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Paper for Newsprint
Nov. 1944 - MAY 1945

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION
Special Materials Section

LVRW/PZ

Ref. AC/5066/Commerce
Tel. 489.081
Ext. 266

29 May 1945

SUBJECT : Newsprint Distribution in Florence

TO : Sottosegretariato per la Stampa
Via Veneto 58
Rome

1. In view of the fact that A.P.B. and P.W.B. are relinquishing supervision of the press in Toscana Region, a review of the present situation in regards newspaper stocks and distribution will probably prove of value to you for the future.

2. Newsprint is distributed to all the papers and periodicals of Toscana, Umbria, and the Marche by the Banca Nazionale del Lavoro, Firenze. This bank has made an agreement with Cartiere Meridionali for the use of its warehouse in Florence and distributes newspaper from this point. The newspapers and periodicals entitled to receive allocations and their respective quantities are enumerated in attached list.

3. As will be noted in attached list Toscana Region uses at present 97 tons of newspaper in rolls per month and 20 tons of flatbed per month. This figure does not include the Ancona paper "Ricostruzione" which has received a special allocation of 3 tons of newspaper but since it has never received a duly authorized license from A.P.B. has never had a regular allocation.

4. The Società Tipografica Editrice which exercises control over "Giornale del Mattino" and "Nazione del Popolo" of Firenze and "Il Tirreno" of Livorno withdraws on or about the fifteenth of every month a supply of paper for all the papers and periodicals listed in para. 1.

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The S.T.E. and particularly its director Commendatore Passigli have proved to be most competent and have co-operated in an exemplary fashion with P.W.B., A.P.B., and this office.

5. On 1 June the situation in regards newsprint stocks will be more or less as follows:

- A. S.T.E. will have enough paper on hand for all the journals listed in para 1 for the period 1-15 June.
- B. P.W.B. is also expected to turn over to this office approximately 150 tons of paper which is no longer needed by that organization. Since this paper is stored in the Nazione Bldg., Florence this office will turn over this quantity to S.T.E. immediately in order to save transport. This quantity should serve the needs of S.T.E. until 1 August.
- C. In the warehouse of the Banca Nazionale del Lavoro there will be on 1 June approximately 200 tons of newsprint which should be sufficient to take care of the needs of Toscana Region until approximately 1 October.
- D. Definite figures of quantities to be transferred will be communicated to your office as soon as this office is notified of them by the Banca Nazionale del Lavoro and P.W.B.

W.P. EVANS
Colonel
Director
Commerce Sub-Commission

Incls: Copy of letter

AC/5066/Commerce of 26 April and incls.

Copies to:

- Public Relations Branch, H.Q.A.C.
- Allied Publications Board, 62 Via Veneto, Rome
- Società Tipografica Editrice, Nazione Bldg., Via Ricasoli, Florence
- Istituto Nazionale per il Commercio Estero 4231
Via Torino 107, Rome
- Banca Nazionale del Lavoro, Piazza Vittorio Emanuele, Florence
(all without incls.)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIANCE COMMUNICATION
 DIVISION
 COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION
 Special Materials Section

LVRB/PA

Ref. 33/3035/Commerce
 Tel. 429.081
 Ext. 256

7 May 1945

SUBJECT : Newspaper

To : Sottosegretario per la Stampa
 Via Veneto 58
 Rome

1. As of this date this office has instructed Transportation Sub-Commission to release to the Istituto Nazionale per il Commercio Estero 376 tons of newspaper in Naples for the account of the Sottosegretario per la Stampa.

2. This allocation of newspaper is made in conformity with A.I.A. recommendation and covers the needs of the Sottosegretario from 15 May until 23 June 1945. 75 tons in addition will be made available at a later date to make up the deficiency in the requirement for the month of June.

W.P. EVANS
 Colonel
 Director
 Commerce Sub-Commission

Copies to:

- ~~Lettera Nazionale per il Commercio Estero~~
- ~~Via Torinese 127, Rome~~
- ~~Public Relations Branch~~
- ~~Allied Headquarters, Rome, 62 Via Veneto, Rome~~

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Tel: 478201

1 May 1945.

Ref: 9254/64/80.

SUBJECT: Newspaper.

TO : Regional Commissioner,
UMBRIA-MARCHE Region.

