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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

9/PRB

19 December 1944.

SUBJECT: AC news distribution.

TO : Major Howard, Liaison PWB-AC.

Sub-Commissions inform me that you are visiting them to "offer them publicity" and to ask for copies of their Monthly Reports etc. I think that this is apt to cause confusion. We have a working arrangement for AC news-distribution to PWB through Anderson, Margolin, and 2 Italian reporters detailed for the job. They work with Major Leacacos of this Branch who is generally responsible for the coordination of our news releases. Sub-Commissions are naturally puzzled when another messenger from PWB appears.

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

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18 December 1944

TO : Major J. Howard Salter, R.A. Adjutant
 National Commissioner's Office HQ Toscana Region AMG
 FROM : Mr. J.G. Barney, Press Officer, Rome
 SUBJECT : PWB News Bulletins

In reference to your letter of the 14th inst., we note that you have received copies of issue No. 51 of Dec. 9. These and previous issues have been sent forward in batches of 500, and it is strange that of No. 51 you only received 160 copies. Your breakdown of the complete shipment of 500 for the various provinces is noted. As, however, these are to be routed to Florence and a similar bulletin is issued by THE Florence, we are sending a copy of your letter to Mr. Harvati, PWB Press Officer at Florence, suggesting that he get in touch with you on this distribution. As all of the provinces concerned lie in territory under his jurisdiction, it is better that copies of the Florence bulletin be used. A considerable saving in time should be the main advantage to be gained. In the meantime, until this office hears from Mr. Harvati that your requirements can be satisfactorily covered by him, we shall continue to send you as previously, thru' AG Message Centre, 1 bundle of 500 copies. It is hoped that the new distribution scheme proposed, will prove much more satisfactory than the one we have tried to operate in conjunction with you for the past few months.

J.G. BARNEY
 Press Officer

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cc/ to PRO HQ AG

Mr. Harvati, Attached hereto please find a copy of Major Salter's letter of Dec. 14 and our reply thereto. It is suggested that you get in touch with him at once to es-

Establish a sufficient supply of wall telephone.

We have been working under of 500 for many weeks now and the 100 copies acknowledged by him are the first that have arrived.

Since we are now in the process of the Civil War line established with you recently, and it is certain that distribution from you and has a better chance of being satisfactorily made.

Please notify us when you have made satisfactory arrangements with Major Walter so that shipments from this end to him may cease.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

PRB

14 December 1944

SUBJECT : Wire cutting offences in forward areas.

TO : P.W.B.

We have been advised by Legal Sub-Commission that complaints are pouring in from the forward areas of the frequency of wire cutting offences, and HQ, No. 1 District request a publicity campaign.

The penalties attaching to such offences are set out in Proclamation No. 1 (Revised) : Part II, Article No. IV, para 12, which states that any person who interferes with communication by mail, courier, telegraph, telephone, cable, radio, or otherwise, or removes or damages any telegraph, telephone or electric power wire shall upon conviction by an Allied Military Court, be liable to punishment by death, or by imprisonment or fine or both, as the Court may determine.

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Will you please give the widest publicity through radio or any of your publications to these offences and stress the penalties to which offenders are liable.

For the Director :-

ARTHUR P. BRAYDON,
Lieut.,
Public Relations Officer.

Copy to :-
Legal Sub-Commission.
(Encl.: 1)

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

14th December, 1944.

To: Major Lionel Fielden,
PRO-AC.

From: Major E.B. Howard,
Liaison, PWB-AC.

This is to introduce to you Lieut. H. Scott, who is now working with our Propaganda and Policy Section.

He would like to obtain statistics and information on reconstruction in Italy from the various departments of AC concerned with this matter. It would be convenient if this information could be given through some central channel, and I suggested to him that you would be the best person to supply it. 1788

I would be very glad if you would give him all the help you can.

Yours sincerely,

Edmund Howard

E.B. Howard, Major.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION

AC/4002/15/L.

/p. 1.
6 December 1944.

SUBJECT : Wire Cutting.

TO : PRO.

1. Complaints are again pouring in from the forward areas of the frequency of wire cutting offences.
2. Hq No. 1 District request a publicity campaign.
3. There are no particular cases available at the moment, but details are being requested.

Copy to: AC/4009/L.

W. E. Smith
W. E. SMITH S.
Colonel,
Deputy Chief Legal Advisor.
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DIGEST OF SUGGESTED PLANS FOR PRESS IN THE NORTH

1. All publications of Fascist creation or identified with Fascist leaders will be suppressed on the entry of the Allied Forces. PWB Combat Teams will issue "Corriere Alleato" as an emergency news and information sheet.
Periodicals favourable to the Allied cause and publishing clandestinely prior to Allied liberation may continue to publish if they register within seven days of the Allied Military Governor's proclamation and subject to military censorship. Non-Fascist and technical papers may continue to publish on the same conditions.
2. It remains to decide the future status of those famous papers with a pre-Fascist history which had, however, been taken over and run as Fascist papers. There are two alternate plans suggested:
 - (a) Papers with a pre-Fascist history which had been taken over and run as Fascist periodicals will be suspended until responsibility for the Italian Press shall be passed over to the Italian Government when it eventually assumes jurisdiction. Under this plan the Allies will be kept clear of juridical, financial and expropriation complications concerning proprietorship and the rights of property.
Newspapers affected by this ruling will include :

"Resto del Carlino"	of Bologna	
"Corriere della Sera"	of Milan	
"la Stampa"	) of Turin	
"Gazzetta del Popolo"	of Venice	4728
"Gazzettino"	of Trieste	
"Piccolo"	of Genoa	
"Il Secolo XIX"		
 - (b) These papers will be suspended on Allied entry pending the appointment of a commissario by the AMG Regional Commissioner. The papers would then re-appear as independent, information dailies under their old and historic titles as soon as the commissario had been satisfied that expropriation had been complete. A committee of three could be attached to the commissario in a consultative capacity if this were considered necessary by the Regional Commissioner or if such an appeal were made to the Regional Commissioner by responsible elements of the community. The papers would conform to all the economic and other restrictions imposed by wartime conditions on the Press as a whole. Any profits accruing would be frozen by the Commissario and eventually utilised by being applied to

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and other restrictions imposed by wartime conditions on the
Press as a whole. Any profits accruing would be frozen by
the Commissario and eventually utilised by being applied to
local reconstruction in accordance with such orders as the
Commune might decree after the area is ceded to Italian
jurisdiction. The Italian Government agrees that none of
these papers will be returned to the control of Fascist
owners and that all questions of future proprietorship and
other legal complications would be held over until the Italian
Government assumes jurisdiction in this territory.

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3. Instructions will be circulated so that provisional newspaper permits issued in the North can be registered by Allied Publications Board and marshalled for eventual consignment to the Italian Press Commission when Italian jurisdiction takes over. No permits will be considered unless Military Censorship on the spot can be guaranteed and sustained. No party or other newspapers published outside the 15th Army Group area will be allowed to enter any point within the said area without the specific approval of the Military Commander.
4. As each town or area is entered by Allied troops, every stockholder of newsprint or flatbed paper will be required by PWB Printing Officer to declare what stocks and resources he has in hand and to what purpose they are being used.
5. As freedom of the Press automatically excludes the right of the Allies to impose their own information directives or policy on Italian papers, the Allies will reserve their own channel by means of openly declared Allied news sheets which may be published in the Italian language at the following centres: Bologna, Milan, Turin, Genoa, Venice, Trieste, Trento. To emphasize their Allied character, they will be called "Corriere di.....Lombardia", etc.
They will rank as operational activities, which may be opened up or closed down without obligation or reference to any Italian commercial or proprietary interest.
In no case may the titles of these papers be adopted by any Italian group after the cessation of their publication by the Allies.
6. PWB will provide on demand, if asked, a free Italian language news service, special articles, maps and photographs, to all publications within the limits of whatever communications exist or may be established. This news service will be given up as soon as communications allow after the territory is ceded to Italian jurisdiction, following the system already adopted in Central and Southern Italy.

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(sgd)

I.S. MUNRO,
Lt. Colonel,
Chief Press Officer, PWB.

9th March 1945

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

[Handwritten signature/initials]

28 November 1944

Ref: 3

TO : Regional Commissioner HQ Region VIII (Siena) AMG
thru AC Rome

FROM : Mr. J.G. Barney, Press Officer

SUBJECT: PWB News Bulletins.

In reference to your letter of the 22nd inst., the Message Centre of AC fails to understand why bi-weekly supplies of the Bulletin sent you through them have not arrived.

This morning's consignment was delivered to them by a representative of this office, addressed as follows:

Regional Commissioner HQ Region VIII (Siena) AMG

and AC Message Centre assured him that this consignment would reach you tomorrow afternoon. We shall be glad to have your confirmation that these bulletins duly arrived.

[Handwritten signature: J.G. Barney]

J.G. BARNEY
Press Officer

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c. to Major Fielden PRO AE

PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED COMMISSION

PRB/R9

October 27, 1944

SUBJECT : Report on Education

TO : Mr Caccia

This has its comic side and is the aptest possible illustration of our difficulties with PWB.

Mr Gnuide says " ACC issued a long statement" etc.

ACC didn't do anything of the kind.

PWB did, and, as usual, failed to check with this office.

Now PWB complains!

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(Sgt)

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

Dear Capt. Canuck

May I write for some letters.
I am sorry to hear that your
library idea has been temporarily
suspended. I am now beginning
to get a certain flow of
periodicals here and shall
concentrate them in the Central
Reference Library on the 3rd floor.
The trouble is that we have not
much space but we will do our best.

PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED COMMISSION

PRB/R9

26 October 1944.

Dear Captain Carrick,

Many thanks for your letter. I am sorry to know that your library idea has been temporarily suspended.

I am now beginning to get a certain flow of periodicals here and shall concentrate them in the Central Reference Library on the 3rd floor.

The trouble is that we haven't much space, but we will do our best.

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

Capt. R.K. Carrick
Chief,
Publications Section
PWB

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ITALIAN THEATRE HEADQUARTERS
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27/14

Dear Major Fielden,

Thank you for your letter of 18 October.
Unfortunately, I have had to drop the idea of a
library at Via Veneto 89, as we were unsuccessful
in our application for electricity for lighting.

I am looking for another location where we
can rely upon daylight, and I will certainly discuss
the details with you as soon as I have something definite.

There is certainly a big demand for this but,
as you say, we must avoid duplications.

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R.K. GARRICK,
Capt., R.A.,
CHIEF
PUBLICATIONS SECTION

24 October 44

PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB/R9

21 October 1944

SUBJECT : Wine releases

TO : Mr. George W. Edman ADPWO (Lib), PRB.

Please see attached correspondence from Lazio-Umbria Region on treatment of releases concerning wine, enclosing copy of a recent item in the "Corriere di Roma".

We should be grateful for your cooperation in falling in with Maj. Mason's suggestion and in according to wine releases the same treatment as for food releases.

For the Director

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(Sgd)

John P. Lougheed,
Major, AUS,
Public Relations Officer.

Suggested letter re PWB Library.

As the result of negotiations between Maj. Hinkel and Psychological Warfare Branch the latter are opening a Reference Library at Via Veneto 89, almost next door to this Headquarters.

The purpose of this library is to place at the disposal of Italian Bankers, Journalists, Professors, Teachers, and in fact all technical and professional people, newspapers, periodicals and technical Journals. This library, situated in this convenient place will prove useful to the personnel of ACC.

Before opening, however, PWB has to be assured that reference material is forthcoming in greater quantity than that organisation obtains through its own channels.

Capt. R.K. Carrick, Head of the Publications Section, PWB, who is responsible for the library would welcome contribution of material that Sub-Commission and branches can spare and forward to him.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB/RS

18 October 1944.

Dear Carrick:

I am rather bothered about what it is best to do about the library question. Italians are constantly bothering us - and chiefly for our press cuttings, reports, bulletins etc., which we won't let out of this building. Before I got your letter I had meditated some sort of set-up in the library here and I had also spoken to Michael Stewart (press attache at the British Embassy) about his possible establishment of a reading room. I think if PWB is going to remain here and 89 Via Veneto will be a permanent institution, it is an excellent idea. I have already asked ACC staff to give their surplus papers to the library here and (if there is any response) we might well hand them over to your library. I think we had better have a talk about it, as we certainly don't want to duplicate the effort.

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LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.Lieut. R. K. Carrick
PWB

Subject: Library

To : MAJ. FIELDEN
Director PRB, A.C.C.

Dear Maj. Fielden,

I understand that you have kindly offered to assist in establishing the library at Via Veneto 89, by notifying the various branches of ACC of the need for material, in the hope that by this means we shall get very much more than would be possible by direct contact with London and New York.

I enclose a suggested draft as a basis for your communication to the various sections of ACC.

With again many thanks

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Yours very truly,

R. H. Carrick

Reply

Dear Carrick

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With again many thanks

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Yours very truly,
H. H. Canich

Reply

Dear Canich

I can rather well understand about what it is best to do about the library question. We - but chiefly for our own country - have been building up a library here for some time. It has been a long time since we have been able to purchase some sort of set-up in to the British and I had also spoken of this in the past. (I am not sure if it is possible to purchase some sort of set-up in to the British over

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 it, as we certainly don't want to
 duplicate his effort.

by R. H. Chance,
 PWB

PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

PRB/R9

11 Oct 44

SUBJECT : CENSORSHIP

TO : Mr. George W. Edman, A.D.P.W.O. Italy (Lib).

