civilian Personnel Director

1. The attached letter from Mr. Michael Stewart, Press
Attache of the British Embassy, certifies that Mr. Cyril Ray
is an accredited political correspondent attached to the Public
Relations Branch.

2. He is being billeted at the political correspondents
mess at #5 via Romagna.

3. Will you please accord him the normal facilities
which political correspondents are given.

For the Director,

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(COPY)

MS/CJ

British Embassy,
ROME .

18th May, 1945.

Dear Stewart,

I understand that Cyril Ray, correspondents of the DAILY EXPRESS, that you require confirmation from him that he has accreditation as a political correspondent in Italy.

I therefore write to confirm that this is so, and I should be grateful if you would accord the normal facilities which political correspondents enjoy.

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GCB/mew

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16 May 1945

TO: Maj. G. Wm. Cunliffe
Civilian Personnel Director

SUBJECT: Mr. Gedye, Political Correspondent for London Daily Herald

1. This will certify that Mr. G. E. R. Gedye is accredited as a political correspondent for the London Daily Herald by the Public Relations Branch of the Allied Commission.

For the Director,

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GSB/mew

5a/PRB

16 May 45

SUBJECT: List of Political Correspondents

TO : Lt. Col. G. A. L. Helder
Asst. Dir. Public Relations

1. For your information I am attaching herewith
the latest list of political correspondents who have been
accredited by the Allied Commission.

G. STEWART BROWN
Director,
Public Relations Branch

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16 May 45

POLITICAL CORRESPONDENTS

Max BERGERRE	Agence France-Press
G. E. GEDYE	London Daily Herald
Robert HADFIELD	London Times
Elizabeth MACKENZIE	London News Chronicle
Martin MOORE	London Daily Telegraph
Riccardo LUZZATTO	London Reynolds News
Sylvia SPRIGGE	Manchester Guardian
Alessandro VISNEVSKI	Moscow Tass Agency

Cyril Ray

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14 May 45

SUBJECT: Mr. G. E. R. Gedye

TO : Capt. A. F. Braydon
Villa Romagna Mess

Mr. G.E.R. Gedye, accredited political correspondent of the London Daily Herald, is to be granted the facilities of the Villa Romagna. He will be here only temporarily and later will proceed to Austria.

G. STEWART BROWN
Director,
Public Relations Branch

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BRITISH MINISTRY OF INFORMATION
MIDDLE EAST SERVICES
6, SH.El Antikhana el Mashria
Cairo

5th May, 1945.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Mr. G.E.R. Gedye of the London "Daily Herald" is traveling to Rome as an accredited Ministry of Information correspondent.

You are requested to give him every assistance in your power to facilitate his speedy arrival at his destination.

(3gd.)

for CONTROLLER
M.I.M.E.

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GGB/ob

5a/PRB

14 May, 1945

SUBJECT : Mr. G.E.R. Gedye.

TO : Col. P.R. Astley,
Public Relations Officer,
PRO, AFHQ.

1. Mr. G.E.R. Gedye of the London Daily Herald has been accredited by the Allied Commission as a political correspondent for the Daily Herald.
2. Would you please add him to the list of accredited political correspondents.
3. Mr. Gedye is being billeted at the Villa Romagna.

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G. STEWART BROWN,
Director,
Public Relations Branch.

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GEB/mew

5a/PRB

14 May 1945

SUBJECT: Visit this theatre of G.E. Gedye
and Mrs. Lepper.

TO : Lt. Col. G. A. L. Helder

1. PRO, AC, concurs in minute number 2 on the attached.
2. Because of limited facilities AC cannot accommodate more than one political correspondent from a paper.
3. I understand that Mr. Gedye is endeavoring to get the British Embassy to grant permission for Mrs. Lepper to come to Rome as his secretary.

G. STEWART BROWN
Director,
Public Relations Branch

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Information News Censorship Section
Public Relations Branch

3 May 1945

2/PBS/90

This is to certify that Major Vladimir Pavshich,
official war correspondent for the Jugo-Slav News Agency
"TANUG" is hereby permitted the full facilities accorded to
all Allied War Correspondents accredited to Allied Force
Headquarters.

For the PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER, AFHQ:

G. A. L. Heller

G. A. L. HELLER
Lieut-Colonel

Copy to: Mr. G. Stewart Brown,
Director,
Public Relations Branch,
ALLIED COMMISSION.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION ON
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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

5a/PRB

26 aprile 1945

OGGETTO : Tessera di Corrispondente Politico.

A : Yahia Cherif, Political Correspondents' Mess,
Via Romagna.

Siamo spiacenti doverLe comunicare che, non avendo potuto prendere visione della lettera con la quale, a quanto Ella ci afferma, veniva regolarmente accreditato come corrispondente politico, non possiamo rilasciarLe la tessera da Lei richiestaci.

Pertanto non possiamo più oltre farLa usufruire dei vantaggi riservati a detti corrispondenti. Le saremo grati, quindi, se entro il 1° maggio Ella vorrà lasciare libera la camera che attualmente occupa nella mensa dei corrispondenti politici di via Romagna.

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Se nel frattempo Ella ci farà pervenire un'altra lettera in cui il Governo francese conferma la Sua posizione di corrispondente politico accreditato, non mancheremo di rilasciarLe la tessera e di farLa usufruire delle facilitazioni inerenti.

G. STEWART BROWN
Director
Public Relations Branch

Copia a : Capt. A.F. Braydon, Political Correspondents'
Mess, Via Romagna.

ALLIED [REDACTED] COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Yahia Cherif

FILE No. PCM/9

TO : G. Stewart Brown, Esq.,
Director, Public Relations Branch,
H.Q., Allied Commission.

April 11 1945

Sir,

Above mentioned correspondent visited here this afternoon when I conducted him round the place and showed him the room he would be able to occupy. I had to point out to him that we do not possess any bed sheets and blankets and that correspondents and officers have had to provide their own supplies. He is trying to obtain same. I also agreed not to serve him any pork or bacon, which his religion forbids him.

He proposes to come in tomorrow for meals and will move in on Monday next.

I am returning his biographical card.

S, Via Romagna,
ROME.

A.F. Braydon

A.F. BRAYDON, 778

Captain,

Officer i/c Mess.

Phone 478 333

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12 April 45

SUBJECT: Yahia Cherif

TO : Capt. Braydon

1. Yahia Cherif, as a recognized Allied political correspondent is authorized to use the facilities of the Via Romagna political correspondents mess both for lodging and billets.

2. Mr. Cherif expects shortly to get credentials as an Allied war correspondent. When his credentials are received he will be billeted and fed by the AFHQ PRO and his right to use the Romagna mess will cease as of that date.

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22 March 45

SUBJECT: Transportation for Martin Moore and Mr. A. Visnevski

TO : Major H. J. Birch
HQ Comdt Office

1. Mr. Martin Moore, Political Correspondent of the Daily Telegraph and Mr. Alessandro Visnevski, Political Correspondent of Tass Agency, have requested PRB, AC, to obtain transportation to visit Terni, Siena and Perugia to gather material on AG activities.
2. They would like to leave on March 29 and return to Rome on the afternoon of March 31.
3. It would be appreciated if you could inform me whether transport can be made available for them.

/s/
G. STEWART BROWN
Director,
Public Relations Branch

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Major Birch has
communicated car
for them.

PUBLICATIONS RELATIONS BRANCH
LIED COMMISSION5 A
8 March 45NEUTRAL CORRESPONDENTS

Gunhild BERGH	Goteborg Handelstidning
Alonso GONZALES	Madrid Ya e Pueblo
Roberto HODEL	Zurich Neue Surcher Zeitung
Arvig JOHANNESSON	Stockholm Svenska Dagbladet
Alfredo KEPPLER	Berne Bundes Tagesanzeiger
Julio C. MORIONES	Madrid Agencia EFE
Antonio SCANZIANI	Berne Agenzia Telegrafica Svizzera
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Riccardo LUZZATTO	London Reynolds News

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12 March 45

Gentlemen:

This is to certify that the bearer of this letter, Mr. Alexander Vishnevsky, of Tam Agency, is an Allied political correspondent officially accredited by the Allied Commission, and that his work is essential to the Allied war effort.

Will you please give Mr. Vishnevsky every facility in his business and as high a quota of petrol as is possible?

For the Director:

JOHN P. LEACACOS
Major, AUS
Public Relations Officer

Camera di Commercio e Industria
Roma

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C O P Y

Telegram No. 82 Empax of 9/3/45

Following for Jeaffreson from Stewart:

Please inform Allied Commission that Luzzato should be given all normal facilities and channels as political correspondent for Reynolds News.

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BRITISH EMBASSY
ROME.

With the compliments of

The Press Attaché

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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23 février 1945

Cher M. Bergerre,

Je vous prie de vouloir trouver ci-jointe la
carte de "Correspondant politique" que vous aviez
demandée.

Avec l'expression de mes sentiments les meilleurs.

G. STEWART BROWN
Public Relations Director

M. Max Bergerre
Associazione Stampa Estera
Via della Mercede, 54

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W. B. ...
H.Q. Public Relations

W. B. ...
Central Mediterranean Force

12 January 1945

2/PRS/45

SUBJECT: Political Correspondents

TO : Major Lionel Fielden
Public Relations Director
ALLIED COMMISSION

Flipped.
Reference your 5a/PR3 of 20 December '44 on the above subject.

1. It should be stated that the only direct concern of PR, AFHQ, in this matter is over the granting to political correspondents of transmission facilities by commercial companies. It will be appreciated that control must be maintained so that material filed by duly accredited war correspondents and accredited political correspondents is not unduly delayed through the introduction of a volume of extra traffic.

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a. PRO, acting in this instance on behalf of Army Signals, under whose control are the commercial cable companies, is obviously the deciding authority as to whom should be allowed to file messages. Application for accreditation by political correspondents, other than British and American, must be decided on their merits by AC with due regard to limitation of numbers proposed.

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d. It seems that American policy will continue to differ from that adopted by the British in that Washington prefer to fully accredit all correspondents sent here from the United States. In this way correspondents are enabled to cover either military or political activities at will. It is obvious that Washington will eventually have to modify this policy, but it is likely to continue for a certain period.

e. It is suggested that no un-accredited political correspondent be allowed to file sporadic articles by commercial means. It is suggested that the possibility of filing by air courier be taken up in this connection.

3. It is regretted that more definite advice is not forthcoming and that it is not possible at this juncture to lay down a more clear cut policy for the future. Should the time come when AFHQ PRO has, on operational necessity, to move forward, Washington will evidently have to come into line by appointing political correspondent-, but until that time arrives it appears that the status quo is inevitable.

P. R. Astley

P. R. ASTLEY, Colonel
Public Relations Officer
A F H Q

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

101/PRB

7 January 1945.

SUBJECT : Transport.

TO : Major Birch,
Transportation Officer, H.Q. A.C.