1. The following is a quotation from your weekly sitrep dated 24 April :

"The approved paper RICOSTRUZIONE in ANCONA suspended publication for lack of paper while 162 papers, including some of purely pornographic nature are being published in ROME."

2. In view of your statement inquiries were made with the following result: Commerce Sub-Commission states that repeated requests have been made to the Provincial Commissioner to make an application to Allied Publications Board for a license for the newspaper RICOSTRUZIONE, newspaper only being supplied on the basis of information furnished in the application to Allied Publications Board. In the absence of an application from your Region, three tons of newspaper were advanced to RICOSTRUZIONE but this action cannot be repeated until a proper application is filed.

3. As regards your statement that 162 papers are being published in ROME, the facts are as follows :

- (a) 24 daily papers have been authorized by the Italian Press Commission, of which 21 are at present publishing.
- (b) 290 periodicals of all types, including weeklies, reviews, technical and other journals, have been granted license, but only 91 are publishing at the moment.

4. No doubt you will take appropriate action with regard to the filing of the application referred to above, and you will also realize the need for checking carefully information included in an allegation of this kind. It is suggested that your informant be apprised of the true facts.

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[Signature]
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Room 522.
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ALLIED ~~CONTROL~~ COMMISSION *file*
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT:

Attached Memo

FILE No. _____

TO :

Acting President *SM*
Chief Commissioner *CC 1054*
Executive Commissioner
British Political Advisor
American Political Advisor

14 April 1945

The attached is routed to you for your information.

GMB
G. Stewart Brown
Dir. FRB

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the French Representative
APO 394

Rome, April 13th, 1945.
JH/SM n° 2.074

To : Mr STEWART BROWN, Director P.R.C.
Subject : Paper for French weekly *Présence*.

- 1./ Following request made by the Allied Publication Board, the Italian Press Association has agreed to loan paper for the French weekly "*Présence*" beginning on April 16th;
- 2./ This Office wishes to extend to you its most sincere appreciation for your cooperation and help in this matter and fully realizes that it is thanks to your effort and good will that a happy solution could be found.

Jehan de Houe

Jehan de Houe, Lt.
Assistant to French Representative,

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CC 9465

7 April 1945

Your Excellency,

I am enclosing for your information a copy of a letter from
Admiral Ciano to E. . Franco Bonomi, which covers the points
raised in your letter of 28 March 1945 regarding the delay in
delivery of newspaper to Italy.

Yours very truly,

/s/ L. W. Starnes

L. W. STARNES
Major, A.G.D.
Staff Officer to
Chief Commissioner

H. E. Avv. Francesco Bonomi
Undersecretary of State for
Press and Information
Italian Government
Rome

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NOTE: Inclosure is letter ES/12.02 of 6 April 1945
from Chief Commissioner to Prime Minister Bonomi.

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COPY

ES/12.02

6 April 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

With reference to your letter Number 207, dated 20 March, concerning shipping of newsprint to Sicily, I am informed that consignments of newsprint were made to the Italian Press Commission in the following amounts and on the following dates:

100 tons - 6 March.
100 tons - 9 March.

This newsprint was stored in warehouses in Naples.

In accordance with established procedure concerning imported articles, I.C.E. is responsible for obtaining disposition instructions from the Italian Press Commission for newsprint and for entering shipping bids with the Transportation authorities. I am informed that the Italian Press Commission issued these disposition instructions to I.C.E. about a week ago and that railway bids were then placed. The pressure of rail traffic requires that all bids must be entered two weeks in advance of shipment.

I have just been informed that the following car loads of newsprint were dispatched from Naples on 6 April for Sicily:

2 car loads destined for Catania
2 car loads destined for Palermo
3 car loads destined for Reggio for further

dispatch into Sicily.

Yours very truly,

/s/ ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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

OFFICE OF THE CENTRAL
ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD
Via Vitt. Veneto 62.
ROME

5 April, 1945

Adv. A. Rossini
Secretary of the National Commission for Press
Via Veneto 56.
ROME

Dear Adv. Rossini,

The request of the French Authority for a small amount of paper has been favourably considered by the A.P.B. in a meeting which took place last Tuesday, but considering that neither the A.C., nor F.W.B., nor A.P.B. have any source of supplies, the following decision has been taken:

'The Allied Commission for Publications' asks the Commission Italiana della Stampa to consider lending weekly a ton paper to 'presence'.