Dear George,

A forced evacuation of some 20,000 people is taking place from Rimini district to Macerata district. This measure has been forced on us by the delay in the advance and other factors. It is considered desirable that it be regarded as a military step for censorship purposes, and no mention be made of it.

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LIONEL FIELDEN
Major
Public Relations Director.

COPY to : Lt. Col. Haden, A.P.H.Q.
" " : Major Alexander, P.W.B.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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PRE/R9

2 Oct 44.

SUBJECT : TYPEWRITERS

Dear Weidman,

Here is a small matter on which I would value your diplomatic assistance. As you know we in this branch are the "opposite number" of the Under-secretariat of Press and Information of the Italian Government, and as such supposed to look after their interests. Early in July they asked me whether they might have the 34 typewriters which had been found hidden at the Ministry of Popular Culture here and had been taken over by the P.M.B. I wrote to Rayner about this on July 21 and since then we have unceasingly tried to get local typewriters - or at least some of them - out of the P.M.B. The only result so far, after endless waste of time, has been the handing over yesterday of 2 - much required.

This is a small thing but it makes bad blood and I wonder whether you have some diplomatic channel of conveying to P.M.B. the idea that it would be a nice gesture at this time to hand over the lot.

Yours sincerely,

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Lionel Fielden

Capt. Weidman,
G-5. AFHQ.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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PRB/E 8

23 Sept., 1944

Dear Mr. Edman,

Our press release on olive oil, issued today, is enclosed. Attached to it you will find three memos containing all the basic material for olive oil amassing publicity. The man to contact here is Captain Birch, Agriculture Sub-Commission, Telephone 248 ACC HQ.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd)

JOHN P. LEAFAGOS,
Major, AUS.
Public Relations Officer

Mr. George Edman,
P.W.B.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION*Mr*
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PRS/RS

21 Sep. 1944

SUBJECT : Alleged Fascist Propaganda in Children's Book.
TO : AFHQ (G-5), (Attention Lt.Col. T.B. Jackman)

Reference your letters G-5 : 350 of 20 June 1944 and 8 Sep. 1944, this matter has now gone through a good many channels and it seems to me that the attached letter of Colonel Luno, who is Executive Secretary of the Allied Publications Board, is final. I certainly agree with it.

(Sgd)

LIONEL FIELDEN
Major
Public Relations Director

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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PRB/R9

21 Sep 44

SUBJECT : ITALIAN NEWS AGENCY

TO : Mr. George W. Edman, A.D.P.W.C. Italy (Lib).

Dear George,

You will remember that Captain Stone expressed a desire that the establishment of an Italian News Agency should be hastened.

I do not know what steps are being taken by PWB to this end but I am quite sure that a good many inside and outside interests are working in this matter, and it seems to me that if action is not taken we may find all sorts of ugly arrangements being made sub rosa. As in all these matters, I fear, as you know, that decent action which might now be taken by the Allies may be prejudiced - in spite of all control - by some sort of illicit arrangements made now with a view to putting them into effect when Allied control is removed.

I have thought a good deal over the idea of a "non-profit, co-operative agency" and spoken about it to Italians whose judgment I trust. I am more and more inclined to think that this - as they say - "Anglo-Saxon idea" will not work in Italy under present conditions. There are in fact no safeguards which would effectively prevent it from falling in fact under the control of a single group - foreign, national, party or private - which would use the "non-profit co-operative" device to mask its control. I cannot help thinking that on the whole a selling agency, provided that the right men could be found to control it, is a better answer.

These however are random reflections : the purpose of this letter is to suggest that we get to work quickly to agree upon some definite scheme.

(Sd)

Yours

Lancel Fielder

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Information and Censorship Section
PWB ITALIAN THEATRE HEADQUARTERS
Unit No.12 APO 512, U.S. Army

20 September 44.

SUBJECT : Alleged Fascist Propaganda in Children's Book.

TO : Major Lionel Fielden,
Public Relations Director,
ACC.

It is a pity we have to waste time over a thing like this. Mr. Goodman saw the book "some years ago in London" and on the strength of that sets going an official correspondence to discover who should be responsible in Italy today to prevent its possible appearance. If such book were offered for sale in Italy the public itself would take care of the bookseller. Our own authority, that is PWB and APB, is concerned with keeping an eye on new publications and not policing old ones. But I do not think Mr. Goodman need have any fear.

I. S. Munro
Lt. Col.

I. S. MUNRO,
Lt. Col.,
Chief Press Officer, Italy.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB/R9

18 Sep. 1944

Dear Mr Ravotto,

I am passing on the enclosed to you as it seems to
lie in your province rather than in mine.

I have acknowledged the letter.

Yours sincerely

(Sep)
LIONEL FIELDEN
Major
Public Relations Director

Mr. J.D. RAVOTTO
Radio Roma, EIAA Building
10, Via Asiago

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UFFICIO STAMPA
COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

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PWB/RS

18 Sett. 1944

Egregio Sig. Bazzani,

La ringraziamo della sua "Lettera al Popolo giapponese" che abbiamo regolarmente ricevuta. Dopo averne presa visione l'abbiamo passata al competente PWB (Ufficio Alleato per la Propaganda) che ne fara' l'uso che credera' opportuno.

Voglia gradire i nostri ringraziamenti e i nostri saluti distinti.

(Sgd)

LIONEL FIELDEN
Maggiore
Direttore dell'Ufficio Stampa

Al Sig. Guido BAZZANI
Via Felice Cavallotti, 19
ROMA

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB/P9

14 Sept. 1944

Dear Mr. Edman:

Some time ago I referred a call from Mr. Exintaris, Greek representative on the Allied Advisory Council, to Mr. Rhodes in connection with showing photographs of Greek military activity in this theater in the Propaganda shops. Mr. Exintaris has finally sent over some photographs which are enclosed which you may wish to use in the shops, your publications and perhaps service through your pictorial division.

For the Director

(Sgd)

JOHN P. LEACACOS,
Major,
Public Relations OfficerMr. George Edman,
P.W.B.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PFB/RS

14 Sept. 1944

Dear Mr. Edman,

As you know, Region IV food division sends out through us regular and almost daily food notices which are of the greatest importance to the residents of Rome for information as to the mechanics of obtaining their food rations.

These notices, unfortunately, are not infrequently run later than we sent them out or only run partly, due of course, to the news space situation, a factor we fully appreciate. On the other hand the news of food distribution is of the first urgency and readers have a right to get it on time, I do think you would agree.

Could we therefore, make it a standard operating procedure that the following points be observed without fail on the publishing of food notices:

a. That all notices are printed in full in the next issue of the Corriere di Roma after they are received, if that is at all possible.

b. That any notices or parts of notices omitted only because of pressing reasons be printed without fail in the next day's issue.

c. That food notices should not be boiled down by the United Nations News Service in distributing them to the Italian press.

d. That every attempt at regularity and speed be made to insure that the food notices are sent out to the Italian press in time for the next day's issue.

Your cooperation in this vital matter will be deeply appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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For the Director.

(Sgd)

JOHN P. LEACACOS,
Public Relations OfficerMr. George Edman
PWBCopies to Mr. Murray Corriere di Roma, Capt. Maloney PWB
Capt. Neuberg Region IV

PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB/R9

14 Sep 44

SUBJECT : PREPARATION OF BOOKLET INCLUDING ACC ACTIVITIES
TO : Mr. George W. Edman, A.D.P.W.O. Italy (Lib).

Dear George,

I shall of course be pleased to see Lieut. Carrick at any time. I have tried to get into touch with him by telephone since receiving your letter but so far I have been unlucky. He can, I think, get all the information he wants from our files and archives.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd)

LIONEL FIELDEN
Major
Public Relations Director.

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9 September 1944

Capt. Ellery W. Stone, Acting Chief Commissioner
Allied Control Commission

Dear Captain Stone:

Many thanks for your letter of the 8th. I should have made it clear in our conversation last week that the booklet we are planning at the request of AFHQ is intended to cover as many phases of Allied activities and achievements during the last year as possible. At the same time we do not want to ignore the achievements of the Italian people. The booklet will not be confined to the work of ACC alone, although much of the material will naturally have to do with ACC.

Further, Mr. Zevi is not the only person working on this project. The work is in charge of Lt. Carrick, head of our Publications Section. It is his responsibility to correlate the efforts of personnel from our Intelligence, News and Publications Sections. I am taking the liberty of showing him your letter.

Any stories pertaining to ACC we shall, of course, want vetted by you.

Sincerely yours,

GEORGE W. EDMAN
A.D.P.W.O. Italy (Lib.)

Lt. Carrick, with copy of Capt. Stone's letter
to be returned to G. Edman
Mr. Minifie
Major Lionel Fielden, PRO, ACC ✓

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PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH
ITALIAN THEATRE HEADQUARTERS
P.W.B. UNIT No. 12 U.S.A.P.O. 512

9 September 1944

Major Lionel Fielden
Public Relations Director
Allied Control Commission

Dear Lionel:

The position of Orlando is as follows: Since the early part of the war he has worked for PWE in England, contributing a weekly article to "The Observer". A few weeks ago he was transferred to PWB and on his arrival here was not certain whether he would be able to continue his articles for "The Observer".

He told me that he met you the first day he was in Rome, and spoke to you of having been a regular contributor to "The Observer". He says that you informed him you would look into the matter and see if you could get articles and background for him --- which would justify the phrase - "most peculiar activity". Orlando very soon learned, of course, that no member of PWB is allowed to write for newspapers, except in very exceptional circumstances which do not apply in this case.

I hope this will serve to clarify Orlando's position.

Sincerely yours,

George W. Elman
GEORGE W. ELMAN
A.D.P.W.O. Italy (Lib.)

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PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH
ITALIAN THEATRE HEADQUARTERS
P. W. B. UNIT No. 12 U.S.A.P.O. 512

8 September 1944

Major Lionel Fielden
Public Relations Director
Allied Control Commission

Dear Lionel:

Many thanks for your letters of September 7. I appreciate very much your attitude regarding the proposed booklet, and your willingness to help. We most certainly would not think of publishing it without first showing you the draft, since you are certainly the only person in a position to know about the detailed workings of ACC. Meanwhile, may I ask Lt. Carrick of our Publications Section, and Chairman of the booklet committee, to call on you and go over any preliminaries necessary for ferreting out the material that concerns ACC? I am sure it would be helpful.

Regarding the Il-Corriere-Ufficio Stampa episode, why not let matters drop? I'm sure you are busy enough and I know I am, so as not to want to bother further, unless you so desire.

Sincerely yours,

George W. Elman
GEORGE W. ELMAN
A.D.P.W.O. Italy (Lib.)

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cc: Lt. Carrick

PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

FILE

PRB/R9/1

7 September 1944

Dear Mr Edman,

1. I must apologise for the delay in replying to your letter of September 2, which I completely overlooked during a rush of work.
2. It still appears to me that PRB/R37 of August 12 is clear on the method of handling CIL material. Paragraph 3 of that memorandum states explicitly that after certain arrangements have been made Public Relations Branch ACC would release the material to the various agencies concerned. In the case of the article concerned, PRB had not done this, nor had the arrangements been completed. Therefore "Il Corriere" scooped the press in an uncensored version.
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5. I will send this memorandum to Colonels Astley and Haydon and Major Colville if you feel that further explanation is called for.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd)

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LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.Mr George W. Edman,
ADPWO Ital (Lib),
PWB,
62 Via Veneto.

PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB/R9

7 September 1944

Dear Mr Edman,

With reference to your letter of September 6 I am grateful for the information about the forthcoming booklet. I had not fully understood its scope and purpose.

The position is somewhat embarrassing from three points of view. First, for various reasons which will become apparent, a survey at the moment is very much NOT desired. Secondly, any survey made now will be necessarily incomplete and will give an inaccurate impression. Thirdly, since we are concerned with all ACC/AMG publicity we should not like such a survey to be published unless we had first seen and passed it - which in fact may be difficult to do for the first two reasons.

I fully appreciate your position in the matter. Will you please let us see the draft before publication, so that we may do the best that we can under the circumstances.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd)

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

Mr George W. Edman,
ADPWO,
Italy (Lib),
62 Via Veneto.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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PWB,
62 Via Veneto.

*Mr. Antolini**To EWE*PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB/R9

6 Sep 44.

Dear Edman,

I should be greatly obliged if you would stop all further activities regarding a survey of ACC until definite permission and agreement has been obtained.

You will, I am sure, realise that I am all in favour of good publicity for ACC but, for reasons which I endeavoured to explain in a letter which I wrote to Lieut. Carrick after Mr. Zevi's visit, I feel extremely doubtful about the wisdom of a survey on the lines proposed. Over and above that, Mr. Antolini, Head of the Economic Section, has stated very decisively that he does not wish such a survey to be made at present.

In spite of this I find what I must call 'most peculiar activity' on the part of PWB going on in this building without my consent or knowledge. In the first place, Ruggiero Orlando, who arrived here calling himself Correspondent of "The Observer", for which he produced no accreditation, and "jumped" a conference which was not open to the Press, is now apparently a member of PWB and has been getting interviews without our knowledge from Industry Sub-Commission. I need not point out to you that if this man is Correspondent of "The Observer" and is sending material home he cannot at the same time make use of his position as a member of PWB to get special interviews.