For your information and in compliance with HQC/10
of 3 Jan. 1945, the Political Correspondents accredited
to A.C. and for whose transport needs A.C. has assumed
responsibility are as follows :

Mr. Martin Moore

Mr. Walter Lucas

Miss Elizabeth Mackenzie

Mr. Robert Hadfield

Mrs. Sylvia Sprigge

by Christopher Sun
Most of these have I think already made themselves
known to you.

LIONEL FIELDER,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

Copy to: Lt. Col. R.H. Robertson
Hq. Commandant.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ESTABLISHMENT SECTION
ALLIED CIVILIAN PERSONNEL

PHONE : 478909

JWC/es
ACP/Gen/12
3 January 1945

SUBJECT ; Political Correspondents.
TO : Public Relation Officer,
Allied Commission

1. Thank you for clarifying the fact that A.F.Hq., even though a higher Headquarters, cannot accredit correspondents to this Headquarters.

2. Please rest assured that the closest liaison will be maintained with your office, concerning all personnel who deal with Public Relation. Whenever a correspondent is working on some specifically Allied Commission assignment, such as Mr. REA is doing, this office would appreciate knowing, to what extent A.C. is obligated to assist. Therefore, this office will continue to follow the regulations which apply in Memorandum No. 35, #3, H.1.

3. If you still have questions, I shall be glad to confer with you upon the matter.

J. Wm. Cunliffe
J. Wm. CUNLIFFE
Major, A.G.D.
Director

H.Q. PUBLIC RELATIONS
C.M.F.

2/PRS/2924

31st December, 1944.

Major Lionel Fielden,
Public Relations,
Allied Commission.

Dear *Lionel*

I have had a request from Mrs. Sprigge to get a copy of the Manchester Guardian amongst those papers we get from U.K. Incidentally these are, Times, Telegraph, Mail, Express, Herald, News-Chronicle, Sketch and Mirror.

Presumably this request means you do not get any U.K. papers at A.C. If so, might I suggest you get the M of I to send a set or two, and include the Manchester Guardian.

Best wishes for the New Year.

Yours *lvh*
George A L Hadden

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

5a/PRB

31 December 1944.

SUBJECT: Political Correspondents.

TO : Major J. Wm. Cunliffe, Establishment Section,
Allied Civilian Personnel.

1. Your minute of December 30.

2. What I still do not understand is what Mr. Rea wanted or gained by his letter and his dealings with you. All correspondents of whatever kind have a perfect right to come to this office for news information, interviews, etc, and, further, if "war" correspondents are engaged on some specifically AC job we do our best to help them with transport, accommodation, conducting officers introductions and so on. "political" correspondents however who are accredited by us at the request of Washington and London become, unlike "war" correspondents who depend on AFHQ PRO, our responsibility in all matters of transport, accommodation, rations and so on. It is clear, for various reasons, and was clearly laid down when arrangements were made, that the number of political correspondents for whom AC could be thus responsible must be limited, since AC had not unlimited facilities of transport and accommodation, nor had AFHQ unlimited facilities for censorship and communications. Therefore a rule was made that AC should not accredit correspondents except at the direct request of London and Washington - AFHQ cannot do this. When a correspondent is accredited to them he remains their responsibility. I make a special point of this because I do not understand what is meant by your "registering" Mr. Rea and "determining the limited responsibility of AC for him." AC cannot have any responsibility for him and he cannot be "registered" as anybody connected with AC. The reason why I am bound to labour this point is that there are in Rome quite a large number of people who want to get, for very various reasons, the facilities which AC can give: if they come to me and fail to do so, and then go to you and get "registered" and given some limited facilities which I, at any rate, do not "determine" we shall soon get into complete confusion. Will you therefore tell me just what Mr. Rea's position now is? I understand the words "status quo ante" to mean "position as before". You say Mr. Rea's "status" is "quo" - his "position" is "as" - which frankly I don't understand.

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LIONEL FIELDEN, ⁷⁸⁵
Major,
Public Relations Director.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ESTABLISHMENT SECTION
ALLIED CIVILIAN PERSONNEL

PHONE: 478909

JWC/AA
ACP/Gen/11
30 December 1944

SUBJECT: Policy of Civilian Personnel Office

TO: Major Lionel Fielden
Public Relations Director

1. It is not the purpose of this office to handle any of the delicate prerogatives of the Public Relations Branch of A.C. The service which this office attempts to render civilians and the agencies of A.C. dealing with civilians, is indicated in the copy of Memo 35, paragraph 1a., 3b, 3d, 3e, 3g, and 3h.

2. Because you are always so busy, Mr. Rea and I were not able to discuss this problem with you on the three different occasions which we sought to do so that day. Therefore, I advised him, if he actually were doing only the work of a political correspondent, to request from AF Hq. that he be accredited to A.C. by AF Hq. as such. It seemed to me, from your file and our conversation, that to gain such status for some American Correspondents, was one of your strong desires.

3. Later that morning, Mr. Rea made another attempt to see you and was told you were busy, so he came to me with the letter. Inasmuch as I had talked with him, I tried again to be of service to you both by writing my unfortunate letter of the 26th. Even though I seemed to have caused you much misunderstanding by doing so, there was in my letter, and is again in this one, an easy solution in the last paragraph.

4. Mr. Rea's status is "quo" until further orders are received. My duty as Civilian Personnel Director has been fulfilled by his registration and by determining A.C.'s limited responsibility for him.

I trust this clarifies the difficulties and you have a Happy New Year.

J. Wm. Cunliffe
J. Wm. CUNLIFFE
Major, A.G.D.
Civilian Personnel Director

Subject: PASSES TO ENSA
ENTERTAINMENTS

ENSA H.Q. Rome Allied Arge Command

Ref: BEFT/NTSC/23/2

29 December, 44

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Major Fielden,
Public Relations Branch,
HQ Allied Commission,
ROME AFMA.

With reference to your letter of the 27th December, requesting passes to ENSA Entertainments in respect of Mrs. Sylvia Sprigge and Miss Elizabeth Mackenzie, we now enclose these passes, and would be obliged if you would kindly point out to the persons concerned that they are not transferable, and must be returned to this office when no longer required.

Brian Reece

Capt.

(BRIAN REECE)

O.i/c ENSA Entertainments,
NAAFI/EPI, Rome Command.

Landes to
Mr Sprigge &
Miss Mackenzie 30 Dec 44.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

5a/PRB

29 December 1944

SUBJECT : Officer Status Pass

TO : Major Farrar, G-1 (B), A.C.

Confirming your telephone conversation with my Secretary, it would be much appreciated if you could obtain for Mrs. Sylvia Spriggs and Miss Elizabeth Mackenzie passes which would enable them to enter Military Controlled Hotels, Clubs and Restaurants and places of entertainment under the same terms and conditions as Commissioned Officers of H.M. Forces.

They are both officially accredited Political Correspondents, Mrs. Spriggs for the Manchester Guardian and Miss Mackenzie for the News Chronicle, and as such are the responsibility of this Branch for facilities of this nature.

If you will kindly let me have the passes when obtained, we will pass them on to the ladies in question.

LIONEL FIELDEN
Major
Public Relations Director.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 384
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH.

5a/PRB

27 December 1944.

SUBJECT : Accreditation of Political Correspondents
TO : Major Cunliffe, Establishment Section,
Allied Civilian Personnel.

1. I refer to your minute of December 26.
2. As you have no doubt realized from your perusal of the relevant files, the business of accreditation is a delicate matter which is apt to involve us in considerable difficulties. If you, as Director of an Allied Civilian Personnel Section, as your signature denotes, are going to take this matter over from this Branch, I shall be very pleased. Two Sections cannot, however, handle it.
3. I do not understand the meaning or use of Major Harkrader's letter. Major Harkrader tells me that Rea asked him for such a letter, and Major Harkrader himself was puzzled. All correspondents from AFHQ PRO come regularly to this office. I do not understand, furthermore, why Rea handed the letter to you and not to me, since it was addressed to me.
4. There is not and never has been the smallest objection to American War Correspondents covering political news. You appear to have misunderstood the position.
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Public Relations Director.

Copy to : C.O.S.

sa/PRB

27 December 1944.

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APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

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27 December 1944

SUBJECT : E.N.S.A. Passes

TO : Mr. Brian Reece, E.N.S.A.,
3. Via XX Settembre, Rome.

Confirming our telephone request of this afternoon, it would be much appreciated if you would issue E.N.S.A. Passes to the under-mentioned accredited political correspondents who would like to be granted admittance to the E.N.S.A. Super-Cinema and other places of entertainment :

Mrs. Sylvia Sprigge - Manchester Guardian

Miss Elizabeth Mackenzie - News Chronicle.

If you would kindly send the passes to us we will pass them on to Mrs. Sprigge and Miss Mackenzie.

LIONEL FIELDEN
Major
Public Relations Director.

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Lionel Fielden
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Re. the above. Civilian Personnel Director's ltr dated 30 Dec 44 file ACP/Gen/11 is believed to fully ans. this question. It is suggested that this entire matter should be settled to your mutual satisfaction by a personal conference. Please arrange.

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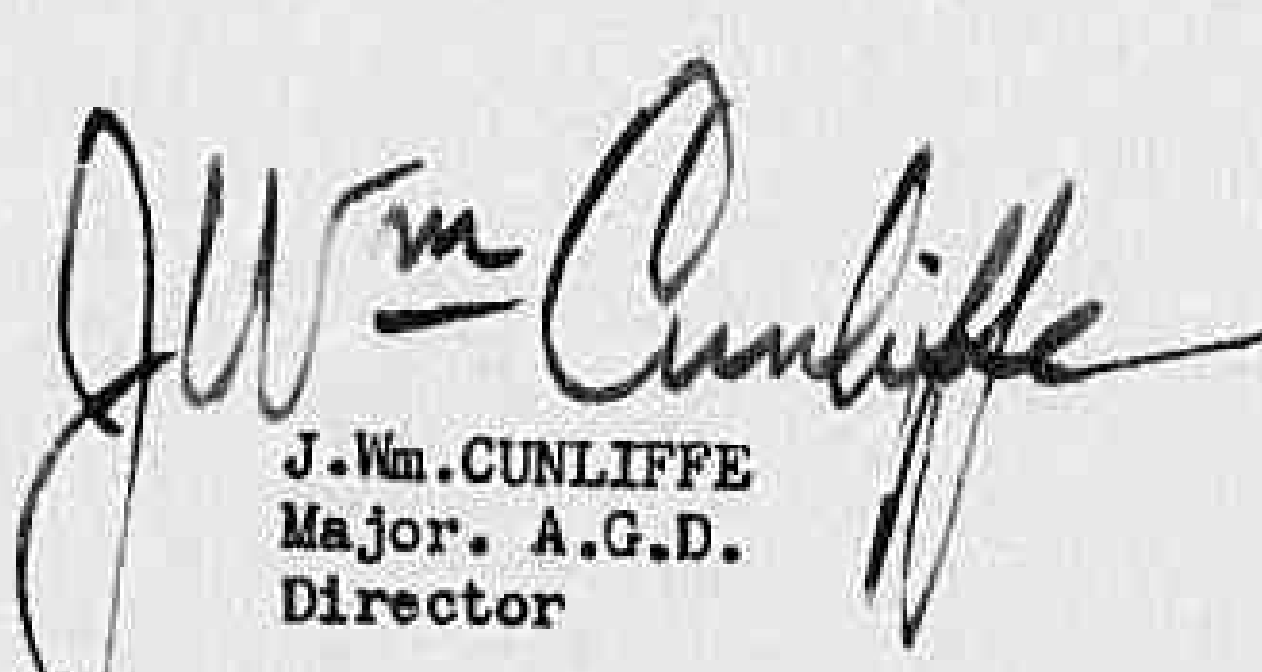
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ESTABLISHMENT SECTION
ALLIED CIVILIAN PERSONNELJWC/es
ACP/Gen./10
26 December 1944SUBJECT : Accreditation for Correspondent.
TO : Public Relation Officer,
Allied Commission

1. The inclosed letter, which Mr. Gene REA gave me as authority for his working with A.C. may be a means for clarifying the position of American War Correspondents, who are actually covering political and economical news. Inasmuch as the Allied Force Public Relation Branch has here in mentioned that it has no objection to Mr. Rea doing political correspondence in Italy under your direction, no doubt it will be willing to accredit him to this Commission directly if you care to request such action.