The Allied Commission for Publications decided to make this suggestion, for there are no other ways of getting supplies, as it has already been said, and this gesture might prove useful to all concerned.

I shall be most grateful if you can come to a decision without delay, letting this office know what you have decided.

Sincerely yours,

I. S. MURO, Lt. Col.
Executive Secretary.

To: His E. Libonati,
French Ambassador,
Amedeo Street,
St. Marry.

c.c.

EC 1151 - 6 APR 45

INFO - ~~Adm. Sec.~~ : P.R. B.

INFO : CHIEF COMM

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Copy to: ALLIED COMMISSION.

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OFFICE OF THE CENTRAL
ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD
Via Vitt. Veneto 68.
Rome.

2 April, 1945

Avv. A. Rossini
Secretary of the National Commission for Press
Via Veneto 68.
Rome

Dear Avv. Rossini,

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Sincerely yours,

L. G. HENCO, Esq.
Executive Secretary.

To: His Ex. Bonetti,
French Ambassador,
Admiral Stone,
Mr. Jarney.

E.C. DIST - 6 APR 45.

INFO-ACTION: P.R. BR.
INFO: CHIEF COMMR.
: EXCS COMMR.

a.c.

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OFFICE OF THE CENTRAL
ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD
Via Vitt. Veneto 52,
ROME.

5 Aprile, 1945.

Avv. A. Rossini,
Segretario della Commissione Nazionale per la Stampa,
Via Veneto, 55,
ROMA.

Caro Avv. Rossini:

La richiesta delle Autorità Francesi per un piccolo quantitativo di carta è stata considerata favorevolmente dall'A.P.B. ad una riunione tenutasi martedì scorso, ma in vista del fatto che non vi sono fonti di tale approvvigionamento né all'A.C., né al P.W.B., né all'A.P.B. è stata presa la seguente risoluzione:

"La Commissione Alleata per le Pubblicazioni invita la Commissione Italiana della Stampa a dare benevola considerazione di provvedere ad un prestito di carta per "Presence", ammontante a $\frac{1}{2}$ tonnellata per settimana"

La Commissione Alleata per le Pubblicazioni ha raggiunto la sua decisione di fare la suddetta raccomandazione, nell'assenza di ogni altro modo di rifornimento, come sopra notato, e con il sentimento che tale gesto può essere valevole a tutti coloro cui concerne.

Le sarei grato se lei potesse decidere in merito con la massima sollecitudine, comunicando a quest'ufficio la decisione.

Sinceramente vostro

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Cc al S.E. Libonati,
Ambasciatore Francese,
Ammiraglio Stone,
Sig. Barney.

I. S. MUNRO, Lt. Col.
Executive Secretary.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
COMMERCE SUBCOMMISSION
APO 394

VES/edg

Tel: 556

5 April 1945

Ref. AC/5056/Commerce

SUBJECT: Paper for Victory Editions of Italian Press

TO : Director, Public Relations Branch, HQ AC
(Attn: Mr. G. Stewart Brown)

1. Reference is made to your communication of 2 April 1945, ref. 38/PRE, suggesting that an exceptional allocation of 50 tons of newsprint be furnished to Italian Newspapers for Victory Editions in accordance with the request of Sgr. Libonati, the Sottosegretario per la Stampa.

2. In this connection, there is furnished herewith a copy of a letter of this Subcommittee of 2 April 1945, reference AC/5055/Commerce, in reply to a letter of the Under-Secretary of the Sottosegretariato per la Stampa of 23 March 1945 on the same subject. This letter sets forth the Newsprint position of the Italian Press Commission until the end of the current month, and it is believed that the amounts available are sufficiently large to permit an accumulation of a reserve which would make it possible to bring out a special double-page Victory Edition whenever the final announcement of surrender is made. On the basis of 300 tons per month, the total consumption of all newspapers for one day may be set at 10 tons and not 50 tons as requested, or a little over 3% of the amount available for the remainder of this month. It would seem that a little careful management would make it possible to set aside this reserve without much difficulty.