It is clear that Mr. Zevi has been placed in a difficult position through no fault of his and he has been co-operative in every way. But until this matter is finally settled by the Chief Commissioner I would ask you to suspend these activities.

Yours sincerely, 1678

(Sqn)

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations
Director.Mr. George W. Edman,
PWB.

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6 September 1944

To: Major Lionel Fielden, Public Relations Director, ACC

From: George W. Edman, A.D.P.W.O. Italy (Lib.)

In reference to your letter of 6th September: There is perhaps a little misunderstanding about the proposed booklet. We have a strong directive to give the fullest possible publicity to the activities of the Allies in Italy. As part of the campaign which we are undertaking in order to carry out this directive, we intend to publish a booklet on the subject, for which the anniversary of the Armistice makes a most suitable peg.

I should have made clear in my memorandum of September 1st that we are covering activities of other Allied organizations in this booklet, as well as ACC. But it is our view that it would be absurd to produce such a booklet without making reference to the great and many activities of ACC. I may add that Captain Stone is aware of our intention to produce such a booklet.

I am investigating the situation about Orlando and will write to you separately on this subject.

George W. Edman
GEORGE W. EDMAN
A.D.P.W.O. Italy (Lib.)

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PWB/tp

4 September 1944.

Subject: Survey of year's work of ACC.

To: Acting Chief Commissioner.

1. Please see Mr Eaman's letter of September 1 (attached).
2. This proposal is based on a letter dated August 21 from Lieutenant Carriek, which is attached with my reply.
3. I should naturally welcome a survey of this kind if it were accurate, well-written, and comprehensive. It would perform the work which, a long time since, I suggested should be performed by an ACC Journal.
4. I do not think that PWB has either the staff, the material, or the background knowledge for such a report: nor do I think that the interviews which they propose to inflict on hard-worked officers of sub-commissions would fill these gaps. Mr Zevi, who would chiefly do the job, and with whom I talked, displayed a profound ignorance of ACC and AMG, and yet proposed to me that the survey should be completed in 8 days. So hasty a propaganda job is absolutely at variance with my conception of ACC publicity. And at the present time I think there is more than ever a need for a very careful approach, both factual and psychological, to any attempt to cry up Allied gifts to Italy.

5. I would remind you that this Branch, with three of its present members, has systematically covered all ACC publicity since January last. Not only are the records here, in the form of press releases and press clippings, but also the whole background is known to us who have done this work. Again and again in the past and in the present, PWB had made and makes mistakes resulting naturally from an ignorance of past history and present plans.

6. Before leaving Naples I instructed my staff to work particularly on long term surveys of the work of all sub-commissions, as well as upon immediate releases. We have now collected a great deal of material on a number of general subjects such as labour and wages, food, transport, and industry, and on special subjects such as malaria control, the history of the Naples typhus epidemic, the Granai del Popolo, the patriot movement, the work of Property Control etc. These are all pending for release: but the Sub-Commissions concerned are not ready with the full facts. I do NOT want PWB men going in and getting half-baked stories on these matters.

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7. I would make the following suggestions:

(a) If you have given this survey your blessing, as appears from Mr Edman's letter, will you allow me to say that we reserve the right of PRO to vet the survey and if necessary withhold its publication.

(b) If you are not very keen on the survey, my opinion is that releases through the Italian press on subjects such as I have indicated, and the results of regular Press Conferences now under way, are of much better value than any document emanating from a propaganda agency.

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8. May I say that this case is an excellent example of the troubles involved in the "sales talk" which PWB have sent you. They want to get a clear field for "scooping" the news with hasty, and (to my mind) often unconsidered propaganda. It is my emphatic view that ACC does not need "explaining" by the PWB, and that our policy of giving - as our directive states - "an accurate and comprehensive picture" through releases based on facts, is far more telling in the long run than vulnerable propaganda efforts to paint us in glowing colours.

(Sd)

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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PRB/RG/1

4 September 1944.

Subject: News dissemination in Italy.

To: Acting Chief Commissioner.

1. To me (and I really am beginning to wish that I could say something favourable about PWB!) this document is both unnecessary and misleading. It is also, I think, dangerous in that it obscures issues by sheer casuistry.

2. Take one example of this - paragraph 3 implies that the "weekly directive" controls the press. In fact, of course, it doesn't: it applies ONLY to PWB papers and PWB radio, and the mass of Italian newspapers - as also the Allied morale papers - never hear of it or see it. Thus the whole of paragraph 4 is based on a false premise. It might be argued that the UNNS is controlled by the directive and is the only news source: in fact it is not the only news source and PWB cannot make it so.

3. In actual fact the directives mean very little to us and are very obvious. I attach an example. For the past 3 months we have never attended the "weekly directive" meeting because PWB shifted it to Saturday afternoon which, being the deadline for our weekly bulletin is a peak rush-hour for us. PWB have not noticed our absence yet. The directive is sent to us, of course.

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5. One could of course argue indefinitely as to what "propaganda" is or is not: the crux of the problem, in my view, is that PWB control tends to obscure facts about Italian feelings and deceives Allied interests into thinking that things are better than they are - and both PWB and ourselves are the first victims of this propaganda.

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8. To put it very bluntly, the continuing quarrel is really that PWB would like to interpret "control of propaganda" as "control of PROs". The point is that the position of a PRO is very different from that of the PWB. The PWB may for instance in its own publications suppress (and rightly) "intemperate statements by Labour representatives". The PRO cannot, because he does not own correspondents or newspapers: his job is to produce facts and to interpret and explain them. He is not a part of a propaganda agency.

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LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

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2 September 1944

Major Lionel Fielden, PRO-ACC
Rome

Dear Major Fielden:

I have your letter of the 26th of August 1944 in which you state that you are 'absolutely at a loss to understand how the article 'Alto Elogio del Comando Alleato allo spirito combattivo del C.I.L.' came to be printed in the Corriere di Roma of August 26."

The explanation given to me by Mr. Bookman of PWB is as follows:

Regarding letter from Major Fielden, the letter has reference to a story describing the Italian Liberation Corps and the strip of territory it has liberated, written by me during the first week of August while on a visit to the CIL. Upon my return to Rome I handed in the story to Central Desk, who referred it to Field Press Censor. Field Press Censor sent the story to Major Fielden - (apparently mindful of the special arrangements proposed for handling CIL copy). Major Fielden, I understand, returned the story to censors with a request that they censor it, which they did, returning the censored copy to Major Fielden.

It appears that Major Fielden sent the story to Italian Ufficio Stampa, with a request that they issue it to the press. It is not clear whether he sent them the censored or uncensored copy. Italian Ufficio Stampa sent the story to the press. Corriere di Roma received a mimeographed version of the full story under the heading "Notizie per la Stampa" (no letterhead) with a letter attached from Rossini requesting publication. Apparently the version distributed by Ufficio Stampa was the uncensored version. It remains to fix the responsibility for sending out this uncensored version. The responsibility lies either in Major Fielden's office or Ufficio Stampa.

This does not however explain why Major Fielden addressed a letter of accusation to PWB with copies for five other organizations in town, trying to lay the blame on Corriere di Roma.

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In addition to the foregoing, there is also attached a copy of a letter from the office of Sig. Rossini.

In view of Mr. Bookman's explanation and the letter from Rossini, I must confess I am somewhat at a loss, and if you could give me an explanation I should appreciate it very much.

Sincerely yours,

George W. Eiman
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A.D.P.W.O. Italy (Lib.)

Copy: General Browning, Army S/C
Colonel Astley, DDPR, AFHQ
Colonel Hayden, Press and Radio Censorship, AFHQ
Major Colville, Press Censor, PWB
Mr. John Rayner, D.P.W.O., PWB, Unit 12
Capt. Anderson, News Section, PWB, Unit 12.

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PRESIDENZA DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI
SOTTOSEGRETARIATO PER LA STAMPA E LE INFORMAZIONI

ROMA, 24 agosto 1944

PWB
Magg. Bradley

Si trasmette l'accluse comunicato con preghiera
di volerlo cortesemente utilizzare per gli affissi mura-
li.

Esso è stato inviato da un rappresentante della
N.N.U. ed è stato approvato dal Gen. Browning, così come
ha comunicato il Mag g. Lionel Fielden, Direttore della
Sezione Relazioni Pubbliche dell'A.C.C. a S.E. il Sotto-
segretario Spataro.

IL CAPO DELL'UFFICIO STAMPA

(Avv. A. Rossini)

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB/R9

21 August 1944.

My dear Edman,

The UNN and NNU (44) and Rome radio stated and broadcast on August 17 and 18 to the effect that refugees would be moved from Naples to the south by special wagons or railway and that the Vatican was aiding with 50 vehicles.

The Refugee Branch of ACC were much disturbed by these statements, which were not correct, and which resulted, as they foresaw, in a new and embarrassing movement of refugees. The Branch asked me to ascertain the source of the information, so that such mistakes should not occur again.

I asked Captain Acheson to give me this in writing for the Refugee Branch and he promised to do so. The information has not yet reached me, however, and the Branch are still anxious to get it. Can you let me have it?

Yours sincerely,

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations
Director.

Mr George W. Edman,
PWB,
62 Via Veneto.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB/R9

19 August 1944.

Subject: Paragraph in UNN of 17 Aug.

Dear Edman,

Our refugee branch are very anxious to know as quickly as possible the source of the paragraphs appearing in UNN and NNU on August 17 regarding assistance to refugees (Reference UNN 44 and NNU 44 respectively). Can you let me have a reply urgently? Also we should be glad if we could see an exact copy of the radio announcement made on the same subject on (I believe) the same date.

Yours

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

Mr George W. Edman,
PWB, 62, Via Veneto.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB/R9/1

19 August 1944.

Subject: Correspondence with PWB on news dissemination.

To: Mr H. Caccia, Joint Director, Political Section.

Thank you very much for the copy of the PWB draft sent to the Political Section on the question of news dissemination.

It is a tough subject and while I agree generally with some of the pious resolutions expressed, the following comments seem to be indicated:

(1) Only a month ago the expressed and rigid view of PWB was that no agencies at all could be permitted except the UNNS. The PWB went so far as to issue a draft directive on this subject and to state that agencies were forbidden by the terms of the Armistice, their own Charter etc.

(2) We have now a most sudden change of opinion. It is perhaps not unconnected with the new statement that "assurances have been given by AFHQ to foreign agencies" etc. This makes it clear that the monopoly idea will not work.

(3) PWB now takes the view that Stefani specifically should not be allowed, and that a Government news agency would be dangerous. It adds that the ownership and membership of any news agency should be vested in the members. One can but agree.

(4) But PWB further argues that the ideal agency would be the United Nations News Service! Why? Is it not a Government news service also? Is it not, quite flatly, a propaganda agency? Does it, or could it under any conceivable circumstances, conform to the pious resolutions emitted by PWB as in section (3) above? Could it be anything but suspect?

(5) I am afraid that the PWB arguments as set forth in this draft only convince me more firmly that the parties interested in holding down a lucrative monopoly after the war have shifted their ground, by necessity, and produced a new formula to obtain the same result.

(6) I certainly think that the whole question of an Italian agency should be faced without any delay at all. It is absolutely necessary: newspapers are not (and are not likely to be) content with UNNS and the result is that they go to the highways and byways of irresponsible reporting for their news. A good agency is most desirable. But clearly it should be made, as PWB itself suggests, by "the members taking the service." In other words the authorized newspapers of Liberated Italy should form it. I am quite ready to submit proposals as to how this should be carried out in detail.

Lionel Fielden
LIONEL FIELDEN,

Copy to: Acting Chief Commissioner. Major, Public Relations Director

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PKC
16 August, 1944.

To: Mr. Harold Caccia,

Mr. William W. Schott, Political Section AGC.

At the request of Captain Stone, PWB has been giving consideration to the problems of news dissemination, with particular regard to the functioning in Italy of news agencies, Italian and foreign.

Our view is that Stefani should not be allowed to revive. It was as closely controlled by the Government as DNB in Germany and was one of the chief instruments of Fascist domination of the Italian press and influence in the world press. Its central offices in Rome have been closed down but some of its technical personnel have been taken over by PWB.

In our view any other telegraphic agency created by the Italian Government would be the tool of the Government in power and would never be an unbiased source of news. We have been hoping for some time to solve this difficulty by creating a co-operative news agency along the lines of the Associated Press; the ownership and management of the agency would be vested in the members who take its services. An agency of this type if it were properly supported by its members would be able to resist Government pressure. If it did not do so

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The nucleus of this co-operative agency would be the United Nations News Service at present operated by PWB. It already serves a large number of Italian papers. It would not be a very difficult matter to extend this service considerably.

We understand that assurances have been given by AFHQ to foreign agencies that as soon as military considerations permit all agencies will be permitted to operate in the Italian theatre. That is to say, no one agency shall have precedence over any other. This factor would also govern the inauguration of an Italian co-operative news agency.

The desirability of re-admitting agencies to this area is still under study.