2. Paragraph 2 of Major HARKRADER's letter clearly indicates, that he is an Allied Force Headquarters responsibility. However, we can leave this "Status as Quo" and this Headquarter will only be responsible for his transportation and travel orders.

1 Inclosure


J.Wm. CUNLIFFE
Major. A.G.D.
Director

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Information and Censorship Section
Public Relations Branch
A.P.O. 512, NY NY

26 December 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR : Major Lionel Fielden,
Public Relations Officer,
Allied Commission.

1. This Branch has no objection to War Correspondent
Gene Rea doing political correspondence in Italy and Sicily under the
direction of Public Relations Officer, Allied Commission.

2. This Correspondent is accredited to Allied Force
Headquarters.

For the Public Relations Officer:

Carleton A. Harkrader
CARLETON A. HARKRADER,
Major, F. A.,
Assistant Public Relations Officer.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
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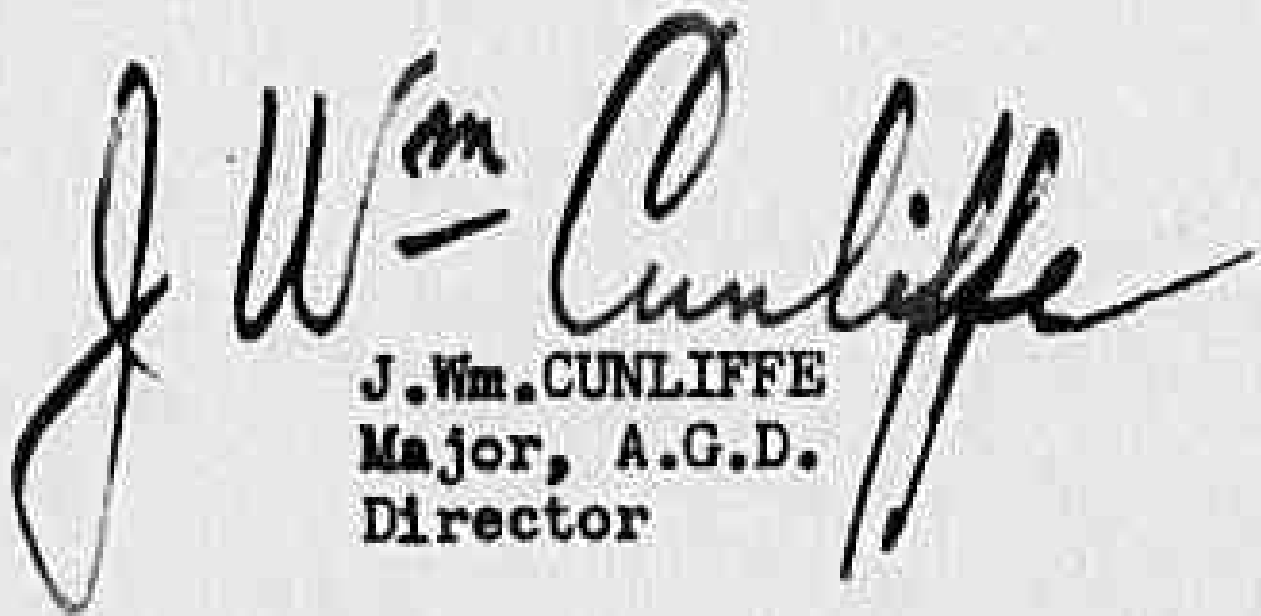
SUBJECT : Registration of Allied Civilians
TO : Public Relation Officer, A.C.

1. Thank you for the opportunity to study the background of your problems with Correspondents.

2. I agree with you that the enclosed Establishment Memorandum No.35 is applicable only to the Political Correspondents accredited to AC. It is gratifying to know we can now relieve you of some of the administrative burden thrown on you by these civilians. The minimum procedure set down in Memorandum is intended as a mutually beneficial control measure. We must know where these people are, if they are an AC responsibility.

3. Will you kindly ask the 6 or 7 people, who come under this category, to visit my office before the 1st of the year to complete this "post registration." I promise to make it as "painless" as possible.

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J. Wm. CUNLIFFE
Major, A.G.D.
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ESTABLISHMENT SECTION

20 December 1944.

ESTABLISHMENT MEMORANDUM

NUMBER : 35)

CIVILIAN PERSONNEL PROCEDURE

1. GENERAL.

a. The standard operating procedure for reception, assignment and departure of all Allied civilian personnel, reporting to the Commission is established in order to centralize the general administration and prevent duplication of effort by the agencies, sub-commissions and civilians concerned.

b. The Civilian Personnel Director will be responsible to the Vice-President of the Establishment Section for the execution of this plan.

2. DEFINITIONS.

a. "Attached" will be used in relationship to all personnel who do not come under the assigning jurisdiction of any Allied Commission official, but are officially connected with this Commission for their daily work.

b. "Assigned" will be used whenever personnel comes under complete control of an Allied Commission official and is available for assignment in place of an officer or enlisted men & other ranks.

3. PROCEDURE.

a. Reporting.

(1) The Head of the civilian agency will give advanced warning of new arrivals and have them report immediately to the Civilian Personnel Director, (or Duty Officer after office hours), with all credentials.

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(2) If assimilated rank is not stated by the Home Office of the Parent Agency, the Civilian Personnel Director will recommend the case to the Allied Commission adjutant for an appropriate letter of identification.

d. Assignment.

(1) Initial Allied Commission Section assignments will be made by the Civilian Personnel Director.

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- (2) Internal assignments will be made by the Personnel Officer concerned.
- (2) All changes in assignment will be checked with the Civilian Personnel Director.

e. Coordination.

- (1) All statistical information will be coordinated by the Civilian Personnel Director, so that accurate reports can be submitted to higher Headquarters.
- (2) All mutual matters of personnel policy will be cleared with the Civilian Personnel Director.

f. Orientation.

The Director will orient the new civilian to:

- (1) The overseas environment, giving special attention to military relations, Allied Commission organization and the section of Italy to which the individual is to be sent.
- (2) Responsibilities as to: military law, censorship, classified information, wearing of uniform, reading of Daily Bulletin, etc.
- (3) Privileges as to billeting, messing, recreational facilities, P-X, transportation, etc.

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- (1) In general, administrative details will be left to the agency concerned.
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- (3) Upon proper completion and signing out on the Headquarters Register, the travel orders will be handed to the civilian.

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Estab Memo No. 35, this Hq, dtd 20 Dec 44 (Cont'd):

4. CONCLUSION:

Effective this date, the procedure designated will be followed by all concerned.

By command of Rear Admiral STONE:

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

C. H. Parkin
C. H. PARKIN
Colonel, Infantry
Executive Officer (US)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A. P. O. 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

5a/PMB

20 December 1944.

SUBJECT : POLITICAL CORRESPONDENTS

TO : Colonel Astley, PRO, Advance AFHQ.

1. I am increasingly worried by the lack of directive policy regarding political correspondents and the difference between London and Washington in this matter.
2. You will remember that the first requests for accreditation of correspondents other than political came (in Italy) from three sources, viz: Mr. Wisniewski (Times), Mr. Lumby (Times) and the New York Times which wished to send Mrs. Milton Bracker. The A.C. agreed in General on August 7 to be responsible for such correspondents, and AFHQ G-5 gave their approval to this arrangement in General Spofford's letter of August 13. Your letter of August 21 outlined the arrangements under which accreditation would be made, and incidentally laid down that the number of political correspondents should not exceed twenty. Your letter of August 23 transmitted a War Office request for the accreditation of seven British political correspondents. On August 23 this office informed the War Office by cable that these correspondents would be accepted, and on September 8 the Bureau of Public Relations Washington was informed by cable that political correspondents, including Mrs. Milton Bracker, would be accepted by A.C. On September 8 also I asked Capt. Weidman, G-5 AFHQ, to ask the Bureau of Public Relations Washington to notify American publishers of these arrangements.

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4. The case of political correspondents other than American or British is a particularly difficult one. I wrote on September 10 to G-5 giving certain examples of persons who had approached me for accreditation or other facilities. These included M. Bergerre of the Agence-France, Mr. Lulijens of the Netherlands Free Press, Mr. Markowski of the Polish Government in Moscow, Mr. Qerif of the Ait Ef of Damascus etc. 1-3 replied on September 22 that they (1) "appreciated my apprehension about such requests", that (2) "accreditations from liberated countries could be effected so long as such Governments are recognised officially by the Allies" and that (3) "they are in hearty accord with my policy of not accepting political correspondents unless they are properly accredited by Washington and London." You will observe that (2) and (3) do not quite

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tally. The questions which now arise and which will arise with rapidly increasing frequency, are :

- (a) Who is the final deciding authority in granting accreditations (which of course must include cable and censorship facilities).
- (b) Whether all such requests should be referred to Washington or London or both, or to G-5, or to AFHQ PRO.
- (c) How far AFHQ PRO is prepared to extend cable and censorship facilities to an increasing number of these correspondents.
- (d) Whether the American policy in this matter is going to continue to differ from the British, and
- (e) exactly what restrictions should be applied to journalists generally (e.g. if Ignazio Silone wishes to cable sporadic articles to American papers, can this be allowed? Is Mr. Hjalmar de Larval, sent by the Swedish Charge d'Affaires, allowed to cable articles to a Swedish weekly review?)

5. I think that these matters need clarification. There is on the one hand the possibility of AFHQ PRO moving elsewhere, in which case this office will be left in sole charge of some foreign correspondents (and presumably American war correspondents will become political correspondents overnight). There is also the certainty that more and more journalists, Italian, Allied, neutral, sometimes as regular and sometimes as free-lance writers, will approach this office for permission to carry on their work.