1 Incl:
As per par. 2 above.

W. P. WAIS
W. P. WAIS
Colonel
Director
Commerce Subcommittee

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

Ref: AC/5066/Commerce

LWJW/TZ

Tel: 189.081

Ext: 266

2 April 1945

SUBJECT: Newspaper

TO : Sottosegretariato per la Stampa, Spettacolo e Turismo
Via Veneto 53
Rome.

1. Reference letter to Admiral Stone from S.E. the Undersecretary Libonati of 23 March 1945.
2. The Allied Publications Board has agreed that the Italian Press Commission shall receive in the future 30% of all imported paper stocks up to maximum figure of 300 tons for any one month.
3. Commerce Subcommission consigned to the Italian Press Commission 200 tons of newsprint on approximately 10 March. Another 250 tons will be transferred to the Italian Government within a week or ten days when the ship carrying the same arrives from America. In other words a total of 450 tons of newsprint will soon have been consigned to the Italian Press Commission which is their full quota for the period 15 March - 1 May.
4. Further stocks cannot be released without authority of the Allied Publications Board nor can special loans be made due to the fact that the Allied Commission has no paper stocks or warehouses at the present except in Florence where newsprint is already in critically short supply.

A. C. ANTOLINI
Vice President
Economic Section.

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C O P Y.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

GSR/new

38/PRB

2 April 1945

SUBJECT: Paper for Victory Editions of Italian Press

TO : Col. Evans, Director
Commerce Sub-Commission

1. Sig. Libonati saw the Chief Commissioner today and among other things asked for an extraordinary and exceptional allocation of 50 tons of newsprint to be given to the newspapers for victory editions in the event of the fall of Berlin or the possible surrender of Berlin. Sig. Libonati said that the paper could be assigned to his Ministry and he would allocate it according to the circulation of the papers and he would give us every assurance that it would be used only for the above mentioned purpose. The Chief Commissioner said that he did not know what the paper situation was and asked me to get in touch with you to see if this request sounded reasonable and could be granted with our present supply of paper.

2. I believe this is the same request which Sig. Libonati made of you on Saturday except he is now tying it up with the victory celebrations.

3. If the paper is available I suggest we grant this request on an exceptional basis. I would appreciate your decision in as much as the Chief Commissioner asked me to give a reply to Sig. Libonati as soon as possible.

G. STEWART BROWN
Director, PRB

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38/418

March 1945

SUBJECT: French Newspaper PRESENCE

TO : Chairman, Allied Publications Board

1. It has come to my attention that the French weekly newspaper PRESENCE is having difficulty obtaining newsprint to continue publication.
2. The Allied Commission believes this newspaper serves a useful purpose for the Allied cause in Italy and we would like to see it continue publication.
3. It is hoped the Allied Publications Board can find a way to assure, at least on a temporary basis, enough newsprint for this paper to continue the publication of a minimum of 5,000 copies weekly. I understand that this will not exceed one-half per week.

ELBERT W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Copy to:

Maj. Gen. de Swin (French Liaison with AC)
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the French Representative

APO 394

Rome, March 30, 1945.
XS/SM n° 2.049

To : CHIEF COMMISSIONER

Subject: Issue of paper for "Présence".