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AVVERTIMENTO ALLA FUTURE SPIS TEDESCHE

Fino dal principio di quest'anno il Servizio Informazioni tedesco ha iniziato il reclutamento su larga scala di italiani i quali sono stati mandati nell'Italia occupata dagli Alleati per compiere missioni di sabotaggio e spionaggio. La grande maggioranza di questi agenti è stata arrestata dal Servizio di Sicurezza Militare degli Alleati. Il loro arresto è stato facilitato dal cinico disprezzo mostrato dai tedeschi per la vita e la salvezza dei loro agenti. In queste faccende i tedeschi hanno conteso più sulla quantità che sulla qualità. Essi hanno mandato oltre le linee un gran numero di agenti mal addestrati, ben contenti di sacrificare il 95% nella speranza che il rimanente 5% riesca a compiere la sua missione senza essere scoperto, e a fornire al Comando tedesco quelle informazioni militari delle quali ha tanto bisogno.

Questo modo di procedere ha avuto per risultato che la quasi totalità delle spie finora arrestate hanno parlato liberamente, rivelando alle autorità alleate i particolari riguardanti altri agenti che hanno frequentato insieme a loro il corso di addestramento, o che sono stati da loro visti, ed uno dei vari comandi del Servizio Informazioni tedesco. Tali informazioni hanno portato all'arresto di altre spie e così via, come la valanga.

Sedici spie italiane impiegate dai tedeschi in Italia contro gli Alleati sono state giustiziate. Un numero molto maggiore è stato condannato a 20 anni di prigione. In questi ultimi giorni ancora due sono state giustiziate: si chiamano Bartolini Silvio e Rizzoli Lorenzo. Il primo era stato lanciato con paracadute nella provincia di Bari ed è stato arrestato nei pressi di Cassino mentre tentava di tornare alla base delle linee, dopo aver completato la sua missione di spionaggio nell'Italia Meridionale. Rizzoli fu lasciato a Roma con un apparecchio radio trasmettente per mezzo del quale si proponeva di trasmettere informazioni militari al nemico.

Dai primi di luglio ad oggi sono stati arrestati ben più di 100 agenti di questa sorta. La maggior parte era stata lasciata a Roma dai tedeschi, ma gli arresti sono stati compiuti anche in altre parti del Paese.

Il processo a carico di alcune di queste spie è già stato iniziato; molti altri processi dello stesso genere avranno luogo nel prossimo futuro. Le seguenti 28 persone attualmente in prigione aspettano di essere processate su accuse di spionaggio e sabotaggio:

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numero di agenti mal addestrati, ben contenti di sacrificare il 95% nella speranza che il rimanente 5% riesca a compiere la sua missione senza essere scoperto, e a fornire al Comando tedesco quelle informazioni militari delle quali ha tanto bisogno.

Questo modo di procedere ne evito per risultato che la quasi totalità delle spie finora arrestate hanno parlato liberamente, rivelando alle autorità alleate particolari riguardanti altri agenti che hanno frequentato insieme a loro il corso di addestramento, e che sono stati da loro visti ad uno dei vari comandi del servizio informazioni tedesco. Tali informazioni hanno portato all'arresto di altre spie e così via, come la valanga.

Sedici spie italiane impiegate dai tedeschi in Italia contro gli Alleati sono state giustiziate. Un numero molto superiore è stato condannato a 20 anni di prigione. In questi ultimi giorni ancora due sono state giustiziate: si chiamano Bartolini Silvio e Pizzi Lorenzo. Il primo era stato lanciato con paracadute nella provincia di Bari ed è stato arrestato nei pressi di Cassino mentre tentava di tornare alla linea, dopo aver completato la sua missione di spionaggio nell'Italia Meridionale. Pizzi fu lasciato a Roma con un apparecchio radio trasmettente per mezzo del quale si proponeva di trasmettere informazioni militari al nemico.

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Cannamela Antonio, Corengiu Mario, Usai Luciano, Mastia Antonio, Pappalardo Giovanna, Clarizio Francesco, Sorroni Enrico.

Il seguente avvertimento è rivolto a quelle persone che hanno accettato di compiere missioni in territorio alleato per conto dei tedeschi, o che comunque siano disposti ad accettare missioni del genere. DALL'INTERROGAZIONE DELLA SPIE GIA' ARRESTATE I SERVIZI DI SICUREZZA MILITARE ALLEATI HANNO OTTENUTO I NOMI E LE DESCRIZIONI DI MOLTI ALTRI AGENTI RECLUTATI DAL NEMICO PER INTRAPRENDERE IL PERICOLOSO LAVORO DI SPIONAGGIO E SABOTAGGIO.

A chi abbia già accettato una di queste missioni, diciamo: badate, che i vostri nomi e le vostre descrizioni si trovano /probabilmente già sul nostro elenco; se siete giunti nell'Italia liberata, noi già vi ricerchiamo. Vi consigliamo di arrendervi alla prima occasione. Quelli che sono stati giustiziati non si erano arresi; tutti quelli che si sono arresi sono ancora in vita.

Since the beginning of this year the German Intelligence Service has been recruiting large numbers of Italians who have been despatched on espionage and sabotage missions to Allied Occupied Italy. The great majority of these agents have been arrested by the Allied security services. Their arrest has been made easier by the cynical disregard displayed by the Germans in respect of the safety and lives of those whom they have employed. The German authorities have relied throughout on quantity rather than quality. By despatching large numbers of ill-trained agents, they have sacrificed 95% in the hope that perhaps 5% may perform their mission undetected and provide the German Command with items of military intelligence which it so badly needs.

This policy has proved disastrous. Almost every spy who has been arrested has talked freely, and given to the Allied authorities particulars of other agents with whom he was trained or who he saw at one of the various German intelligence stations. Such information has led to the arrest of others and this process is continued with snowball effect.

Sixteen Italian spies employed by the Germans against the Allies in Italy have been executed. Many more have recently been sentenced to death, they are Bertolini Silvio and Pizzi Lorenzo. The former was dropped by parachute in the Bari province and was arrested near Cassino, on his return to German territory, on the completion of his espionage mission in Southern Italy. Pizzi was left by the Germans in Rome equipped with a W/T transmitting set by means of which he was to pass military information to the enemy.

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The trial of some of these spies and saboteurs is already in progress; many more such trials are due to be held in the near future. The following 28 persons are among those now in prison awaiting trial on espionage or sabotage charges - ~~Mobley~~ Ferruccio, Romano Fausto, Immormino Giaggio, Valentini Leopoldo, Viverelli ~~Stx~~ Giovanni, Biafi Fidele, Di Giomo Jolanda, Angelini Dora, Genelli Maria, Forato Nino, Brigido Bruno, Squadrilli Franco, Fontani Danilo, Perelli Franco, Sansone Agostino, Sansone Alfonso, ~~Masin~~ Lino, Bandino Carlo, Berlandis Ricardo, Trivizlo Paolo, Casula Michele, Cannetela Antonio, Corongiu Mario, Uala Luciano, ~~Martin~~ Martin Antonio, Papalardo Giovanna, ~~Clarizio~~ Francesco, Borroni Enrico.

This warning is given to persons who have accepted missions into Allied territory on behalf of the Germans or all who are considering accepting such missions. FROM THE INTERROGATIONS OF ARRESTED SPIES THE ALLIED SECURITY SERVICES HAVE OBTAINED THE NAMES AND DESCRIPTIONS OF MANY OTHER AGENTS WHOM THE ENEMY HAS RECRUITED TO UNDERTAKE FOR HIM DANGEROUS WORK OF ESPIONAGE AND SABOTAGE.

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TO THOSE WHO HAVE ACCEPTED SUCH A MISSION, HAVE NOTE: WE PROBABLY HAVE YOUR NAME AND ~~XX~~ DESCRIPTION ON OUR LIST: IF YOU ARE ALREADY IN LIBERATED ITALY WE ARE ALREADY SEARCHING FOR YOU; IF YOU ARE ABOUT TO COME, WE ARE ~~WAITING~~ WAITING FOR YOU. YOU ARE ADVISED TO GIVE UP AT THE FIRST OPPORTUNITY: THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN EXECUTED DID NOT GIVE THEMSELVES UP, ALL THOSE WHO HAVE GIVEN THEMSELVES UP ARE STILL ALIVE.

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

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To: Major Fielden, P.R.O., A.C.C.

From: Central Service Desk, P.W.B.

Mr. Rayner asked me to send you the attached which has been composed by A.A.I., in consultation with P.W.B. and is the text of a leaflet. It is also being released for publication in liberated Italy and the rest of the world at 6 p.m. this evening.

That this is being dropped as a leaflet should not be mentioned.

A. Suteland

17th August, 1944

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB/R9

6 August 1944.

Subject: Propaganda.

To: Mr H. Caccia, Joint Director, Political Section.

See Manley's note. There may be something in it.
Do you think that something like the attached draft would
answer the purpose?

(Sgd)

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB/R9

6 August 1944.

The United Nations have stated, in the Atlantic Charter and at the Moscow Conference, the principles of freedom on which their policy is based. In conformity with these principles, one third of the whole territory of Italy freed by the Allied Armies has already been restored to the jurisdiction of the Italian Government.

So long as the war continues and in order to bring it speedily to a successful conclusion, it is essential for the United Nations to retain the means of ensuring that law and order is preserved in the territories behind their advancing armies, and that the movement of supplies and equipment is not hampered in any way by unauthorized civilian or refugee movement, by Black Market operations, or by factional strife.

In order to do this and at the same time to prepare the way for the transfer of territory to the Italian Government, Allied Military Government, which is directed by the Allied Control Commission, is divided into three stages, which are as follows:-

As soon as a town or locality is captured, and the army has passed on, the administration is taken over by the Civil Affairs Officers of the Allied Military Government section attached to the army.

These officers are responsible for the maintenance of law and order, the restoration of essential services as far as may be possible, the provision and distribution of supplies, the treatment of patriots, and the disposal of homeless persons and refugees.

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In the second stage, when immediate problems have been solved and the area is clear of the operational fighting zone, it will be handed over by Army AMG to the Region to which it belongs. Under Regional control every effort will be made to establish Italian local government on a firm basis so as to prepare the way for the transfer of territory to Italian jurisdiction.

Finally, in the third stage, the area will be handed back to the Italian Government.

The rapidity with which these steps can be taken is dependent on the goodwill of the population and upon their assistance in furthering the war effort through their full support of the Allied cause.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

File - 374
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Rec'd 8 Aug 0940
by PRR
4 August 1944.

PRB/R64

Subject: ACC-PWB.

To: Acting Chief Commissioner (through Joint Directors,
Political Section)

1. For some time past, as you are doubtless aware, there have been considerable differences of opinion between ACC and PWB and in particular between ACC-PRC and PWB.
2. General MacFarlane was irritated on many occasions by the mistakes made, and the attitude taken, by PWB and intended to rectify the position, as his note at A shows.
3. The difference has sometimes been regarded as a personal one between myself and Mr. Rayner or Mr. Minnie. This is the case in so far as I happen to have a very great deal more experience of publicity than these gentlemen and object to dictation from them. The fundamental points of difference, however, which are not at all personal, are as follows:-
4. PWB in all its dealings takes the view that Administrative Memorandum No 50 entitles PWB to control all news and information - in other words to exercise a monopolistic control over the Italian press. Further it takes the view that all news from whatever source should be "channelled" through the United Nations News Service which would thus hold a complete monopoly. PWB also holds and exercises a complete monopoly of radio in Italy.
5. I have never yet (even from AFHQ) been able to get hold of Administrative Memorandum No 50. I believe, however, from the paragraphs quoted by PWB that the intention is to set up PWB as a propaganda agency, and no more than that (see letter at D). In other words PWB should be an agency for the manufacture of propaganda on the basis of information given by Allied authorities. But it should not be an originator of policy.
6. It is important in this connexion to remember that PWB and PWS were all established for the purpose of making propaganda to enemy countries: present troubles are largely due to the fact that nothing definite has been laid down for this control of information in liberated territory.
7. There are thus two main points at issue:-
 - (a) the monopoly of PWB over news in Liberated territory;
 - (b) the extent of PWB's function as an originator of policy.

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8. The difficulties which occur, and will more frequently occur, under (a) are as follows:-

It is impossible to exercise over a capital city press the type of monopoly exercised in the relatively unimportant centres of Naples, Palermo and Bari. And conditions are changing. The UNMS is not either a sufficiently swift or full service to satisfy 12 daily newspapers. Unofficial agencies are springing up to meet the demand and PWB cannot stop them. Tass has come in. Reuters wish to come in. AP and UP will doubtless shortly make the same demand. Inevitably in time the Italian Government must have its agency. The monopoly which PWB is endeavouring to exercise is causing and will increasingly cause much irritation; and it is wholly inconsistent with "freedom of expression". The PWB undoubtedly should have a propaganda service here and it should be a good service; but competition must be permitted and fair play given to all. We are not at war with Italy.

9. The difficulties which occur, and will occur, under (b) are as follows:-

The function of PRO ACC is to see that a clear and accurate picture of ACC/ANG is presented. This is not successfully accomplished if channels are sealed up or news is delayed. The UNMS is frequently a useful vehicle for PRO ACC; but on other occasions it is too much delayed for our purposes. Further, our copy is not infrequently altered in the UNMS, and misunderstandings result. Further PRO must retain the right to release to the press or to parts of the press special articles on special functions of the ACC. Further PRO must have the right to give information direct to correspondents, to allow them interviews, to arrange tours for them etc. If the PWB attitude were adopted the position of PRO ACC would be as indicated in Major Bergin's note at B. And the control of information would pass from ACC to PWB.