LIONEL FIELDEN
Major
Public Relations Director.

Copy to : Chief of Staff, A.C.
Capt. Weidman, G-5, AFHQ.
Mr. Michael Stewart, British Embassy.
Mr. McBride, American Embassy.
Political Section, A.C.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

5a/WH

20 Dec. 1944

SUBJECT : PX facilities for French correspondent.

TO : Maj. Lloyd Waldman, Press and Information, G-5

1. Mr. Max Bergerre has applied to us to be given use of our PX facilities. He is a duly accredited political correspondent; I attach a letter from his government in evidence.

2. His case is that there is no French PX in town, that French civilian personnel have been given a card for our PX (he cites example of the members of the staff of the French representative at the Vatican) and that by a division of responsibility agreed upon we have taken on the Political Correspondents, leaving war Correspondents to be taken care of by AFHQ PRO. It is true that, for example, the Russian Tass representative has been allowed to use the British NAAFI.

3. Major Craig, our PX officer, however says that he will be unable to accommodate us without authorization through WFOUSA.

4. I should be obliged if you would do what is necessary to forward this appeal to the proper authority. That is, assuming it is your view the case is reasonable. I should be grateful too if you would inform me of the action taken. My telephone No. is 478197.

(for the Director)

T.C. MURKIN
Major AUS
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o/s AFHQ
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AU
CONSEIL CONSULTATIF
POUR LES
AFFAIRES ITALIENNES

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A RAPPELER

RÉPUBLIQUE FRANÇAISE

Rome, le 19 Décembre 1944

M. COUVE de MURVILLE

Délégué du Gouvernement Provisoire
de la République Française au Conseil
Consultatif pour les Affaires Italien

à

M. le Major Lionel FIELDEN
Public Relations
Allied Commission

Je certifie que M. Max BERGERRE est corresponda
politique du Bureau de Rome de l'Agence France-Presse./.

Max Bergerre

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TO AGWAR FOR BUREAU OF PUBLIC RELATIONS WAR DEPARTMENT,
CIVIL AFFAIRS DIVISION WAR DEPARTMENT, INFO AFHQ.
G-5

REF NO THIS MESSAGE 7414 1 December 1944

Public Relations Branch ALCOM accepts Mrs HILTON BLACKER,
NEW YORK TIMES as political correspondent.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Public Relations Branch

5a/74/PRB

25 November 1944

SUBJECT : Curfew Pass

TO : Adjutant, AC

handed 5- Mrs 8/20/44
4/XI/44

Will you please issue a permit to circulate
after curfew to Mrs. Sylvia Sprigge, Political Correspondent
for the "Manchester Guardian".

For the Director

A.F. BRAYDON,
Lieutenant,
Public Relations Officer. 742

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LIST OF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENTS ACCREDITED
TO PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH, A.C.

Mr. Robert HADFIELD	(TIMES)
Mr. Martin MOORE	(DAILY TELEGRAPH)
Mr. Walter LUCAS	(DAILY EXPRESS)
Mr. Alessandro VISNEVSKI	(TASS)
Mrs. Sylvia SPRIGGE	(MANCHESTER GUARDIAN)
Miss Elizabeth MACKENZIE	(NEWS CHRONICLE).

4 December 1944.

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1. Major Fielden: "ere is a draft text for the general notification telegram. Weidman is not sure your original one was ever sent since he was out of town with the labor delegates.
2. Pvt. DiMaso: Prepare a cable marked urgent.
Send copy for information to G-5, AFHQ, from here.
Original is addressed to Bureau of Public Relations, War Dept. and copy to Civil Affairs Division, War Dept.

Under arrangements with AFHQ PRO, ~~Alcom~~ ^{Alcom} ~~Public Relations Branch~~ ^{Public Relations Branch}, now authorized to accredit and service ~~a~~ limited number of political correspondents to cover Italian affairs exclusive of military operations. ~~These correspondents~~ Request you notify ^{all} American publishers of these arrangements. ~~no direct communication with AFHQ~~ ~~no direct communication with AFHQ~~ ~~no direct communication with AFHQ~~ Direct communication ~~on subject of~~ ~~with Public Relations Branch, Alcom, on subject of political correspondents~~ is authorized.

1. Major Fielden: Mrs. Bracker ~~to~~ cable to AFHQ of Pub. Rel.
2. Prepare a cable as above with same distribution.

Public Relations Branch Alcom ~~accepts~~ ^{accepts} ~~and~~ ~~and~~ ~~and~~ Mrs. Milton Bracker New York Times as political correspondent ~~and~~ ~~and~~ ~~and~~

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

54/73/PBB

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TO : HQ Commandant (Internal Security Officer)

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For the Director

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A. F. BRAYDON,
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Public Relations Officer.

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APO 394

PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

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15 November 1944

Colonel Philip Astley
Public Relations Officer
ATHQ

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Thank you for your letter of November 15. I am
glad to know you are back.

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File SA

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3. I do not want you to think that I am worrying much about the political correspondents business. I can quite understand the American point of view. But if you could do something to encourage the accreditation of a few American politicals, it would certainly make the

ar.

at 4:40 pm

H.Q. Public Relations
Central Mediterranean Force

15 November 1944

2/FRS/12

Major Lionel Fielden,
Public Relations Director,
ALLIED COMMISSION.

Dear *Lionel*

I have just returned from an extensive tour to find your letter of 5 November awaiting me.

I agree that this "political correspondents" business is not at all satisfactory but at the moment I do not see how the matter can be tied up. The truth is that we are going through a transition stage when operations and politics are closely linked. It is of course only natural that Editors should wish to keep their correspondents employed on political reporting when there is nothing much doing in the operational line.

As the question affects the Americans more than ourselves I propose to confer with Ken Clark when he next comes up to Rome to see if he has any solution of the question.

Yours ever,

Philip Astley

P. R. ASTLEY, Colonel
Public Relations Officer
AFHQ

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

5 Nov. 1944

5a/PFB

Dear Philip,

The "political correspondents" business is worrying me a good deal because it seems that the Americans won't play. You will remember that you insisted that political correspondents should not be permitted to attend operational conferences, go into any areas, and so on. I feel more and more that if that is to be the rule, I should on my side insist that war correspondents should not interview politicians, worry us on political subjects, attend such delightful functions as Caruso's trial and execution, and so forth! If war correspondents do these things, then obviously there is no advantage at all in being a political correspondent, but very much the reverse: and the Americans have not been slow to see it. The result is that while we have three British and one Russian political correspondents with two more British on the way, we have no Americans at all in view; and since we set up billeting and transport arrangements for the politicals, I am very shortly going to be accused of favouring British correspondents only. Apart from that, I do sometimes - having an extremely small staff and a good deal to do - feel that war correspondents who stroll in from the front and expect to have the whole of the AC organisation and Italian politics explained to them, are trying. I feel that we should either drop the political correspondents business altogether as a flop, or insist that all correspondents, irrespective of nationality, come into line.

Yours

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(Sgd)

LIONEL FILEDEN
Major
Public Relations Director

Col. P.R. Astley
DDPR
AFHQ PRO

*Ministero delle Corporazioni*DIREZIONE GENERALE DEL SEGRETARIATO
DEL CONSIGLIO NAZIONALE DELLE CORPORAZIONI
DEGLI AFFARI GENERALI E DEL PERSONALE

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE

Mr Caccia
Mr Schott

What do I do with Mr
Matkowski, representative
(charming) of the Polish
Government in Moscow who
carries (a) Carre & Wheeler's
permission to file 8000 words
a month (b) telegram from
Polish port Moscow authorizing
him as their correspondent.
Want permission to file copy.

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Disables

That file 5A66

nothing here

No trace

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB/R5a

11 Oct 44.

SUBJECT : POLITICAL CORRESPONDENTS

TO : Capt. F.E. Weidman, G-5 Press Officer, AFHQ.

Dear Captain Weidman,

Reference your letter of 4 October 44.

1. The letter of credit for Mr. Hadfield has been handed to him against receipt.
2. In compliance with Para 2 of War Office cable No. F5/BM/401 of 26 September 44, quoted in the copy of AFHQ letter which you attached, please send the following cable to the War Office :

"Reference your No. F5/BM/401 of 26 Sep herewith full list of Political Correspondents

1. In Rome at present : Robert Hadfield (Times)
Martin Moore (Daily Telegraph)
Walter Lucas (Daily Express)
Alessandro Visnevski (Tass).
2. Shortly expected : Sylvia Sprigge (Manchester
Guardian)
Elizabeth Mackenzie (News Chronicle).
3. Lucas anxious receive funds forthwith."

Yours sincerely,

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LIONEL FRIEDEN
Major
Public Relations Director.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

4 October 1944.

Major Lionel Fielden, Director,
Public Relations Branch,
Allied Control Commission,
APO 394.

Dear Major Fielden:

Attached copy of letter to this
Headquarters and accompanying "letter of
credit" should be self-explanatory.

In answer to your letter of 2 Oct
regarding cable to Ministry of Information,
your action in the matter was correct. It
was thought, in that instance, that your
cabling direct would expedite assignment of
Sylvia Sprigge and Elisabeth Mackenzie to
this theater.

Unless otherwise informed, however,
future requests should be channeled through
this Headquarters and the British Resident
Minister.

Very truly yours,

Floyd E. Weidman

FLOYD E. WEIDMAN
Capt., Air Corps,
G-5 Press Officer.

Received this
"Letter of
credit"
dated Oct.
3, 1944
Ref:
1-HQ. / Pay /
29/139
Oct. 10/1944
R. G. Hadfield
LC

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(COPY)

Subject: Political CorrespondentsALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS,
G.M.F.Refce: 1 H.Q/Pay/29/139

3rd October 1944.

G-5
A.F.H.Q.

The following cable has been received from the War Office:

"From: The War Office (F9b) No. F5/BM/401 - 26 Sep. 1944.
To : A.F.H.Q. for D.P.I.C.
Your cipher F94790 10 Sep.

1. Understand Hadfield of "The Times" is the only political correspondent in your theatre. He is authorised to draw £150 monthly. Remittance following.
2. Cable particulars of any other political correspondents."

Will you please pass the enclosed "letter of credit" to Mr. Hadfield. On production to any British Army Cashier he will be able to draw up to £150 each month.

If this gentleman is likely to remain in this theatre for any length of time, he should ask the Cashier from whom he draws funds to obtain from No. 8 Base Command Pay Office a specially prepared book of A.F.'s W.3241, to obviate repeated renewals of the "letter of credit".

Will you also please furnish details of any other political correspondents who are known to be in Italy.

s/ H.W.T.Marden, Lt.Col.

(for) Brigadier,
D/Paymaster-in-Chief,
A.F.H.Q. (British).

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Copy to: C.P. No. 8 B.C.P.O.

PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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A.C. 56

PRB/R5a

2 Oct 44.

SUBJECT : POLITICAL CORRESPONDENTS

Dear Weidman,

The attached correspondence explains itself. I wonder if you would be kind enough to explain the present arrangements to the Resident Minister's Office so that we avoid confusion. AFHQ PR refuse to have anything whatsoever to do with political correspondents!