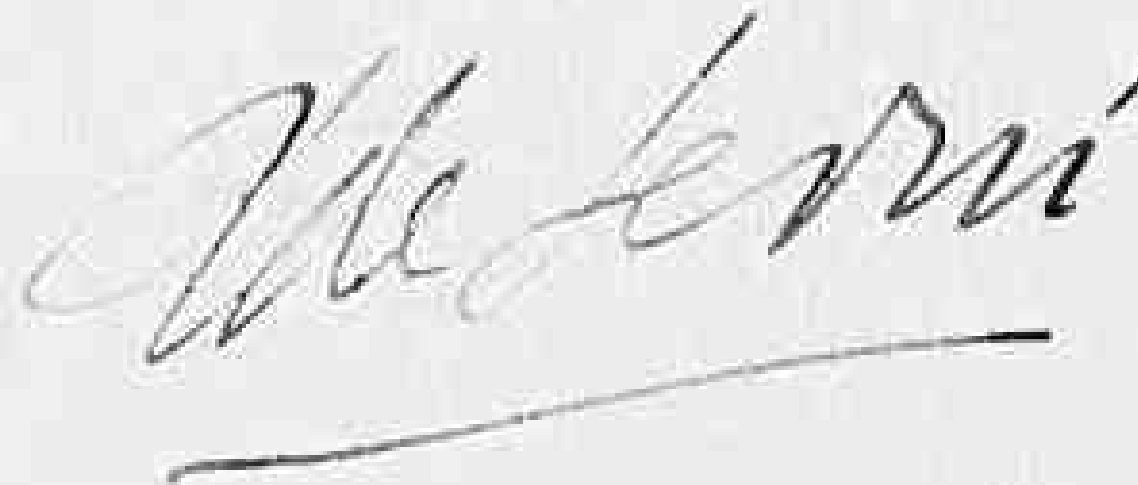
1. The French weekly "Présence" is the only French newspaper in Italy. It was, last summer, the Sunday edition of the daily morale newspaper "Patrie". Shortly after the greater part of the French Forces were withdrawn from this theater of operations, "Patrie" ceased its publication and the weekly "Présence" remained as sole source of information for French reading public.
2. "Présence" has a circulation of 10,000 copies and is widely read by French Troops remaining in Italy, Allied Units and Officers and Italian French speaking circles.
3. Because it appeals to such a widespread public it has been difficult to classify "Présence" either completely as a morale paper, or, on the other hand, as a cultural and political paper; therefore the proper Allied organizations have never taken the responsibility of supplying permanently "Présence" with the small amount of paper it requires.
4. Up to now it has been existing through a donation made in September by Lt Colonel Enoch Brown, Chairman of the Newsprint Board.
5. At the present time this issue has been exhausted and "Présence" will have to stop its publication unless it can rapidly be provided with paper.
6. Mr Stewart-Brown, P.R.O., Mr White, Col. Hobson A.F.H.Q., Lt Col. Monroe, A.F.B. & P.W.B., have been good enough to take a deep interest in this problem and, at the request of Brigadier Lush, have tried to find some way of maintaining "Présence" in existence.
7. In order to avoid to have to take the matter up to the Supreme Command, Lt Col. Monroe has kindly offered to ask in

A/Pres approves for 5 M circ.

b:./...

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- ... the name of A.P.B. the Italian Press Commission to help out the French newspaper as a gesture of friendship towards France since the quantities involved are so small (1 Ton a week).
8. Lt Col. Monroe at the meeting of the A.P.B. on Tuesday April 3rd will take up the matter and put this request either through the chanel of the Prime Minister or directly to the Italian Press Commission.
 9. It is felt that a letter adressed to the A.P.B. from the Chief Commissioner showing his interest in a general way in this French weekly, and his hope that the Italian Agency will respond favourably to this request would have the greatest possible result.
 10. It is needless to say that Mr Couve de Murville, French Ambassador, Général Le Couteulx de Caumont, Commanding French Forces in Italy and the French Representative in the A.C. support this paper strongly and believe that in the French and Allied interest this weekly should be maintained./.



X. de SEVIN, Major General,
French Representative.

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ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS
Information News & Censorship Section
APO 512

COPY
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March 26, 1945

SUBJECT : Newsprint for French paper "Presence"
TO : G. Stewart Brown, Public Relations, A.C.

1. It will be necessary for Brigadier Lush to apply to Allied Publications Board, A.F.H.Q. for allocation of a newsprint supply for this purpose. Such application should be made at the highest possible level.
2. A difficulty in this case is that at no time, so far as I have been able to ascertain, has this paper been supplied officially with newsprint, which may indicate a "Black Market" source hitherto.
3. Newsprint from British sources is issued by A.D.P.S.S. (Printing & Stationery Directorate) Telephone Naples 16171, to whom I applied and I am informed no issue can be made without the authority of Allied Publications Board.
4. Newsprint from United States sources is issued by R.I. for service papers and by C.W.I. Washington for P.W.B. purposes. For the reason I mentioned in conversation with you, these sources are not favorably inclined to supply, but they need an A.F.H. authority in any case.
5. For these reasons this matter will have to go on to a basis of formal application.