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10. In the light of the above remarks you will understand our objection to the draft PWB memo at C which has now brought matters to a head. I do not consider that such a memo should issue at all. The whole position needs clarifying in the light of our present position vis-a-vis the Italian people. The first line of paragraph II of the PWB memo perhaps gives a key to the situation.

For my last I should like to
hear PWB's case on para E before
saying how far if at all we should
press for a change now.

But I think we should fight for a working arrangement to
put ourselves on a par of without delay. JAC 6/8

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.



Ministero delle Corporazioni

MEMORANDUM:

Mr Caccia

Here at last is Memo N° 56. It conforms exactly to our view of it, but it does not, in my opinion, conform to Rayner's latest directive!

P.W.B. is in fact a propaganda agency and no more. Whether it should work at all in transferred territory is a moot point.

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IL MINISTRO
[Signature]

PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ARMY CONTROL COMMISSION

1 August 1944.

PR2/RS

Subject: PWB

To: Mr H. Gacela, Political Section.

1. The two documents attached, viz:

- (a) Letter from Mr Rhodes, Head of Propaganda PWB;
- (b) Draft directive submitted by Mr Minifie on behalf of PWB

bring to a head a long standing confusion of functions which I think should be clarified, if necessary, by reference to AFHQ.

2. There are two fundamental points at issue:

- (1) The control exercised by ACC over its own publicity (see Major Bergin's note, with which I agree);
- (2) The control exercised, or desired, by PWB over the Italian press, and its justification in terms of "freedom of expression".

3. On point (1) my original note of May 19 to General MacFarlane: our PR directives dated April 1 and 3; and Major Bergin's note, explain the position. I would only add at this point (1) that AFHQ memo No 86 has never seen the light of day so far as I am concerned: the PWB has always refused to produce it: I have now asked G-5 for it.* I do not believe that it can be interpreted as it is interpreted in para 11 of the latest PWB draft. (2) I do not know what is meant by "the letter of instruction to PWB from the Rome Area Commander": the Adjutant, Rome Area Command, informs me that no such letter exists: in any case, it seems strange to quote such an authority. (3) I do not think there is anything specific in the Armistice terms.*

4. So far as the work of this Branch is concerned 1655
is a real need to settle, once and for all,

(a) whether PWB is an overriding authority which can dictate to PRC ACC or vice versa. PRC ACC is supposed to carry the responsibility for the accuracy and coordination of news releases from ACC/ARC: it cannot do this if PWB agents act directly through sub-commissions. In other words, is PWB a propaganda agency working "at the request" of ACC, or is it a policy-making organization acting autonomously. The implications of this question may not be fully grasped by those who have not had to deal with the almost infinite number of mistakes and misunderstandings resulting from duplicated and uncoordinated action on the part of PWB;

/(b) whether

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(b) whether the UN News Service is a monopoly through which ALL news releases must channel prior to any other release; to this PRO AGG would take strong exception, since it would regard such an arrangement as unworkable and unsatisfactory, because in many cases news releases would be gravely delayed by such a process, because an unfair monopoly for PWB papers is thereby created and because many other channels of release are and should be at the disposal of PRO;

Is broadcast?

what other channels?

(c) whether other agencies are or are not to be permitted. In the view of PRO, refusal to recognize such agencies officially is merely to drive them underground. Barzini is a case in point. The PWB cannot, in fact, control him. If he did not mimeograph "SI" he would do it by word of mouth; he has plenty of staff, money, and brains; he is very friendly to the Allies. Recognized, he can be controlled and useful; and a little competition will not hurt UMPS. Unrecognized, he will diffuse news just the same, but in a mischievous way.

Does this depend on

AGG memo
No. 56?

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Lionel Fielden

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

As a next step should we discuss limits placed on our
unofficial comments

Then submit to AGG. Please

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB/R9

22 July 1944.

Subject: Publication of official orders.

To: Mr Barney, Editor, Corriere di Roma.

1. The attached administrative order No 27 was run in the Corriere di Roma, but unfortunately regional order no 18 (without which administrative order no 27 is useless) was not printed, although we sent it to you likewise. An extra copy of regional order no 18 is therefore also attached. Will you please now run it?

2. It is noted that the phrase "Alleato Comando" is used quite often in Corriere di Roma where either "Governo Militare Alleato" or "Commissione Alleata di Controllo" would be more correct. Would you please see that care is taken to use the more specific phraseology?

For the Director.

(Sgd)
JOHN P. LEACACOS,
Major, AUS,
Public Relations Officer.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB/R9

21 July 1944

Subject: Typewriters.

Dear Rayner,

This (comparatively) trivial point is not really my business except for the fact that an ACC order commands me to be the "opposite number" of Spataro and his staff. They state that 24 typewriters were concealed from the Hun at the Ministero della Cultura Popolare in anticipation of Allied liberation and that the whole 24 have been grabbed by the PWB, which they clearly don't consider as a wholly liberating act. The point is, of course, debatable, but - if the story is true - perhaps the Ministero della Stampa Antifascista could be allowed some?

Yours

(Saa)

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

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Mr John Rayner,
DPWO, Italy,
62, Via Veneto.

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

PRB:R9

13 July 1944

Subject: Power stations at Tivoli and Terni.

To: Mr John Rayner, DPSC, Italy.

1. Enclosed are copies of photographs taken by Army Pictorial Service of the damage done by the Germans to the power-stations at Tivoli and Terni.
2. It is suggested that this item be played up by your organization.

For the Director.

(Sgd)
JOHN P. LEACACOS,
Major, AUS,
Public Relations Officer.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Information and Censorship Section
PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH
APO 794 U.S. Army

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Mr. Jey B
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12 July 44.

SUBJECT : Electricity Campaign.
TO : Major Lionel Fielden,
Public Relations Director,
ACC.

1. With reference to our conversation this morning after the APB meeting, I would be very glad if you could keep me informed of any developments of your idea of a conducted tour to Terni, Tivoli, etc., in connection with the electricity campaign so that I can see that some of the CORRIERE editorial staff are on hand.

2. The news editor is getting in touch with our Photographic Section to try to get war damage pictures to back up our stories on Terni, Tivoli, etc.

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I. S. MUNRO,
Lt. Col.,
Chief Press Officer, Italy.

PW ITALIAN THEATRE HEADQUARTERS
PWB UNIT No. 8. APO 512

12th July, 1944

Dear Fielden

Thank you for your letter PWB:R9
of 10th July. We have unfortunately not yet
received the A.G.C.'s reply to our original letter,
which I should be glad to have as soon as possible.

The letter was addressed to the Chief
Commissioner's office, as it concerned a matter
of policy, and did not appear to us to be a matter
for Public Relations.

Yours sincerely

John Rayner

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Major Fielden,
P.R.B.,
Allied Control Commission.

ADVANCED HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

PRB:R9

10 July 1944

Dear Rayner,

Your letter of July 1 regarding a proposed broadcast by railway employees has eventually reached this office. Your original letter of June 22 apparently went to Naples and was referred to Major Bergin there, who informs me that he dealt with it and returned it to the CC's office. I hope you have now got the reply? If you sent these requests directly to this Branch we could deal with them immediately.

Yours sincerely,

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LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

FRB/R/9

10 July 1944

Subject: Administrative Order N.13

To: Corriere di Roma.

If you will be so kind, Col. Poletti requests that Administrative Order N.13 (extra copy enclosed) be published in its full text in your paper.

Orders which the Colonel so wishes to have published in full will be marked on the order hereafter. It would be appreciated if the Corriere di Roma, as the official Allied news organ in Rome, would cooperate with AGC to that purpose.

For the Director.

(Sd)

JOHN P. LEACACOS,
Major,
Public Relations Officer.

Copy to: Col. I.S. Munro.

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ADVANCE HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

5 July 1944

PRB/R9

Dear Rayner,

A great many Italian journalists - as you will have no difficulty at all in guessing! - flood through my office. They want permits to travel, permits for their cars, for petrol, permits to attend conferences, interview ACC and AMG officials, get accommodation, special telephone services, curfew passes, and so on and so forth.

Such demands tend to increase and a good deal of confusion is bound to arise from the present lack of an accurate list of journalists whose records have been checked. Some journalists, for instance, have wangled special passes to go here and there for personal reasons, though they may be quite undesirable in the professional activities which they probably exercise at the same time. I am sure that you will agree with me that the first necessity is a limited list of persons to whom such facilities as are available could be extended.

I have discussed the matter with Bergamini and Azzarita of the Federazione Stampa and they are sending me names of journalists approved by the Council of the Federazione Stampa. Rhodes also supplied me with a list of those working for the authorized papers. These have filled out the usual Scheda Personale forms which are being vetted by Public Safety. With this double check we should have a fairly safe list, and I propose to issue to such journalists an ACC card which would facilitate their work in dealing with ACC and AMG officials anywhere in Liberated Italy.

This, I trust will not in any way interfere with the activities of PWB: indeed it should help your work as it is as much in your interest as in ours to get a good group of bona fide Italian journalists working. The present position is one which may cause considerable ill-feeling if it is prolonged: the example of the Vedo staff which was employed and then sacked by PWB is a case in point. There is also the question of Italian war-correspondents to be decided.

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I should like to discuss this matter with you soon. Let me say that I have no desire at all to tread on PWB ground: if you want to take over the whole business of epuration, classification and provision of facilities I shall be delighted. I only feel that from the ACC point of view - and I am sure you will agree - it is vitally necessary to get some check on Italian journalists - just as we have in the case of Allied and neutral journalists - before they get entirely out of hand. Once we have that check we can control them through the facilities which we can provide.

Yours sincerely,

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LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major, AUS,
Public Relations Officer.

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ADVANCE HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

DAILY BULLETIN)

45 July 1944

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O F F I C I A L

5. INFORMATION RELEASES: Officers are reminded that all releases of information to the Press must be channelled through the Public Relations Branch, (Room 30, 3rd Floor). This is particularly necessary in Rome where journalistic activity on the part of neutral and Italian, as well as Allied, correspondents will be much greater than elsewhere.

All civilian employees should be warned that they are liable to dismissal if they give unauthorized information to the Press.

TRASMISSIONE D'INFORMAZIONE : Gli ufficiali debbono trasmettere all'Ufficio Pubbliche Relazioni, camera 30, 3° piano, ogni notizia ed informazione prima di passarla alla stampa. Ciò è di particolare importanza qui in Roma, dove l'attività giornalistica italiana, neutrale ed Alleata, è maggiore che altrove.

Tutti gli impiegati civili che daranno alla stampa informazioni senza esserne autorizzati, saranno licenziati.

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may find

Many thanks. We shall be
anxious to hear of the
results.

* You shall.

x Thank you.

⊕ I have suggested an amendment to IV but I
do not think the PWB document should issue
at all.

For example — Average time of UNNS to Press
at least 4 hours, often more:
frequent omissions: result —
delay in releases and sometimes
omission of releases.

Other channels — It is an advantage and editors
come, & should be encouraged to come,
to PWB to learn about ACC/ATC
& sometimes to interview members of
S/C's. Special notes & articles are
necessary for some papers and not
others. When releases are ¹⁶⁴⁴ like it
is often absolutely necessary to send
them direct to the papers, as we do.
We are also sending four-clocks on
four and shall do so more often.

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Last point. I am, presumably, it does: but I
suspect PWB of wanting to keep a
monopoly without sufficient reason.

ADVANCE HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

PRB/RS

2 July 1944.

Dear Barney,

1. Reference your letter of June 20 to Public Safety Officer, Rome Area Command.
2. The pamphlets are O.K. with the exception of No 1, which is not passed. Visentini has agreed to alter it and submit it in modified form.

Yours

(S)

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

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ADVANCE HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

PRB/R9.

2 July 1944.

Dear Rayner,

1. Reference your letter of June 28 to CGS, AAI with copy to Acting Chief Commissioner, ACC.
2. The proposal is approved by the ACC.

Yours

(S.A.)
LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

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(Equals British Confidential)

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

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STAFF MEMORANDUM)

NUMBER 56)

ORGANIZATION AND ACTIVITIES -- PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE

The following is published to clarify the activities of Psychological Warfare and to coordinate them with all concerned:

1. MISSION: The mission of the Psychological Warfare Branch (under the Information and Censorship Section) is the collection, preparation, supply, distribution, and control of all propaganda originating within the theater of operations of this headquarters.

2. OBJECTIVE: The primary objective of this Branch is to undermine the enemy's will to resist, demoralize his forces, and sustain the morale of our supporters:

- a. In the combat area.
- b. In enemy and enemy-occupied countries.
- c. In areas occupied by our forces.

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3. OPERATIONS: To this end, the Psychological Warfare Branch will:

- a. Collect and evaluate information and intelligence along Psychological Warfare lines.
- b. Plan, prepare, produce and disseminate all necessary propaganda.
- c. Require facilities from other arms of the services for the dissemination of its propaganda material.
- d. Work in close cooperation with field commanders in matters of combat propaganda.
- e. Continue its activities before, during, and after an operation.