I have cabled London about Sylvia Sprigge and Elisabeth Mackenzie.

Yours

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Lionel Fielding 7:30

Capt. Weidman,
G-5, AFHQ.

Encl.

lf/vehb

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PUBLIC RELATIONS
ADVANCE A.F.H.Q.
C.M.F.

2/PRS/12.

1st October, 1944.

TO: Major Lionel Fielden,
Public Relations Officer,
A.C.C.

Reference attached Memo 29/150/2 dated 21 Sept 44
from Resident Minister's Office, A.F.H.Q. to G-5, A.F.H.Q.
and passed by the latter to P.R.O., A.F.H.Q. for action.

1. It seems that the Resident Minister's office is not aware of the arrangements made by you with the War Office and Ministry of Information in connection with Political Correspondents.
2. P.R.O. A.F.H.Q. is, of course, not concerned and I pass on to you for necessary action under para 3. I suggest it might be as well to advise the Resident Minister's office of your action.

GAL Helder

(G.A.L. HELDER)
Lieut-Colonel.
A.D.P.R.

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29/150/2.

To: ~~G-5.~~

From: Resident Minister's Office.

Subject: Political Newspaper Correspondents

Reference: A.C.C. Cable to A.P.H.Q. no. 2439
of August 29th (Ref ID: A7538)

In their cable under reference the A.C.C. suggested that the Ministry of Information should submit to them the names of any political correspondents whom it might be desired to accredit in Italy. We have now had a telegram from the Ministry of Information asking us to submit to A.P.H.Q. and to the Control Commission the names of Mrs. Sylvia Sprigge and Miss Elisabeth Mackenzie of the "Manchester Guardian" and "News Chronicle" respectively whom it is desired to appoint as civilian political correspondents in Rome.

2. The telegram also says Walter Lucas of the "Daily Express", who is already in Rome as an accredited military Journalist has asked for the privileges of a civilian political correspondent.

3. We suggest that if and when you and the Control Commission have approved these applications you should inform the Ministry of Information through the War Office or, if you prefer, through this office.

21st September, 1944.

Copy to: P.H.Q.
I.N.C. —

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

File 13
SA.

1 October 1944.

Major Lionel Fielden, Director,
Public Relations Branch,
Allied Control Commission,
APO 394.

Dear Major Fielden:

Orders to un-freeze a villa or flat of the size you requested have been sent to Rome by the office of Major General R. G. Lewis. This office was notified that the order was dispatched today.

It is to be regretted that action on this matter has been delayed for so long. However, it was pointed out that several such requests had been made and the situation had reached the place where a statement of policy was necessary. As a consequence, all requests were studied for a period of more than a week, with today's decision being the result.

If this office can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to solicit our help.

Sincerely,

Floyd E. Weidman

FLOYD E. WEIDMAN
Capt., Air Corps,
G-5 Press Officer.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB/R5a

29 Sep. 1944

SUBJECT : Messing of Political Correspondents at 5, Via Romagna
TO : HQ Commandant

1. Application is made for the establishment of a mess.
2. This mess is intended for permanent Political Correspondents in Rome who are now a responsibility of Public Relations Branch ACC for messing, housing, and transportation. These correspondents hold the equivalent rank of Staff Capt. in the British army and hold special passes issued by this office to this effect.
3. It is intended to establish this mess at the former Manchoukuo Embassy, 5, Via Romagna, Rome. The following are the names of correspondents and ACC officers who will use the mess.

Mr Martin Moore, Political Correspondent, Daily Telegraph
Mr Walter Lucas, Political Correspondent, Daily Express
Mr Alexander Vishnevsky, Political Correspondent, Tass Agency
Maj. L. Fielden, Public Relations Director, ACC
Capt. C. Howard-Owen, Public Relations Officer, ACC
Lt. A.F. Braydon, Public Relations Officer, ACC
Lt. J.W. Atkinson, Public Relations Officer, ACC
Mr. Robert Hadfield, Political Correspondent, The Times

4. We now await other Political Correspondents who will arrive in the near future. I should be grateful if you would kindly expedite this matter.

1944
C. HOWARD-OWEN
Captain
Public Relations Officer

(for Public Relations Director)

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AFHQ GEORGE FIVE

HQ. ACC

CONFIDENTIAL
PRIORITY

26/9/0900

PUBLIC RELATIONS BR.

CONFIDENTIAL REFERENCE OUR ~~#####~~ TWO FOUR THREE NINE AUGUST
TWO NINE PD REQUEST RECEIVED FROM SYLVIA SPRIGLE MANCHESTER
GUARDIAN AND ELIZABETH MACKENZIE NEWS CHRONICLE ASKING WHY PERMITS
DELAYED PAREN TO AFHQ GEORGE FIVE FOR WEIDMAN FROM ACC HQ FROM
FIELDEN SIGNED STONE PAREN NO OBJECTION FROM ACC TO THESE CORRESPONDENTS
WHOSE ARRIVAL HERE IS AWAITED

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

22 September 1944

Major Lionel Fielden, Director,
Public Relations Branch,
Allied Control Commission,
APO 394.

File 135a 8
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Maj. F. E. Weidman
27/9/44

Dear Major Fielden:

Your letter of 10 September regarding accreditation of Mr. Adriaan H. Luijdiens as a political correspondent awaited my return to the office today from an absence that began 5 September.

Mr. Luijdiens' assignment to the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission precludes his accreditation, since it is felt his position might permit him to have prior access to news in competition with professional correspondents.

AFHQ Public Relations has concurred with the policy of this office that correspondents--political and otherwise--be accredited only when they are sponsored by an established, recognized news agency or organ. This applies particularly in instances of individuals employed either directly or indirectly by agencies of the allied governments.

This office is in hearty accord with your present general policy of not accepting political correspondents unless they are properly accredited by Washington and London.

Your apprehension about requests from other countries is appreciated. However, it is felt accreditations from liberated countries can be effected so long as such governments are recognized officially by the allies.

*called
Thompson
for info.*
The attached letter from the office of the British Resident Minister is self-explanatory. It is suggested you report your acceptance or rejection of the recommended journalists directly to the Ministry of Information through the War Office, and advise this office of your action.

Very truly yours,

Floyd E. Weidman

FLOYD E. WEIDMAN
Capt., Air Corps;
G-5 Press Officer.

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29/150/2

To: G-5

From: Resident Minister's Office.

Subject: Political Newspaper Correspondents

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s/ AR

21st September, 1944.

Copy to:

P.R.O.
I.N.C.

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Allied Force Headquarters
Public Relations Office
Detachment "A"
APO 512

Entered - 6/24/44
PAC

Sept. 21, 1944

Major Lionel Fielden
Public Relations Officer
Allied Control Commission
Rome, Italy

Dear Major Fielden:

As a correspondent regularly accredited to AFHQ and as the only representative of the Blue Network in Italy, I should like very much to receive advance notice of ACC events, or any other information that your office makes available from time to time.

I am planning to remain in Rome for some time, except for a brief home leave during the winter, and I am naturally very much interested in the work of the ACC.

This note, as you probably realize, is in response to the notice posted by Colonel Helder.

Sincerely,

Donald G. Coe

Donald G. Coe
War Correspondent
Blue Network

Private address
and telephone 722

AFHQ SEPT 29 1945

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Dear Major Fielden,

I should be grateful to have my name included among those War Correspondents who wish to have political information and facilities.

Yours faithfully *Aubrey Hammond*
Aubrey Hammond

KEMSLEY NEWSPAPERS

Major Fielden,

Public Relations Officer
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

*Entered in book**File*

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*Yes but letter is not enough.
He used to have his personal
address & telephone*

PUBLIC RELATIONS
ADVANCE A.F.H.Q.
C.E.P.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

1. War Correspondents accredited to A.F.H.Q. whose organisations have not separate Political Correspondents and who, whilst in RCM, desire to cover both Military and political events, are requested to send their names in writing to:-

Major Lionel Fielden,
Public Relations Officer,
Allied Control Commission.

2. This will enable the Public Relations Officer, Allied Control Commission, to make arrangements to obtain in advance such facilities as these correspondents may desire.
3. As far as possible duplicate notices of forthcoming events of political interest will be posted on the Allied Control Commission Notice Board in these offices but such correspondents should keep in touch with public relations officer, Allied Control Commission, for detailed information.

FOR DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS.

G. L. Holden

(G. L. HOLDEN)
Lieut-Colonel.

20 September, 1944.

DISTRIBUTION:

Correspondents Notice Board.
A.C.C. Notice Board.
Major Lionel Fielden, P.R.O. A.C.C.
File.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSIONSA
PRB/R 102

19 Sept. 1944

SUBJECT: Equipment for Villa Romania
TO : Lt. Guarino, Billeting Officer

I have today seen Col. Clough and he has authorized
the following items for the Villa Romania:

18 beds
blankets--drawn from QM.
Crockery--to draw from QM and purchase
Cooking utensils--to draw from QM and purchase.

(Sgt)

C. HOWARD OWEN, Capt.
Public Relations Officer

File 5A.

AMG FIFTH ARMY

ACCHQ

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CONFIDENTIAL
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PUBLIC RELATIONS

120930

NICHIE

HAVE OBTAINED TELEPHONIC PERMISSION FROM FIFTH ARMY AMG HQ FOR ACC
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENTS PAREN TO FIFTH ARMY AMG FOR MICKEY FROM ACC HQ
FROM FIELDEN LUCAS LONDON EXPRESS AND MOORE LONDON TELEGRAPH AND LIEUT
ATKINSON PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH CONDUCTING OFFICER AND DRIVER TO COME
TO FLORENCE TO C OVER WEDNESDAY CEREMONY. KINDLY REQUEST LODGING FOR
TWO NIGHTS. PARTY LEAVING TODAY 12 AUG *Sep*

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Major, Public Relations
Officer

COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

Il titolare di questa tessera è autorizzato a circolare in tutte le regioni della Italia Liberata anche durante le ore del coprifuoco, ed ha libero ingresso alle sedi degli uffici alleati. Questa tessera e le relative autorizzazioni non hanno valore nelle zone di operazioni.

**ALLIED
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT**

Identification Card No.

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ISSUED UNDER AUTHORITY OF
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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PRB/R5A

12 September 1944.

Subject: Mr Martin Moore.

To all whom it may concern.

Mr Martin Moore, political correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" is authorized to proceed to Florence to cover ACC activities.

(Sgt)

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB/R5A/1

12 September 1944.

Subject: Mr Walter Lucas.

To all whom it may concern.

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(Sgt)

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTER OFFICE MEMO

From: OFFICE OF HQ COMDT

SUBJECT: NAAFI Rations - Political Correspondents. FILE No. HQC/20

TO: Director, Public Relations Branch. 11 September 1944

Reference your request PRB/R 5A, dated 10 September, authority is given for the drawing of NAAFI rations by the undermentioned Political Correspondents:

Alessandro Vishnevski
Robert Hadfield
Martin Moore
Walter ~~/~~ Lucas

TASS Agency
Times
Daily Telegraph
Daily Express

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R. H. Robertson
R. H. ROBERTSON
Hq. Commandant.