/s/A.C.W. Hobson,
A.C.W. HOBSON,
Colonel, G.S.
Deputy Chief, INC Section, A.F.H.Q.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

GSE/new

31 March 1945

SUBJECT: French Newspaper PRESENCE

TO : Acting Executive Commissioner

1. The attached draft of letter was prepared at the request of the Chief Commissioner (through Major Quayle) and is submitted for signature.
2. PRB would like to call attention to the fact that this request creates a precedent which may prove embarrassing to AC in the future. The A.P.B. has no newsprint and can only recommend to the Italian Press Commission that it give up some of its newsprint to this French Weekly. Other Allied countries may demand the same help for publications of their own.
3. Logically Allied nations wishing to publish papers in Italy should import their own newsprint, but temporarily they cannot.
4. I believe the best procedure, in this and future cases, is for the A.P.B. to establish the principle that foreign language newspapers should import their own newsprint but in exceptional cases, such as PRESENCE, the A.P.B. will recommend to the Italian Press Commission that it advance or loan enough newsprint to carry the paper until it can import its own supplies.


G. STEWART BROWN
Director,

Public Relations Branch. 31 Mar.

Encl.

Did to para 3 - "Understand That
This will not exceed one-half ton per week!"
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APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

GGB/mew

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G. STEWART BROWN
Director,
Public Relations Branch

Encl.

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PR Br

Translation

The Presidency of the Council of Ministers
The Undersecretary of State for Press

Rome, 28. .1949

Dear Admiral,

This Undersecretariat has had to reduce considerably the paper allotment to the Allies. In normal times, this inconvenience could be borne, but it seems that nowadays, the circulation of all the papers put at the disposal of the public is insufficient because of the everincreasing interest for the progress of the Allied troops.

I therefore ask for your intervention, so that, exceptionally, a certain amount of paper be put at the disposal of this Undersecretariat, to enable a greater number of readers to follow the course of the events.

I thank you for whatever action you will deem advisable to take to gratify this wish of our public.

Truly yours,

S. P. Libonati

Admiral Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome

c.c.

EC DIST - 29 MAR 49

ACTION: Econ Sec

INFO: CHIEF COMM

EXEC COMM

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PR Br.

Translation

The Presidency of the Council of Ministers
The Undersecretary for Press

Rome, 28 March 1945

Dear Admiral,

I take the liberty of drawing your kind attention on the situation of the Sicilian press which had to stop its publication for the paper it had been allotted for the period between March 16th and April 19th didn't arrive.

On March 18th, this Undersecretary applied to I.C.E. asking for 50 tons of paper to be allotted to Palermo and 15 to Catania, from Naples where this paper was stored.

At the same time, the Ministry of Transport and the Press Office of the Naples Prefecture were asked to see that the above mentioned amount of paper be sent without delay to Sicily. It seems that the Allied Authorities in Naples let it be known that they couldn't authorize this paper to be sent from Naples by railway before April 2nd.

This Undersecretary took every possible action for this paper to get there in time by truck or by sea. As these attempts had no positive results, and considering the very serious situation in Sicily where the suspension of the publication of the papers caused strong protests, from the local authorities as well as from the Committee for Liberation, I felt I had to let you know, for whatever action you will deem advisable to take with the Allied Authorities, in Naples, to meet these urgent requirements which might cause more demonstrations of a political character.

Thanking you for whatever you will be able to do, I remain,

Truly yours,

S. S. Libonati

Admiral Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome

S.O.

EC DIST- 29 March 45

ACTION: RCON SEC

INFO: CHIEF COMMR
: EXEC COMMR

PR Br.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Information News and Censorship Section
APO 512

March 26, 1945

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A.C.W. Hobson

A.C.W. HOBSON,
Colonel, G.S.,
Deputy Chief, INC Section, A.F.H.Q.

Mar. 26

*Copy furnished to
French representatives*

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Translation

The President of the Council of Ministers

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Rome, 25 March 1945

Dear Admiral,

I enclose this memorandum of the Press Office
and add the request that paper may be shipped to Sicily with-
out delay.

Truly yours,

B. L. Banoni

Admiral Henry A. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission

R O M E

B.C.

EC List - 26 MAR 45

ACTION: ECON SEC

INFO: QUARTER COMBAT

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P.R. 4210

TranslationMemorandum for Admiral Stone

On the 15th, i.e. as soon as the Allied Commission put at the disposal of the Undersecretariat for Press a lot of paper sent from America, the Undersecretary asked for seventy eight tons of paper to be shipped from Naples to Sicily; fifty tons were to be sent to Palermo and eighteen to Catania.