4. ORGANIZATION: Under the Information and Censorship Section, the Psychological Warfare Branch amalgamates the activities performed by Office War Information, Psychological Warfare Executive, Ministry of Information, and part of Office Strategic Services. Psychological Warfare Branch is organized along the following lines:

- a. Executive: Executive is responsible for the administration, direction and control.

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b. Planning: Planning coordinates and prepares propaganda plans and directives in accordance with the announced policies.

c. Information: Information collects and evaluates Psychological Warfare intelligence in collaboration with other information gathering agencies.

d. Propaganda: Propaganda prepares, produces, and distributes all propaganda in accordance with the aforementioned plans and directives.

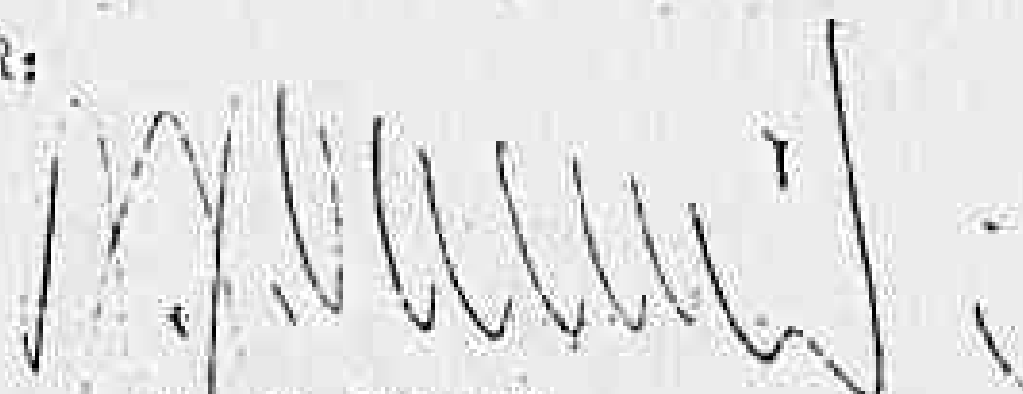
5. COORDINATION: The Psychological Warfare Branch will coordinate the Office War Information - Psychological Warfare Executive joint propaganda directives with the plans of the theater as directed by the Commander-in-Chief of the Allied Force. On the tactical level all Psychological Warfare Branch detachments in the field or on special missions will be attached to the headquarters of the unit in whose area they are serving and will be for the support of the area commander. The general propaganda policy, however, and the attachment or relief of these detachments will be controlled by AFHQ.

6. Whenever propaganda is desired by any agency or force under this headquarters, the Psychological Warfare Branch will be contacted and a request for, or suggestions will be made as to the type, or line of propaganda, desired. The Psychological Warfare Branch will, in conformity with its directives, prepare and arrange for distribution of all approved propaganda.

7. The headquarters of Psychological Warfare Branch is located in the Maison d'Agriculture, 12 Boulevard Baudin.

Office Phone (Day) 336.60 Ext. 45
Office Phone (Night) 372.02)
372.03) Hotel Cornouailles

By command of General EISENHOWER:


T. J. DAVIS
Brigadier General, USA
Adjutant General

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Remarks on PAB memo

1. In paragraph ii. I should like to know if this really squares with what is said in AFHQ memo no. 56.
2. If paragraph ix iv is accepted it lightens our task to such an extent as to make the existence of a PRB as such unnecessary. One man would be all that would be necessary. The other things we do; the Bulletin, the ~~xxxxx~~ digest etc. could be farmed out somewhere; they are not specifically PR jobs. No releases and hence fewer contacts with the press and no burden of control - this would cut down our work a good deal. I think ~~xxx~~ JCC command should be very clear about the implications of this. For all I know there may be a lot to be said for it but it is surrendering control of a very important function to an outside agency.
3. iii a 1 is aimed at the Agenzia Nuova. I ~~xxxxx~~ suppose this is legitimate but I wonder if PRB is not as much interested in a news service monopoly for US as in purely patriotic goals. This is a charge that will be made.

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28 July

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SIXTEEN: No radio or telecommunication installation or other forms of intercommunication ashore or afloat under Italian control, whether belonging to Italy or any nation other than the United Nations, will transmit until directions for the control of these installation have been prescribed by the Allied Commander-in-Chief. The Italian authorities will conform to such measures for control and censorship of press and of other publications, of theatrical and cinematograph performances, of broadcasting, and also of all forms of intercommunication as the Allied Commander-in-Chief may direct. The Allied Commander-in-Chief may, at his discretion, take over radio, cable and other communication stations.

PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB/R9.

30 June 1944.

Dear Rayner,

I understand from Reber that you complained to him about the request which we sent to the press regarding the publication of unofficial and inaccurate information on ACC and AMG activities. I am not absolutely clear about the nature of your complaint and I do not quite understand why you did not come direct to us. At any rate let me say at once that I am extremely sorry if we have in some way interfered with the work of PWB.

The situation of the Roman press from the ACC point of view is that there are nine daily papers looking for news, a great many journalists, employed or unemployed, doing the same, and a great deal of speculation and information running out. It is obviously essential that there be a measure of control to avoid inaccurate information which causes confusion, e.g. nearly all the papers ran a completely unfounded food story which might well have caused riots. In order to deal with this situation from the ACC and AMG point of view, I reminded all officials, and temporary civilian employees, that all information on ACC and AMG work must be channelled through this office, and I also asked the authorized papers to check their facts with our official releases before publishing. If this has in any way interfered with your work I very much regret it; but in view of the inaccurate and unauthorized statements appearing it seemed to me that some speedy action was essential.

It is clearly impossible to control the large Roman press in the same way as the Press of Naples, for instance, was controlled, and you yourself will I am sure agree that it is desirable to give the fullest possible responsibility to Editors consistent with accuracy and security. At the same time it is clearly difficult in a city like Rome to prevent unauthorized information and speculation from appearing in the Press if accurate information is lacking or is slow in release. In other words, the situation in Rome differs from that in previously occupied territory in that ACC/AMG is watched and approached, willy-nilly, by a large number of journalists whose activities must be controlled, just as those of Allied journalists are controlled, by this Branch, whose responsibility it is to see that an accurate and comprehensive picture of ACC/AMG activities is given to them.

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In this matter the interests of FWB and ACC coincide, and I should be distressed if any step of ours affected the work of FWB unfavourably. If this is the case please let me know and I will try to repair the damage.

It seems to me that in the present complicated situation it would be useful if we could meet more often than we do. Nothing would please me more than a daily meeting at any hour you care to fix. We could then discuss all these problems and ensure that there is no divergence between us.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd)
LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

Copy to : Mr S. Reber, Political Section.

Mr John Rayner,
DPWO,
FWB,
62 Via Veneto.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
ROME REGION
APO 394

STAFF MEMORANDUM

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29 June 1944

PUBLIC RELATIONS

1. The Public Relations Branch, ACG, is the official channel for the issue and clearance of all releases and information to the public through Allied, neutral and Italian correspondents and through TWP.
2. No staff section chief will release any information for issue to the public except through the Regional Commissioner or Executive Officer who will route such information to the Public Relations Branch.
3. All Italian agencies must be informed by the appropriate AMG division that they will not submit material directly to the press, but must clear all such material through the division concerned which will, in turn, submit it to the Regional Commissioner or Executive Officer.
4. Sections having information to bring to the notice of the public will route the suggested publicity in three copies to the Executive Officer for the approval. Copy must be clearly marked if radio service is desired. Urgency of the notice may also be indicated if necessary.

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5. Sections wanting special service may call the Public Relations Branch direct. Present address and telephone numbers are as follows:

Public Relations Branch, A.C.G.

Room 30, third floor,

Ministero delle Corporazioni, Via Veneto

Major Lionel Fielder, Director	Tel: 488001-9 Ext 350	Room 32
Major John Lescages, PRO	Tel: 488001-9 Ext 355	Room 28
Lieut Arthur Braydon, PRO	Tel: 484434	Room 26
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By order of Colonel POLKETT:

JULIUS BYLES,
Captain P.A.,
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH (INC)
A.P.O. 794

NEWS DISSEMINATION IN ITALY

I. Allied Force Headquarters Memorandum No. 56, dated July 1, 1943, charged Psychological Warfare Branch (INC) with the mission of conducting all propaganda activities in liberated Italy and to occupied Italy.

II. As long as military necessity is an important factor in a given area, the gathering, processing and dissemination of news for publication in more than one newspaper or by radio must be viewed as a propaganda activity of military character, under the general terms of AFHQ Memorandum No. 56 and under the specific terms of a letter of instruction, dated 20 July, 1944, to PWB from the Rome Area Commander.

III. The recent liberation by Allied armies of additional Italian territory, including the important news center, Rome, prompts PWB to restate, for the guidance of all concerned, approved procedures for the dissemination of news in Italy:

a) The collection, editing and dissemination to the Italian press and radio of news of international and national significance shall be under the exclusive control of PWB. Special exceptions shall be made for:

1) Ufficio Stampa, of the Italian Government, which shall be free to release direct to the press and radio official government statements only. Copies of such releases shall be sent to PWB's United Nations News Service simultaneously with their release to the press and radio. Should these contain information of a military character they must be passed, prior to publication, by an Allied military field censor.

2) The official information office of the Vatican, which shall be free to release direct to the press and radio information concerning Vatican activities.

b) No other individual, organization or agency shall release news for publication in more than one newspaper without channeling it through the United Nations News Service operated by PWB.

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c) The United Nations News Service operated by PWB shall have the right to use for dissemination to the press and radio any item of news published in any Italian newspaper after publication in such newspaper.

d) No organization or agency, whether operated by the Italian Government or by private persons, shall redistribute to the press or radio any news disseminated by the United Nations News Service of PWB.

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IV. The Public Relations Office of the Allied Control Commission is the clearing house for policy approval of news of a semi-official nature relating to the Italian government, and for all news and information concerning the Allied military government in Italy. News emanating from the ACC and news cleared through the ACC shall be released through the United Nations News Service of PWB.

(Nothing in this paragraph shall affect the right of authorized officials of the ACC, with the approval of the Public Relations Office of ACC, to hold press conferences or give interviews to the press.)

V. The foregoing regulations apply ONLY to news or information intended for publication in Italy.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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PRB/RS.

27 June 1944.

Subject: Notice in Rome Press.

To: Captain Acheson, PWB.

1. Can you help please in getting a notice inserted in the Rome press on the lines suggested in the attached note?
2. Mr Gersane is the Warrant Officer in charge of the Message Center, AMG, Rome Area Command (Tel: Duplex 111).

(Sgd)

JOHN P. LEACACCS,
Major, AUS,
Public Relations Officer.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB/R9.

23 June 1944.

Subject: Relations with PWB.

To: Acting Chief Commissioner.

I should be very grateful indeed if you will allow me to be present when you see representatives of PWB. Our work overlaps a good deal and it would be a great help to this Branch to know all instructions and directives which you give to PWB.

Lionel Fielden
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Major,
Public Relations Director.

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From article written for POLITICA ESTERA
by Major Hubert (Netherlands).

Copy to Mr. Rayner } R9
" " Capt. C. C. C. } 21 June 1944

The Allied Control Commission, which includes and controls Allied Military Government, was established on November 11, 1943. The task which it was designed to fulfill may be divided into three separate, but interdependent, categories, viz:

(1) To ensure that law and order prevail, and communications are kept clear and efficient, in the areas behind the advancing armies. This duty overrides all others.

(2) To see that the terms of the Armistice signed by Italy on September 29 are fully and faithfully observed.

(3) To assist as far as possible in bringing about such stable conditions as may permit the return, without undue delay, of conquered and occupied territory in Italy to a democratic and popular Italian Government.

General Alexander, Commander-in-Chief of the Allied Armies in Italy, has referred to the Allied Control Commission as his "Third Army." In other words, as the Fifth and Eighth Armies move forward, the Allied Control Commission takes their place and organizes and controls their hinterland. This point must be strongly emphasized because it is not always realized that the A.C.C. is a part of the Allied Armies and that it is first and foremost a military organization.

It must be remembered, therefore, that the Allied Control Commission's task of bringing peace, liberty, and as far as possible prosperity, to occupied territory must always be subservient to the task of ensuring that in Italy nothing obstructs, and everything sustains, the war effort. Thus, the shipment of food supplies must be subservient to the shipment of munitions; the freedom of labour to negotiate or strike must be subservient to the war needs of industry; the liberty of the press must be subservient to military security.

The President of the Allied Control Commission is, ex-officio and as long as the war lasts, the Supreme Commander of the Allied Armies. He it is who, as long as the war lasts in Italy, must have the decisive word on all policy. The

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Executive Head, or Chief Commissioner, of the A.C.C. is Lieutenant-General Sir Noel Mason MacFarlane who stands in the same relation to General Alexander as do the Commanders of the Fifth Army and the Eighth Army. Naturally his responsibilities become ever greater as the armies move forward and more territory comes within the scope of the Allied Control Commission.