Lt. Col.

Copy to:

O.C., British Detachment.

Seen 1/10
C. P.

PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB/R5a/1

10 Sep. 1944

Dear Captain Weidman,

We have now four political correspondents here who are accredited to us and for whom we are responsible, viz :

Alexander Visnevski of Tass
Robert Hadfield of the Times
Martin Moore of the Telegraph
Walter Lucas of the Express

We expect Elisabeth Mackenzie of the News Chronicle in the near future, and others are to follow shortly. A correspondent is being sent out by the Daily Herald to cover the Trades Union Delegates' visit.

These correspondents need rations and accommodation, and under present conditions, we are finding them a problem. From every point of view it is, I think, desirable to find a place without delay where we can accommodate and feed them, as well as providing transport and working space, light, and (very soon) heat.

I have spoken to the Executive Commissioner about ~~them~~^{this}, since it is becoming a rather urgent question, and he has directed me to write to you asking that G-5 should request Rome Area Command to "unfreeze" a flat or a villa with about 8 bedrooms - which should suffice, I think, as I take it that political correspondents will, after their few first weeks in Rome, drift into permanent houses of their own. However, while present difficulties of light, heat, food and transport remain, we have clearly got to look after them.

I should be very grateful if you will give this matter your urgent attention.

Yours sincerely

CG
LIONEL FIELDEN
Major
Public Relations Director

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB/R5a

10 Sep. 1944

Dear Captain Weidman,

Mr. Adriaan H. Luijckens who is Dutch representative on the Displaced Persons sub-commission of the ACC and is also attached, I understand, to the Dutch Consul-General, has approached me with a request that he be "accredited" as a political correspondent of the official Netherlands Government Press.

I told him, ~~firstly~~, that it seemed to me wrong in principle that a political correspondent should also be an official who would use his position to obtain special information: that the number of political correspondents was necessarily limited and that I had no directive regarding the acceptance of correspondents representing agencies or journals hitherto unrecognized and his best course would be to be accredited by London on the request of his Government. He will, I presume, take steps to effect this.

I have also been approached by a Mr. Markowski, apparently representing the Polish Government in Moscow and desiring political correspondent's facilities. To him I could only say much the same thing, although clearly his accreditation through London or Washington would be impossible.

There are other requests of a more or less similar nature which give a pre-view of complications in store. I trust that G-5 will approve my general policy of refusing to accept any political correspondents whatsoever unless they are properly accredited by Washington or London. However, the problem of dealing with requests (which will certainly come) from Paris, Brussels, the Hague and other freed capitals is one which causes me some concern and upon which I should appreciate your comment

Yours sincerely

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LIONEL FIELDEN

Major

Public Relations Director

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PIB/R 54

10 Sept. 1944

SUBJECT : NAAPF Rations for Political Correspondents

TO : Hq. Commandant

Will you please put the following political correspondents on the Hq. strength for NAAPF rations:-

Alessandro Vishnevski	TASS Agency
Robert Hadfield	Times
Martin Moore	Daily Telegraph
J. Lucas	Daily Express

Hq. ACC has accepted responsibility for six political correspondents. The names of the remaining two will be forwarded at a later date.

For the Director

(Sgd) C. HOWARD OWEN, Capt.
Public Relations Officer

PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB/R5a

8 Sep 44.

SUBJECT : POLITICAL CORRESPONDENTS

TO : Capt. Weidman, AFHQ (G5).

Dear Weidman,

I am rather worried by the fact that, so far, U.K. has asked for the accreditation of six political correspondents and U.S. none. Here in Rome we have already three - Times, Telegraph and Tass. The only request so far from America is for Mrs. Milton Bracker of the New York Times. To avoid over-representation of British, I suggest you might send Civil Affairs (and perhaps also Bureau of Public Relations) Washington, a cable on the following lines:-

"The Allied Control Commission is now authorised and prepared to accredit and service a limited number of political correspondents to cover Italian affairs, excluding war operations. Suggest you notify American publishers of these arrangements so they may send such correspondents here if they are interested. You can communicate directly with Fielden ACC PR.

Yours sincerely, 711

(sqd)

LIONEL FIELDEN.
Major,
Public Relations Director.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALIEN CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB/R5A

8 September 1944.

Subject: Identification Cards for political correspondents.

To: HQ Commandant (Printing Section).

Further to conversation between your section and this Branch (Captain Owen) a specimen identification card for political correspondents is enclosed. Will you please have 50 copies of the card printed, same size, thickness and colour as the example.

For the Director.

(Sgd)

G. HOWARD OWEN,
Captain,
Public Relations Officer.

PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB/R 5A

7 Sept, 1944

TO : Mr. P. Jordan, London News Chronicle
c/o AFHQ.

Will you please transmit the following response
to your paper's cable of 7 Sept.:

"Have already cabled Anderson, Civil Affairs,
War Office that ACC PR: accepts political
correspondents and provides all facilities"

(Sgd)

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director

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AFHQ

HQ AGC

CONFIDENTIAL

ROUTINE

PUBLIC RELATIONS

5 SEPT '44

REPEAT INCORRECT PROCEDURE OUR TWO FOUR THREE NINE OF TWO NINE
AND SHALL APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORTING OUR REQUEST ~~INSTRUCTIONS~~
~~THIS REQUESTED INSTRUCTIONS FOR PAREN TO AFHQ FOR SAVED FROM~~
ACC HQ FROM FIELDIN PAREN INSTRUCTIONS THIS RESPECT NOTED FOR
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

INCOMING MESSAGE

TO: ACC TO PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER FOR FIELDEN

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: 68/94

FROM: AREA SIGNED SIGNED

CLASSIFICATION: NONE

REFERENCE No: NONE

PRECEDENCE: PRIORITY

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: SEPT 4/1940

OFFICE OF ORIGIN: CITE: FEB-3

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SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: 63/94
 FROM: AREA SIGNED SIGNED
 CLASSIFICATION: NONE
 PRECEDENCE: PRIORITY
 REFERENCE No: 1012
 DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: SEPT 4/1908 OFFICE OF ORIGIN: CITE: FHEG

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SEPTEMBER 4/1925

DATE and Time of RECEIPT

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ADVANCED ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Information & Censorship Section
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
C. M. F.

2 September 1944

2/PRS/12

SUBJECT: Political Correspondents

Memo to: Major Lionel Fielden
Public Relations Officer
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

Reference your PRB/R5A dated 2 September 1944.

1. The proposed notice is I think exactly what is required and I have inserted it on the Correspondents' Board here.
2. I am reporting settlement of this matter to DPR, War Office.

G.A.L. Helder

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G.A.L. HELDER
Lieut.-Colonel
A D P R

PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB/RSA

2 September 1944.

Subject: Political Correspondents.

To: Lt Col G.A.L. Helder, ADPR, AFHQ PRO.

As you will remember Colonel Astley wanted me to post a notice at AFHQ PRO about political correspondents. Does the attached meet the case? If so will you have it posted? If not, tell me any changes you would like.

(Sgd)

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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PRB/R5A

2 September 1944.

POLITICAL CORRESPONDENTS

In view of requests made for the acceptance of political correspondents (in excess of war correspondents) in Rome, it has been decided that such correspondents shall be accredited to and administered by ACC (PR). Those interested can obtain details from Major Fielden, HQ ACC.

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AGWAR THROUGH FREEDOM

HQ ACC

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SEPT 8 '44

PUBLIC RELATIONS

REFERENCE YOUR WX66971 ACC NOW AGREES ACCEPT AND ADMINISTER
LIMITED NUMBER POLITICAL CORRESPONDENTS PAREN TO ~~AGWAR~~ AGWAR
THROUGH FREEDOM FOR GOGAN FROM HQ ACC FROM FIELDEN PAREN
NO OBJECTION ACCEPTANCE MRS MILTON BRACKER AS CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE
~~BY ABE~~ BUT ACC PR SUGGESTS ARRANGEMENTS EASIER IF ACCREDITED AS
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

INCOMING MESSAGE

TO: ACC

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: 80/30

FROM: FOR FIELDEN FROM WEIDMAN SGD SACMED CLASSIFICATION: NONE

REFERENCE No: F89083 PRECEDENCE: PRIORITY

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: AUG 18 1944 OFFICE OF ORIGIN: CITE FHCEG

THIS HQ HAS NO COPY WAR OFFICE CABLE 69327 DDPR OF 18 AUG. REF
YOUR REUR 2439 OF 29 AUG. REQUEST COPY BE SENT HERE.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB R5A

30 Aug 1944

SUBJECT : Political Correspondents

TO : Colonel Graffety-Smith, Finance Sub-commission.

The ACC has recently agreed to accept and maintain accredited political correspondents from U.S. and U.K. I need not trouble you with the details of a headache which we could not avoid; the fact is that we have just got to look after these people and find them all the facilities they need.

I understand from HADFIELD, the TIMES Correspondent, that he finds himself unable in the capacity of political correspondent to draw any money from the Field Cashier. This is a point which had not occurred to me in arranging facilities for them. May I know what the correct drill would be.

Sgd
LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

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ACC HQ

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PUBLIC RELATIONS

FOLLOWING FOR GENERAL ANDERSON WAR OFFICE PD PAREN TO AFHQ GEORGE
FIVE FROM ACC HQ FIELDEN PAREN PD REFERENCE WAR OFFICE CABLE SIX
NINE THREE TWO SEVEN DDPR OF AUGUST EIGHTEEN ACC AGREES TO ACCEPT
AND MAINTAIN SIX POLITICAL CORRESPONDENTS AS REQUESTED WILL MINISTRY
OF INFORMATION PLEASE SUBMIT NAMES FOR APPROVAL BY ACC SHOULD BE
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MATTERS OR WHETHER DIRECT CONTACT SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED WITH
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND IF SO WITH WHOM

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB/R5A

28 August 1944.

Subject: Political Correspondents.

To: Acting Chief Commissioner.

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Please see Colonel Helder's letter at A. Colonel Helder has asked me to telegraph direct to the War Office through AFHQ in the following terms:-

Anderson

"General ~~Warby~~ War Office from Fielden ACC - Reference War Office cable 69327 - DDPR of August 18 ACC agrees to accept and maintain six political correspondents as requested paren will Ministry of Information please submit names for approval by ACC paren should be grateful to know whether you should be addressed on all these matters or whether direct contact should be established with Ministry of Information and if so with whom"

Do you agree?

*Return to**Lionel Helder*LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

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Pls address
" AFHQ for E-5 Following for -

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PUBLIC RELATIONS
ADVANCE A.F.H.Q.
C.M.F.

25 August 1944

2/PRS/12

SUBJECT: Political correspondents in Italy

Memo to: Major Lionel Fielden,
Chief Public Relations Officer,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

Further to memo number as above dated 23 August 1944.