The Allied Control Commission falls naturally into three main sections, although these sections are by no means watertight compartments, the personnel being interchangeable and the whole controlled by General Mason MacFarlane. First is the "spear head" group of Allied Military Government, which follows closely on the heels of - sometimes with - the fighting troops, and whose main tasks are the speedy restoration of supplies, the establishment of local government, the immediate needs of refugees and the sick or wounded, and the temporary rehabilitation of shattered towns. This is the type of government exercised by General Hume in Rome from June 4 to June 15. Second, and merging into the first, is the direct rule of Allied Military Government, assisted by Italian local government, under more settled conditions, the executive power still being held by the Allies while every effort is made to pave the way for a transfer to Italian hands. This is the type of government which Rome now has. Third and last, the "advisory" stage at which territory has been handed over to the Italian Government, Allied officers nevertheless remaining - though in very small numbers - to assist the Italian Government and to ensure adherence to the terms of the Armistice.

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This grouping is of course dependent on the course of events. Whether more, or less, territory is handed over to the Italian Government, and whether direct Allied Military Government lasts for a long or a short time in any given area, must depend upon conditions in Italy itself, and upon the measure of support given by the Italian population in the prosecution of the war effort and the maintenance of law and order.

By the nature of its duties the Allied Control Commission must, obviously,

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cover the whole field of Government, whether in a direct or advisory capacity. For this purpose the Headquarters staff is grouped into 26 sub-Commission, covering such questions as Public Health, Public Safety, Law, Food, Transport, Labour, Finance, Education etc. For the purpose of control, Italy is divided into Regions; thus Sicily is Region I, Sardinia Region VI, Calabria Region VII, and so on. The Rome Region has recently been created. Each Region is supervised by a Commissioner responsible to General MacFarlane, and each Region carries a staff of expert advisers drawn from the Sub-Commissions at Headquarters.

Apart from the "experts" there are in each Region the Civil Affairs Officers, who may themselves be experts, since all staff is interchangeable as conditions dictate, but whose chief duty is the general supervision of local government in towns or districts, from the moment when it is cleared of the Germans until the day when it is handed back to Italian authority.

Such is the framework of the Allied Control Commission and Allied Military Government. It represents and implements the control exercised by the United Nations over Italy, the degree and extent of such control depending on the necessities of ^{the} war.

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PWC ITALIAN THEATRE HEADQUARTERS
PWB UNIT No. 8. APO 512

June 15th, 1944.

To: Chief, Public Relations Division, ACC, Provincia Building, Naples.

From: George Bookman.

Dear Sir,

1. Request is hereby made that monthly reports of each of the Sub-Commissions of ACC be sent to PWB, attention News Section.

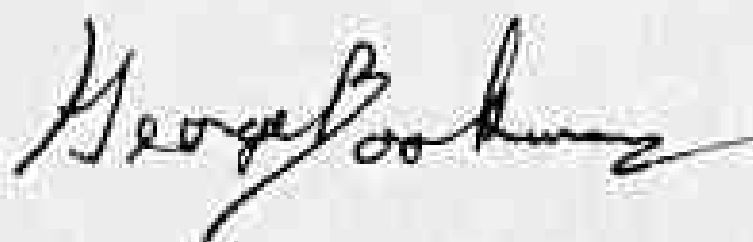
2. These monthly reports provide detailed report of all activities of each Sub-Commission.

3. Liberated Italy News Desk of PWB is engaged in issuing news concerning activities of ACC whenever such news will be of helpful propaganda value in the Allied war effort.

4. PWB maintains one or more correspondents at ACC for the purpose of keeping in touch with activities of Sub-Commissions but much time and man-hours would be saved by monthly perusal of Sub-Commissions' reports.

5. Confidential character of these reports is recognised. All stories written from them would be checked with Public Relations Branch, ACC, before publication.

Yours truly,



GEORGE BOOKMAN,
Chief, Liberated Italy News Desk.

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PRB 29.

May 1944.

Subject: Relationships with PWB.

To: All Regional Commissioners, Senior Civil Affairs Officers for action; All Sub-Commissions etc for information incl 6 PWB.

1. This memorandum is for the purpose of defining the working relationships of the Allied Control Commission and the Psychological Warfare Branch (Italy) concerning operations for straight news and for propaganda in Liberated Italy.

2. The Public Relations Branch, ACC, as the official channel for all release to the public of news and information of ACC activities (Ref: Executive Memorandum Number 47 dated 1 April 1944), is also the channel for releases of such news and information to Psychological Warfare Branch (PWB). In any delegation of that function, the Public Relations Branch retains ultimate responsibility and authority, to initiate inquiries and measures corrective of situations that may arise.

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4. PWB is an autonomous organization operating directly under AFHQ command and operating under AFHQ general guidance directives. Its chief functions in this theater are: (a) combat operational propaganda, and (b) occupational propaganda and news.

5. Further, PWB is one of four agencies represented on the Allied Publications Board (APB) on which also sit representatives of the ACC (Ref: AFHQ Memorandum 89 dated 14 March 1944). The Press Officer for PWB (Italy) also acts as Executive Secretary for the APB and thus PWB acts as the operating

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agency of the APB in licensing and supervising all Italian newspapers.

6. PWB acts as an operating agency in carrying out AFHQ directives, subject to the proviso that in the field of occupational propaganda where ACC/AMG activities may be affected and in Liberated Italy, it will consult and be guided by policy directives and such instructions as are necessary from the Allied Control Commission, particularly by the Public Relations Branch insofar as day-to-day news and propaganda operations are concerned.

7. In the event of a major difference of opinion on propaganda policy in Italy between PWB and ACC, either party may refer the matter to AFHQ for decision. Pending such decision, the wishes of ACC will be acceded to.

8. Direct contact between all PWB representatives and Regional Commissioners and Senior Civil Affairs Officers is authorized for purposes of obtaining straight news of ACC/AMG activities and for material for propaganda purposes, subject to two further qualifications:

- (a) No stories or propaganda campaigns relating to or affecting major ACC policy will be issued, written or initiated without the consultation and direction of the Public Relations Branch.
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9. Regional Commissioners and Senior Civil Affairs Officers will be responsible for direct issuance to PWB of material intended for the public's information such as orders, administrative announcements and whatever other data may be necessary. PWB will publish verbatim only such orders or announcements as are so requested. It will condense or expand other announcements into news stories depending on the exigencies of available editorial space and the importance of the announcement.

10. Regional Commissioners and Senior Civil Affairs Officers will refer any major problems of relationship with PWB that cannot be adjusted on the ground to Public Relations Branch, which maintains close daily liaison with PWB and also sits, with the Political Section, ACC, in the meeting that draws up the Italian annex to the weekly AFHQ propaganda directive.
11. Services which PWB has to offer ACC/AMG include various media through which both news and propaganda can be disseminated. These services include monitoring ~~news and~~ ~~picture~~ posts for Allied, neutral and enemy broadcasts; leaflets, pamphlets and news and picture posters; four editorially-controlled newspapers; four controlled radio stations; mobile loudspeaker units; central teletype distribution of world news and news originating in Italy through the United Nations News Service; a motion picture division and a photographic division.
12. Attached is a chart of the PWB organization in Italy. Regional Commissioners and Senior Civil Affairs Officers will be able to consult the PWB unit head in their respective regions or army areas, except that Region V will have to consult the PWB office at Bari and Region VII the PWB representative at Catanzaro, a newly-opened PWB sub-office.
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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
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PRB 29.

19 May 1944.

Subject: Directive governing PRB - PWB.

To: Chief Commissioner: through Secretary-General.

I hope you will agree that I seldom bother you with the long type of memoranda to which you recently alluded in verse. This one, covering a directive which I would like you to approve, has been boiling for some time and is to be regarded as an exception.

The aims of this directive are two. First, and most essential, to inform ACC and AMG staff in the field of the standing and functions of PWB, about which there is very considerable confusion. Second, and still essential, to delineate clearly the control and responsibility of ACC for ACC news diffused by PWB, and the mechanics of operating that control and responsibility.

During the last four months I think I can claim that the staff of this Branch has spared no pains to make a success of ACC publicity. Immensely aided as we have been by the reorganization and improvements carried out by you, I still venture to believe that we have done not a little in getting correspondents interested and sympathetic, and in presenting a comprehensive and accurate picture of ACC activities. But I doubt whether you can realize, at your level, just how many headaches and discouragements have accrued to us at ours by the difficulties in our relationship with the PWB, and I want you now to help clear these away.

There are two sides to this question - first, the position and functions of a PRB; second, the responsibility and autonomy of a propaganda organization.

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It is, of course, entirely for you to decide the first point as regards the ACC. I would only say this: I have been PRC to the Ministry of Aircraft Production and to the Ministry of Food during this war. The former never had good publicity (except under Beaverbrook) and has never had a very good reputation; and that was almost entirely due to the fact that PR was treated as a routine department handling routine stories only. By contrast, PR in the Ministry of Food was immensely successful and contributed very largely to the building up of the reputation of the Ministry in general and Lord Woolton in particular; and that was due to the fact that DPR was treated as a First Secretary, was present at all important conferences, and was apprised immediately of all intentions and policies. Thus PR was always able to prepare the ground, have its directives clear, and avoid mistakes.

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It is, of course, entirely for you to decide the first point as regards the ACC. I would only say this: I have been PR to the Ministry of Aircraft Production and to the Ministry of Food during this war. The former never had good publicity (except under Beaverbrook) and has never had a very good reputation; and that was almost entirely due to the fact that PR was treated as a routine department handling routine stories only. By contrast, PR in the Ministry of Food was immensely successful and contributed very largely to the building up of the reputation of the Ministry in general and Lord Woolton in particular; and that was due to the fact that DPR was treated as a First Secretary, was present at all important conferences, and was apprised immediately of all intentions and policies. Thus PR was always able to prepare the ground, have its directives clear, and avoid mistakes.

In the ACC the position is different. Your PRB does not attend conferences, whether political, V.P.'s, industrial, labour, PWB or other matters, and its information varies between what it can pick up and what various sections choose, very variably indeed, to give it. I submit that, in my experience, this is a bad arrangement which no amount of work on the part of PR can counteract: if you want good Public Relations, a representative of PR should attend all your important conferences. The mistakes about the price of wheat in the Regional Commissioners Bulletin could not have occurred if this Branch had been in touch with the negotiations.

The attached letter from HQ AAI of May 17 (Appendix A) illustrates only one of our present headaches. The resolution exactly illustrates the type of control which I want to

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initiate, and which can only be properly carried out by the usual method of PWB referring its stories to this Branch, which then checks them with the appropriate authority.

This, as I say, is a matter for you to decide: but there can be no question that the better your PRB is informed in advance, the better your Public Relations will be, in the sense that PR will be able to interpret your decisions, and the background of them, accurately, instead of having to rely on second-hand and sometimes misleading information.

The PWB is, as I understand it, an agency for the dissemination of news and propaganda, standing to the ACC in much the same relation as does the semi-independent BEC to the Ministries at home. There is always some difficulty in such a relationship, but in my experience there has never been any question that the BEC, in its dealings with the work of any Ministry, is guided and controlled by the PR Branch of that Ministry. In so far as ACC news is concerned, that should clearly be the position here. We have worked patiently towards this, and the position should be clinched by this directive, which has been discussed with PWB and to which they have raised some objections in a letter which I attach (Appendix B). I am prepared to accept their redrafting of paragraph 3, although the last sentence of that paragraph is again an attempt to jump this Branch. Obviously you can consult Rayner whenever you wish: the point is that if this is regarded as the normal and regular channel of contact, your PR Branch is not, and cannot be, that channel: and misunderstandings must result.

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There is one point I should like to add. Neither I nor my staff have any personal quarrel with the PWB or its members. You have twice told me to "settle things with Minifie". I cannot settle things with Minifie because (a) he never comes near my office and (b) I settle them with Rayner who gives decisions. Minifie has always by-passed this office, though all of us have always encouraged him to work with us, and no single communication from him exists on our files. As far as we are concerned he is not a liaison officer. He is not a liaison officer because, from the very first, he has been able to go direct to you or to the Political Section. Therefore he, and the PWB generally, have

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tended and tend to regard this Branch as something they can always "jump" by going elsewhere. This is not, I submit, fair to us. In spite of it we have managed to evolve the policy which this directive expresses.

The whole question thus boils down to your decision as to what you wish your PRB to do. You have, though I say it as shouldn't, a good, hard-working, experienced staff, most of whom know a great deal more about publicity than most members of the PWB. I claim with immodest obstinacy that I have much more experience in it than any member of the PWB. I frankly do not at all relish being placed in the position of running to the PWB to ask what you have said, or being snubbed at a PWB meeting because they know more about your decisions than I do. And I frankly do not understand what you mean by "my side of the house": if PRB ACC is any good, it should surely be your channel for all ACC publicity.

If, on the other hand, you would prefer to put PWB in the position of PRO this Branch can sit back and merely issue such routine announcements as come its way. That is easy enough. What is unworkable, I submit, is an equivocal position in which this Branch is insufficiently informed and its responsibilities uncertainly defined, while it nevertheless must bear the blame for mistakes. I think and hope that if you will trust this Branch to be your channel for all publicity, you will not regret it; and I submit the directive with this aim in view.

Lionel Fielden
LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

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I have reopened this
whole question with
General Abner and
hope for the results
I desire.

No action in the
meantime.

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PV ITALIAN THEATRE HEADQUARTERS
PWB UNIT No. 8. APO 512

17th May, 1944

Subject: P.W.B./A.C.C. Relationship

To: Brigadier M. S. Lush, Executive Commissioner

Major Leacacos of your Public Relations Branch kindly brought for our comments the attached memorandum.