The contents of AFHQ cable FX 81159 August -- have now been notified to this office. The cable refers to entry of accredited war correspondents into Italy and in no way affects political correspondents.

G A L Helder

G.A.L. HELDER
Lieut-Colonel
A D P R

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB/R5A

24 August 1944.

Subject: Political Correspondents.

To: Acting Chief Commissioner.

1. You told me yesterday that steps had been taken without your knowledge for the ACC to take care of political correspondents. May I refer you to A in the attached file in which (after I had obtained the views of Political Section) I asked your views and you wrote as follows:-

"AFHQ G-5 must approve. No objection to the attached, but you are in for a mob."

I took this as approval by you and I certainly should not have acted without it.

2. Acting on your note I approached G-5 (B) with an explanatory note to the Executive Commissioner who also agreed (C). G-5 agreed on August 13 (D). Since then there has been a discussion with Colonel Astley, recorded at (E).

3. The steps so far taken appear to me to be perfectly correct.

4. I am afraid that I have not succeeded in making the position clear. Colonel Astley has direct orders not to accept political correspondents. Meanwhile, political correspondents are arriving, or are seeking accreditation by devious methods. Ruggiero Orlando, who has arrived in this country by methods unknown to me, a correspondent of The Observer, is urgently seeking facilities for filing. Mrs Bracker of the New York Times is waiting for a reply delayed since July 18. London has asked through the Embassy for immediate permits and facilities for the News Chronicle and Manchester Guardian. The Times (as you see here) is waiting. 697

5. I am strongly of the opinion that the ACC can and should shoulder this comparatively small burden. The value of these correspondents, if properly treated, is so obvious that it needs no stressing from me.

Lionel Fielden
LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

*Seen by Capt. Stan Stone and discussed on
August 24. Capt. Stan Stone assented, but
directed that Prof. Lusk should follow the "housekeeping"*

PUBLIC RELATIONS
ADVANCE A.F.H.Q.
C.M.F.

23 August 1944

2/PRS/12

SUBJECT: Political correspondents in Italy

Memo to: Major Lionel Fielden,
Chief Public Relations Officer,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

Further to memo number as above dated 21 August 1944.

1. A cable has been received from the War Office which refers to an AFHQ cable "FX 81159 August". This office has not a copy of the AFHQ cable but is obtaining one.

2. The War Office cable says that they presume that the AFHQ cable in question does not apply to political correspondents who require no military facilities. It adds that its Ministry of Information strongly urge that the following six papers be permitted to have political correspondents in addition to the "Times" already represented :-

Daily Telegraph
Daily Mail
News Chronicle

Daily Express
Daily Herald
Manchester Guardian

The War Office request that this be arranged.

3. The position as discussed at the meeting on 20 August has not yet been notified to the War Office, as we propose to await final confirmation of the arrangements before so doing. When you advise this will you also indicate if you can accept political correspondents for the six British papers mentioned in para 2 above.

4. The only application received from the American Press for a political correspondent so far is Mr Bracker, New York Times.

G. A. L. Helder

G. A. L. HELDER
Lieut.-Colonel
A D P R

PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB/RS

21 August 1944.

Political Correspondents accredited to ACC PR

1. Hitherto correspondents in the Italian theatre have been accredited to AFHQ PR (Colonel Astley) who has permitted a limited number of war correspondents to each press or radio organization.
2. Accreditation means that the PR office concerned accepts the responsibility (a) for good behaviour of correspondents (i.e. it has the right of expulsion and they cannot leave the theatre without its permission) (b) for rations and accommodation (c) for transport (d) for the arrangement of interviews, conferences and releases of information and (e) for the provision of office space and signal services.
3. Owing to the advance of the armies, and the extension of war theatres, the war correspondents cannot now cover both the war fronts and the Rome political news, which is assuming increasing importance. The Allied Press has therefore asked that political correspondents be permitted.
4. AFHQ DPR, while approving this plan, stated that he could not increase his present commitments, that AFHQ PR was not concerned with political issues, and that in any case AFHQ PR might move away from Rome. A request was therefore made that political correspondents be accredited to ACC PR who would be responsible for them as under (2) and would also have the right to accept or reject the names submitted.
5. The ACC, with the concurrence of AFHQ G-5 and of the US Representative on the Advisory Council and of the British High Commissioner, have agreed to this request. Certain names have already been put forward, and a notice will now be posted at AFHQ PR stating that ACC PR will accept a limited number of political correspondents.
6. It is expected that the following papers will at once set up political correspondents, some of whom may be taken from the representatives already in Rome:-

- (1) Reuters
- (2) The Times
- (3) A.P.
- (4) U.P.
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- (10) New York Times
- (11) News Chronicle
- (12) Daily Express
- (13) Manchester Guardian.

The total number might go up to 20: probably not more.

7. Questions which arise for consideration and possibly immediate action are:

- (a) Billetting and rations: It is for consideration whether a villa should not be requisitioned for this purpose. Such an arrangement would greatly simplify matters both for administration, for information, for light, for transport, for telephones etc. If correspondents are

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accommodated as has in present overcrowded hotels they will be difficult to get at, they will not be pleased, and they will make insistent demands for telephones, messengers etc.

(b) Transport: It will be necessary to requisition one car per organization. No doubt every organization would be willing to buy a car (The Times has already done so), but no regulation exists by which such cars can be serviced, garaged and provided with petrol. It would seem therefore that there is no alternative to requisitioning and that the cars requisitioned must be garaged, supplied and serviced, and drivers provided, by the ACC.

(c) Office space and signal service: For the time being, and as long as AFHQ PR does not move, the Chief Censor has agreed to accept for transmission by the cable and wireless services the despatches of political correspondents. Office space for working and filing copy cannot however be provided. This means that ACC must provide (1) a news room (2) a regular messenger service. It is thought that the news room could best be provided at the Stampa Esfera (the usual peace-time office of foreign correspondents now occupied only by the neutrals) and steps are being taken to see whether that building can be taken over by the ACC.

8. This memorandum is for the purpose of bringing the proposed arrangements to the notice of those concerned, so that necessary action may be taken quickly and smoothly as soon as correspondents are accredited.

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

Acting Chief Commissioner
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Refer to Ex Comm

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Mr H. Gacoin.

*Refer to Ex Comm
for details*

PUBLIC RELATIONS
ADVANCE A.F.H.Q.
C.M.F.

21st August 1944.

2/RS/12

Memorandum for: Major Lionel Fielden,
Chief P.R.O.,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

Subject: Political Correspondents in Italy.

It is suggested that the following points discussed between yourself Lieut.Colonel V.E. Scott-Bailey, Lieut.Colonel G.A.L. Helder and myself at our meeting yesterday evening shall form the basis of agreement regarding control of political correspondents.

1. It is understood that A.C.C. is willing to accept and administer a limited number of political correspondents. Initially this number should not exceed twenty in all.
2. For the time being those correspondents who are accredited to A.F.H.Q. but wish to cover political subjects shall be allowed to do so and will retain their War Department or War Office licences. When however on political assignments they will be administered by A.C.C.
3. The names of all other correspondents who wish to be registered shall be submitted to G-2, A.F.H.Q. or their representatives in U.S. and U.K. respectively for security vetting before they are acceptable to A.C.C.
4. Correspondents mentioned in (3) above shall be accommodated as far as their work is concerned at the Stampa Estera, their copy being ferried to the P.R. office for censorship and transmission. Owing to various factors these correspondents cannot be accommodated in the P.R. building and their copy must of necessity be subject to deferment, priority being given to all operational copy.
5. Owing to limited censorship personnel, it is impossible to supply Censors at the Stampa Estera: Censorship will therefore take place in the P.R. office in the following languages:- ENGLISH, FRENCH, ITALIAN, SPANISH AND GERMAN. Copy written in other languages must be translated before submission to Censorship.

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6. The civilian correspondents will not wear uniform nor will they be permitted to enter operational areas or cover operations.
7. A.C.C. will provide form of licence for issue to these correspondents, proposed wording for which is attached.
8. In due course it appears likely that various correspondents who are now fully accredited will wish to cease covering military operations and will concentrate on political work. When this time comes these correspondents will return their War Department or War Office licences and will be issued with an A.C.C. licence only. They will then be subject to the same conditions applicable to civilian correspondents mentioned above.

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9. Until normal conditions apply in Italy it will be essential for all correspondents to be housed, transported and fed from military resources. It is agreed that A.C.C. will make the necessary arrangements in this connection.

Any comments you may have to make will be appreciated.

P. R. Astley

(P. R. ASTLEY)
Colonel.
D.D.P.R.

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G-5 Section
APO 512

13 August 1944

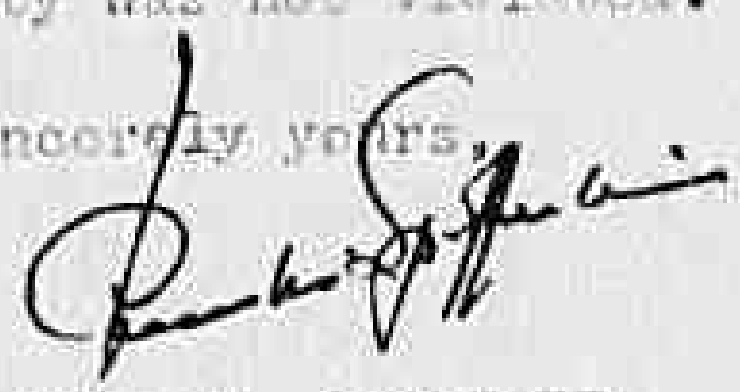
Dear Lush:

Referring to your communication of 7 August regarding accreditation of political correspondents to ACC, this Headquarters has no objection to the plan as outlined.

The matter was discussed with General McChryabai and it was agreed that it would be quite proper if the correspondents were accredited directly to ACC, and that all arrangements be made through Colonel Astley, as suggested in your letter.

It is understood such correspondents would be free to comment as they wish so long as security was not violated.

Sincerely yours,


CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Colonel, G.S.C.Brigadier Maurice S. Lush, OBE, MC
Executive Commissioner
HC 2 MG Section
Hq., Allied Control Commission
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ARMED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Information and Censorship Section
Press & Radio Censorship Branch, ITALY
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8 August 1944

SUBJECT: Censorship of copy submitted in Russian by
Alexander Vishnevsky, Tass Agency.

TO : Field Press Censors.

1. Permission has been granted to this correspondent
to file copy from this theatre. It will be subject to
Field Press Censorship.

2. He will file in Russian and to cover this language
it has been arranged that Miss Barbara Matzeff of A.C.C.
will visit the office and translate to a censor. Miss
Matzeff is employed at Transport Dept. of A.C.C. under
Col. Carnes in Room 22 of the A.C.C. Building. Her
telephone number is 549016, Ext. 378. When the copy is
received she should be asked by telephone to come round.
Whenever possible a car should be sent to fetch her.

3. Normal censorship rules will apply to this
correspondent's copy.

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J.L. HAYDEN,
Lt. Col., O.S.,
O.i/c Press & Radio
Censorship Branch, ITALY.

Copy to: Lt. Col. Helder
Major Fielden
Field Press Censors' Clerks.

PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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PRB/RS

5 August 1944.

Subject: Political Correspondents.

To: Executive Commissioner.

I am sorry that you have held up the minute to G-5 regarding political correspondents, because the matter is really urgent. AFHQ Algiers have wired the British Embassy here asking specifically that I take responsibility at once for 3 more correspondents coming from England. The British and American Embassies have wired Washington and London also to this effect. The PWB have absolutely nothing whatever to do with Allied correspondents: they never have had: they never in their wildest dreams have claimed it: it is right outside their terms of reference. For Heavens sake do not let us start this new hare now! I cannot imagine why the ACC always has this perverted view of PWB.

Lionel Fielden
LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,

Public Relations Director.

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P.R.O.

* As P.R.O. you should know

Letter to issue. *NR 7/8*Dispatched 7 Aug.
(attached)

PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ARMED CONTROL COMMISSION

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PRB/RB

3 August 1944.

Subject: Car for Times correspondent.

Mr Lumby saw this

To: Colonel E.L. Clough, Executive Officer.

15 Aug 44

We are still absolutely obstructed regarding Lumby's car. Ballance and Gregory (R.A.C.) refuse to give him a permit until he has a permit to get petrol. They say they have only got petrol for Italian civilians: he is not an Italian civilian. Sorry to bother you with this: it is a precedent and therefore difficult. The only real solution seems to be that political correspondents be attached to ACC for garage, petrol, repairs etc. There's just no getting away from the fact that we ARE going to have political correspondents here and if R.A.C. obstruct them we must take care of them. Lumby is now well on the way to creating a Press "incident", and I don't wonder!

Maj. Fielder:

Lionel Fielder
LIONEL FIELDER,
Major,
Public Relations Branch.

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In order to cover, these correspondents must be accredited and assigned to ACC, in which case we will furnish transport. There is no provision for the sale of petrol.

Clough
Col.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB/R5

3 August 1944

Subject: Tass Agency press representation.

To: Colonel G.A.L. Helder; AFHQ PRO.

1. I refer to your note 2/PRS/114 of 2 August regarding M. Alessandro Visnevski, Tass Agency representative.
2. The question of political correspondents being accredited to ACC in Rome is still under discussion but I hope it will very speedily be settled.
3. The ACC sees no objection at all to M. Visnevski being allowed to file messages for Moscow at once and I hope you will accord him this facility.
4. As soon as the authorization for political correspondents is obtained we will relieve you of this responsibility.

(Sgd)

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

3 August 1944.

PRE/R5

Subject: Political correspondents.

To: Executive Commissioner.

Letter to AFHQ (G-5) attached for your signature please.

Lionel Fielden
LIONEL FIELDEN,

Major,
Public Relations Director.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
(R.C. & M.G. Section
APO 394

PRB/R5

3 August 1944.

Subject: Political correspondents.

To: Allied Force Headquarters (G-5)

Requests have been made, and more are expected, from newspapers and agencies for permission to send political correspondents, and staff, to Rome. Such requests seem justified by the fact that the war correspondents allowed to each agency or newspaper are fully occupied with the war fronts, now at some distance from Rome, and are unable to cover political events here which are assuming a growing significance.

Colonel Astley, DDPF, has expressed the opinion that the Public Relations Branch of ACC should properly be responsible for the accrediting, servicing, billeting, transport etc of such correspondents. ACC PR at the request of Colonel Astley has already taken over these duties in respect of the neutral correspondents in Rome.

It would seem in fact that as events develop political correspondents must be accredited to Rome. Up to the present, the Times has requested permission to employ one political correspondent here (Robert Hadfield, at present working with PWB) in addition to the two war correspondents, Lumby and Ure: the New York Times has requested permission for the immediate employment in its Rome Bureau of Mrs Milton Bracker (wife of its correspondent formerly in Naples); and the Tass Agency has sent Mr Vichnierski as political correspondent (The latter has already been accredited, under a misapprehension, by the War Office):

It would seem also that political correspondents in Rome should normally be attached to ACC Public Relations Branch since their information will come chiefly through that office.

Approval is therefore sought for political correspondents and their staffs to be accredited to, and so far as is necessary by, ACC PRO, who will then be responsible for making the necessary arrangements.

(Sgd) MS Luck

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner,
for Acting Chief Commissioner.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS
ADVANCE A.F.H.Q.
C.M.F.

2 August 1944

2/PRS/114

SUBJECT: Tass Agency press representation

TO : Major Lionel Fielden,
Public Relations Officer,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

1. I refer to the telephone conversation we had this morning regarding M. Alessandro Visnevski, Tass Agency representative, at present in Rome and enclose for your information copy of letter I am today writing him.

2. I trust that when he calls you will issue him with the form of licence you referred to so that he will be able to file messages.

3. I confirm that had M. Visnevski made application to act as a war correspondent with the British Forces the War Office would have been agreeable that he should act in this capacity. I pass this information on as it covers the security aspect.

4. I am sending a copy of this letter and my letter to M. Visnevski to Lieut.-Colonel J.L. Hayden, Press & Radio Censorship.

G A L Helder

G.A.L. HELDER
Lieut.-Colonel
A D P R

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Copy to: Lt.-Col. J.L. Hayden,
Press & Radio Censorship.

PUBLIC RELATIONS
ADVANCE A.F.H.Q.
O.M.F.

2 August 1944

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Dear Sir,

1. I refer to our conversation yesterday and confirm, as I mentioned to you, that it is only possible for us to accept one Tass Agency correspondent for accrediting to the British Land Forces operating under A.F.H.Q.
2. You will remember that when you first called to see me on 15 July you informed me that you desired to cover political activities in Italy and this you again confirmed when you called yesterday, but you also then added that you were expecting a M. Zhdanov of Tass Agency to arrive in Italy from Moscow in a few weeks' time to report military news of the British Forces.
3. As I know you understand these Headquarters are military headquarters and not in any way concerned with the reporting of political news and it seems therefore that as Tass Agency can only have one correspondent accredited to the British Forces, the proper person for this will be M. Zhdanov when he arrives. In this connection I should mention that we have not so far had any official notification of his proposed arrival but doubtless this will be on its way.
4. The only outstanding question now is to put you in a position of being able to file your copy on political matters. This is a matter for the Public Relations Officer of Allied Control Commission (Major Fielden) to whom I have today spoken and he tells me that if you will call and see him he will make the necessary arrangements. Of course in the ordinary way copy of all correspondents leaving Italy is subject to censorship.
5. As I mentioned to you when you originally called to see me, it would have saved a great deal of time and trouble to all if we could have had some prior notice of your intended arrival in Italy. If, therefore, you hear any word of M. Zhdanov's proposed arrival I should be grateful if you will advise me at once.

Yours faithfully,

M. Alessandro Visnevski,
Appartment 9,
46A Via Tevere,
ROMA.

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G. A. L. HELDER
Lieut.-Colonel
A D P R

PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

31 July 1944.

PRB/RB

Subject: Correspondents.

To: Executive Commissioner.

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PRO.

I agree. Please draft
letter to G-5

Mr 31/7/44

Lionel Fielden
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Public Relations Director.

PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

28 July 1944.

PRB/R29 5a.

Subject: Tass agency telegrams.

To: Lt Montant, Adjutant.

Telegrams sent to Tass Agency by Members of the Advisory Council for Italy should not be handled by ACC. These are news telegrams which must follow the course prescribed for all Allied correspondents and news agencies, viz they must be filed with AFHQ PRO, Istituto Nazionale delle Assicurazioni, Via 23 Marzo.

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LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Information and Censorship Section
Public Relations Branch
A.P.O. 512

27 July 44

SUBJECT: Entrance of U. S. Civilian Employees into Rome

TO : Allied Control Commission

1. Attached cable from AGWAR, Ref. No. WX66971, 19 July 1944, requests permission for Mrs. Milton Bracker to work in the Rome Bureau of the New York Times.
2. AFHQ outgoing cable Ref. No. F 74575, 23 July 1944, to AGWAR, originated by P.R.O., with A.C.C. included in distribution, states P.R.O. does not have facilities and that the request is being referred to A.C.C. for appropriate action and direct reply.
3. Request necessary decision and action be taken on request of attached cable, and the reply cabled to AGWAR.
4. G-2 (CI) has requested action be coordinated with that section.

For the PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER:

Thomas J. Stahl
THOMAS J. STAHL
Captain, Infantry
Asst. Executive Officer

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

HQ ACC, APO 394
156 Sec'y Gen
Rec'd 22 July 1430
By *[Signature]*

22 July 1944.

PRE/RS

Subject: Political Correspondent for TIMES.
To: Acting Chief Commissioner.

Before taking action may I have your views on the
attached proposal? Political Vice-Presidents have noted.
I think we can take care of housing and feeding.

*you will need more
than Br. approval
if you are going to
open this up. A.F.H.Q.
(E5) must approve.
No objection to the at-
tached, but you are in
for a mob*
[Signature]

[Signature]
LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

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Mr. Fielden

PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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PRB/R5

21 July 1944.

Subject: Political correspondent for TIMES.

To: Vice Presidents, Political Section.

Your views on the attached are requested. The matter has already been discussed with Astley, who wishes ACC PRO to deal with it, as suggested by Lumby. I think there should be no objection, although we shall of course have to get the agreement of MOI, FO and WO.

Lionel Fielden

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

This is primarily a matter to be dealt with by the authorities who will have to become - find them people. I recall the stream which broke in Algeria when their numbers were limited. I see no objection to their coming.

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* arrangements on my part personally after "The Hook"!

c/o P.R., A.F.H.2
July 20th, 1944

Major Lionel Fielden
P.R.O., A.C.C.

Dear Fielden,

Italian political questions are becoming more interesting to Great Britain and the U.S.A. now that Rome is included in Liberated Italy, and it seems to me that the time has come when political correspondents, as distinct from war correspondents, should be appointed in Rome, as they were in similar circumstances in Algiers last year.

These correspondents should obviously be accredited to the A.C.C. That is why I am addressing this letter to you; the most important conditions of their status would be in my opinion:-

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- (b) that they should be entitled to use the cable and wireless facilities provided by P.R., A.F.H.Q.
- (c) that they should wear uniform without distinguishing badges.
- (d) that they should be entitled to draw rations or to join Army messes.

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Yours sincerely

Col Philip Astley

Copy to Colonel Philip Astley

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ROUTINE

FROM: AGWAR FROM GROCAN

TO: FAIRBANKS TO DEVERS FOR PRO

REF NO THIS MESSAGE: WX 66971, 18 July 1944.

New York Times requests acceptance Mrs MILTON BRACKER
as civilian employee, not as War Correspondent, to work in ROME Bureau.

ACTION: PRO

INFORMATION: G-2
G-1
AG RECORDS

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