Our feeling is that it is very useful to define the relationship of the Public Relations Branch Allied Control Commission with P.W.B.; but that, taking the memorandum as a whole, the picture it gives is not only a definition of this relationship but also of the relationship of P.W.B. with A.C.C. as a whole, and we suggest that if it is thought necessary that this should be re-defined, it would be best and easiest to draw attention to A.F.H.Q. Staff Memorandum No. 56 on the organisation and activities of Psychological Warfare Branch. The following extracts seem to us relevant:

- "1. MISSION: The mission of the Psychological Warfare Branch (under the Information and Censorship Section) is the collection, supply and distribution and control of all propaganda originating within the theatre of operations of this headquarters."
- "6. Whenever propaganda is desired by any agency or force under this headquarters, the Psychological Warfare Branch will be contacted and a request for, or suggestions, will be made as to the type or line of propaganda desired. The Psychological Warfare Branch will, in conformity with its directives, prepare and arrange for distribution of all approved propaganda."

You will see from this that an impression emerges from your memorandum which is not altogether in line with these extracts.

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Paragraph 6 of your memorandum in particular is a case in point.

Paragraph 3 is another. Following my conversation with Major Leacacos in which I drew attention to the fact that the original paragraph 3 did not altogether agree with my understanding of our relationship with A.C.C., the attached substitute paragraph 3 was suggested.

In our view, "matters affecting A.C.C. interests" covers all news and propaganda dealing with, or directed at, Liberated Italy. Our reading of the new paragraph 3 is that the Allied Control Commission have delegated all contact between themselves and P.W.B. to the Public Relations Branch, with the exception of the Deputy Psychological Warfare Officer himself. Our view is that this is likely to restrict needlessly many easy working relationships which at present exist between other A.C.C. officers and ourselves.

If the general relations between P.W.B. and A.C.C. need re-defining, then, either Staff Memorandum No.56 referred to above, should be quoted, or if that is not now considered satisfactory, the matter should, you will agree, be discussed.

We are very glad to have this opportunity of clarification of the relationship between P.R.B. and P.W.B., since it appears from a reference in paragraph 2 of A.C.C. weekly bulletin No.6 that there is some misapprehension which could usefully be removed.

John Rayner
D.I.W.O. ITALY

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H. Q., A.A.I. (REAR ADM ECHELON)
LOCAL RESOURCES SECTION
C.M.F.

REF:- 5/5/LR

17 MAY 1944

TO : H.Q., A.C.C.,
 Labour Sub-Commission

SUBJECT:- Employment of Civilian Labour by the
 Allied Armed Forces

1. At a meeting of the Allied Force Local Resources (Italian) Board held on 15 MAY 44 the question of inaccurate statements regarding the policy of the Allied Forces on labour questions which had appeared in the RISORGIMENTO was raised.
2. The following resolution was passed :-
 " The Board requested ACC to ensure that all publications (whether emanating from PWB or not) in civilian newspapers which in any way affected labour employed by the Allied Armed Forces should be agreed by the Labour and Wages Sub-Commission of ACC prior to publication. "
3. It is requested that, if you are in accord, you take steps to implement the resolution.

Lt. Col,
 A.C.M.G.,
 Local Resources Section.

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Col. Bain	
Lt. Col. Smith	
Major. Deacock	
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Capt. Schuna	

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Subject: ~~At At~~ Paragraph in Resignments 24 May (p 4) on
Resignation of University Professors
To: Mr. John Payson, DPWB

1. The story published in the Resignments of date indicated is quite untrue. Only 9 faculty members were concerned of which only one is a titular ~~prof~~ professor. The resignations were not offered on the 23rd but a week earlier and, most important of all, ^{after consultation with Education S/C ACC} the resignations were withdrawn on 20 May, 4 days before the paragraph appeared.

2. It would seem only right to see to it that the ~~DP~~ Resignments print a statement to the effect that the matter has been settled and the ~~Resignations~~ resignations withdrawn.

3. If the story had been checked through the PRB we could have spared the Resignments the embarrassment of correcting itself. ~~The story was printed in the Resignments~~ The whole business is a matter in which the education S/C is concerned and yet they knew nothing of its publication. Tracing it down it seems ¹⁶¹⁹ to have emanated from PRB. Is it not standing policy to check with this Branch on such matters? This observation more in sorrow than in anger.

JG Baym, Maj. AUS
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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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3 April 1944.

Subject: Public Relations Branch.

1. The reorganization of Public Relations Branch as a part of HQ ACC and the consequent abolition of Regional Public Relations Officers involve the following arrangements:

2. The present establishment of the Public Relations Branch is as follows:

Director of Public Relations - Major Lionel Fielden (B)
Deputy Director of Public Relations - Major Theodore L. Bullock (Can)
Public Relations Officers - Captain John F. Leacacos (A)
- Lieut Gene F. Caprio (A)

Changes or additions in Public Relations personnel will be announced when they occur.

3. Location of the Public Relations Branch is Room 25, First Floor, Provincia Building, Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, Naples. Telephone numbers during office hours are Naples 54238 and Vapor (17000) 172. After office hours Major Fielden may be reached in Naples at 55807. Major Bullock at 52547 and Captain Leacacos at 16441.

4. The Public Relations Branch is responsible for ensuring as far as possible that an accurate and comprehensive picture of the work of the ACC and AIC is supplied to the world press and radio, either through accredited correspondents, or by direct release of news. This necessarily entails, on the one hand, a measure of control over all news issued, and, on the other, the cooperation of all personnel in keeping the Branch fully informed. The Branch has of course the responsibility for the collection and dissemination of news, but its success must derive largely from the willingness of Regional and Provincial Commissioners, SOs, CIOs and Heads of Sub-Commissions to communicate to the Branch all developments in their areas or spheres of activities which may be usefully included in the general picture of the work of the ACC.

5. To illustrate this point, a memorandum issued by the Head of the Local Sub-Commission is attached. Instructions of this kind are of the utmost value to the work of the Branch and of the greatest assistance in combating criticism and providing regular and accurate material for the Press.

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6. Administrative Memorandum No. 12 dated 12 March 1944 contains general guidance for press interviews. It follows even to the point that, except in special cases, interviews to press correspondents are not to be associated with the name of an officer, and are for "background information" only. Correspondents accredited by PR Branch can however be trusted not to divulge information given "off the record" and such information may sometimes be essential in order to give adequate background.

7. No interviews to press correspondents will be given by members of Headquarters staff at Naples or Salerno without first clearing with PR Branch. In regions the procedure followed will be, as far as possible, to have correspondents accredited by PR Branch and to warn Regions in advance of their visits.

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Occasions may arise, however, when correspondents visit Regions without having been to HQ, or when correspondents not generally accredited to HQ (e.g. war correspondents in operational areas) desire to obtain information of AOC or AMG activities. In such cases information should not be withheld by any red-tape considerations: Regional and Provincial Commissioners, SOCs and GAOs must, however, ensure that the correspondent holds proper credentials, and they are asked in all such cases to inform PR Branch briefly but immediately of the interview and information given. This ensures (a) that the source of information is known (b) that the correspondent's release can be properly checked if censorship questions arise and (c) that no one correspondent is favoured to the exclusion of others.

8. Since it is highly desirable to ensure the somewhat critical picture of AOC which has characterized some parts of the Allied Press, it follows that all possible courtesy and consideration should be extended to correspondents. PR Branch will, as far as is within its power, arrange for the transport of correspondents from HQ to Regions, but the responsibility for collecting and transport in Regional areas will necessarily fall on Regional staffs, who are asked to give their fullest cooperation in this connection.

9. A special situation exists as regards news intended for publication or broadcasting by the organs of Psychological Warfare Branch (PWB) in Italy. PWB personnel are authorized to seek information of Allied Control Commission or military government activities for publication in their controlled Italian organs without the necessity of constant reference to the Public Relations Branch. It is suggested that Regional Commissioners in Regions where PWB newspapers are operating maintain liaison with them. In the event of a major difference of opinion concerning the handling of any news that may affect the operations of the Allied Control Commission in any area, PR Branch should be consulted.

10. It is intended that members of the PR Branch shall visit Regions as frequently as possible in order to keep themselves fully acquainted with Regional problems and developments, and to carry out as far as possible the wishes of Regional Commissioners and their staffs in regard to publicity. Members of the PR Branch will also attend Regional Conferences whenever possible. It is emphasized in this connection that Regional Commissioners should unhesitatingly call on the services of PR Branch for any advice or information they may require on matters of publicity. This Branch will gladly despatch or assign an officer to Regions within limitations of available staff whenever special circumstances so require.

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11. The control of newspapers, newsprint, applications for, or withdrawal of, publishing licenses, and all correlated matters in the Italian theatre of operations, fall under the Central and Regional Allied Publications Boards (The Central Board meets fortnightly on Mondays in Naples; the Regional Boards meet weekly on Mondays in Naples, Palermo, Cagliari, Bari and Cosentino). All questions concerning newspapers and other publications in Italy will normally be referred to these Boards. The Director of Public Relations is a member of the Central Board; urgent enquiries or complaints may therefore be channelled through PR Branch if required and requests for ACC action by the PR Branch will normally be made through PR Branch.

12. It will be generally agreed that it is essential to maintain the confidence, as well as the interest, of the Allied Nations in the work of the AOC, whose example is bound to be of great value in future operations of a similar kind. PR Branch will use every endeavour to ensure that the news issued and too record kept, are comprehensive, accurate, and well presented. In this endeavour it invites the cooperation of all concerned.

~~Director of Public Relations.~~

- ✓ Chief Commissioner
- ✓ Deputy Chief Commissioner
- ✓ Executive Commissioner
- ✓ Deputy Executive Commissioner
- ✓ Vice President, Administrative Section
- ✓ Vice President, Economic Section
- ✓ Regional Commissioners
- ✓ SCACs
- ✓ Heads of Sub-Commissions
- ✓ Heads of Independent Sub-Commissions

For information: Mr. George W. Edman, PWB, Naples (5)

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16th May; 1944

Dear Major Fielden,

I thought it would interest you to know that P.W.B., during the first six weeks of its Italian-source News Desk, issued 451 stories about Liberated Italy. Many of these had to do with A.C.C. activity and others were obtained through A.F.H.Q., 5th Army and 8th Army P.R.O.

These stories, in addition to being released for publication in Italy, likewise were sent to the U.K. and the United States.

Sincerely yours,

George W. E. Egan
George W. Egan,
A.D.P.W.O. Italy (Lib):

Major Lionel Fielden,
P.R.O.,
Allied Control Commission:

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2 November 1943

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I - ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

Announcement is made of the establishment of the Allied Control Commission for Italy, effective 19 November 1943.

II - FUNCTIONS

The functions of the Allied Control Commission will be as follows:

1. To enforce and execute the instrument of surrender under the orders and general directives of the Allied Commander-in-Chief.
2. To insure that the conduct of the Italian Government conforms to the requirements of an Allied Base of Operations, especially transportation and communications.
3. To be the organ through which the policy of the United Nations towards the Italian Government is conducted and the relations of the United Nations with the Italian Government are handled.

III - PRESIDENT OF THE ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

1. The Allied Commander-in-Chief will be ex officio President of the Allied Control Commission.
2. A senior officer will be appointed to serve as his Deputy on the Commission.

IV - ORGANIZATION OF THE ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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1. The Allied Control Commission will maintain a National Headquarters and will have such Regional, Provincial or other outlying offices as may be found convenient.
2. The allied Control Commission will be organized into Sections, each administered by a Vice President. A Section will comprise a number of related Sub-Commissions, each charged with a special function.

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V - RELATIONS WITH ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

1. The relations between the Allied Control Commission and Allied Military Government operating in the field will be coordinated by this headquarters.

2. Whenever it is decided that an area under Allied Military Government shall thereafter be administered by the Italian Government subject to the directions of the Allied Control Commission, the latter will extend its activities to include that area.

3. The decision when an area is to be transferred from one government to another will rest with the Allied Commander-in-Chief.

4. Personnel both for the Allied Control Commission and for Allied Military Government will be provided and allocated by this headquarters.

VI - RELATION TO ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

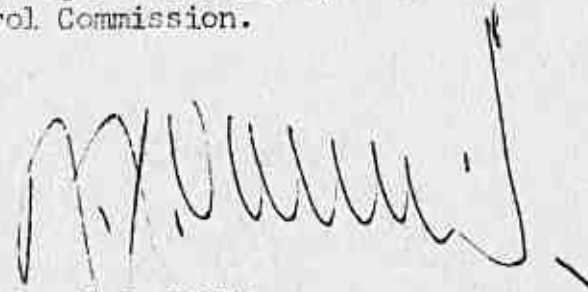
1. The Allied Control Commission will operate under Allied Force Headquarters.

2. All communications between the Allied Control Commission and the Governments of the United Nations will be transmitted through this headquarters.

VII - ASSIGNMENT OF ACTING DEPUTY PRESIDENT

Announcement is made of the assignment of Major General Kenyon A. Joyce as Acting Deputy President of the Allied Control Commission.

By command of General EISENHOWER:



T.J. DAVIS,
Brigadier General, United States Army,
Adjutant General.

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