Since then, the Allied Command of Naples did nothing about the shipping, and only stated it would do what it could, so that it might take place between the 2nd and 8th of April. Meanwhile, Sicilian papers can no longer be published. The publication of the Giornale di Sicilia has been suspended yesterday.

This causes serious trouble in Sicily. The Italian Government is already being accused of neglecting the interests of Sicily, and this propaganda is greatly prejudicial to the delicate political situation of Sicily.

It would therefore be most advisable to ship the paper from Naples at once, without waiting till April 2nd or even till a later date.

Rome, 2 March 1943

C.C.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION
Special Materials section

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LVRW/FZ

Ref. AC/5066/Commerce
Tel. 489.081
Ext. 265

23 Marzo 1945

SUBJECT : Pagamento per Carta Requisita

TO : Casa Editrice Mondadori
Lungo Tevere Prati n.1
Roma

1. Riferimento vs/lettera del 10 Marzo 1945 indirizzata a S.E. l'Ammiraglio Stone, Capo della Commissione Alleata.
2. Si è spiacenti di comunicare che la Commissione Alleata non è in grado di intervenire per appianare la difficoltà prospettata nella vs/lettera circa la requisizione di carta ed il mancato pagamento per la stessa. Le esistenze di carta in Italia sono sotto il controllo dell'Allied Publications Board, il quale - attraverso il P.W.B. - ha facoltà di usare qualsiasi quantità di carta esso trovi e di cui abbia bisogno. La questione del pagamento per la carta requisita è affidata al criterio dell'Ente militare che la riceve e la Commissione Alleata non può costringere tali Enti ad effettuarlo.
3. Tuttavia, in questo caso, questo ufficio prenderà contatto con il P.W.B., raccomandando che il pagamento venga effettuato.

For the Chief Commissioner

W.P. EVANS
Colonel
Director
Commerce Sub-Commission

Copy to:
- Public Relations Branch, Mr. Brown

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

GSE/mw

38/PRB

24 March 45

SUBJECT: Reading Matter for IPOW and Refugees

TO : War Materials Disposal & IPOW Sub-Commission

1. Reference attached correspondence affecting both refugees and IPOW.
2. Your comments or recommendations would be appreciated.

G. STEWART BROWN
Director,
Public Relations Branch

Encl. (7)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB-COMMISSION

DPR/27/1/G-II (IT) Tel. 489081 Ext. 594 2 March 1945

SUBJECT : Reading Matter for Refugees.

TO : Director,
Public Relations Branch, A.C.

1. Reference your 38/PRB of 17 March 1945.
 - (a) Your secretary stated to Capt. Elliman that your Branch did not have periodicals to distribute in large numbers such as this Sub-Commission would need for various refugee Camps.
 - (b) See our DPR/27/1/G-II (IT) dated 1 March 1945 to Psychological Warfare Branch, copy enclosed with your a/m reference.
2. Reference your 'Inter Office Memorandum' to this Sub-Commission dated 19 March 1945.
 - (a) Please see enclosed copy of this Sub-Commission letter to High Commissioner for War Refugees Italian Government dated 17 February 1945 to which an answer has not yet been received.
3. Perhaps a similar method as mentioned in 2(a) above could be used for the Italian Armed Forces.

For the Director.

James D. Elliman
C.A. OLIVER
Lt. Colonel, *Capt.*
for G-1 Italian.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB-COMMISSION

DPR/27/1/G-II (IT) Tel. 489081 Ext. 594 17 March 1945

SUBJECT : Newspapers, literature and or periodicals.

TO : High Commissioner for War Refugees.

1. It is proposed to brighten the lives of Italian refugees in various D.P.R.S.C. and A.M.G. camps by distribution of some or all of the a/m subjects in fixed amounts per 100 refugees or per family to be designated by you.

2. If you are in accord with this proposal will you send us a letter stating that the cost of these papers will be borne by your office and that monthly bills are to be sent to you or to such Italian Agency as you desire to designate. We will distribute copies of your letter to the respective Camp Commandants who, in turn, can supply them to the vendors.

3. An alternative would be for payment to be made from A.C. funds but in such event we would require permission from you to charge the Italian Government.

For the Director:

Signed: J.F. Elliman, Capt.

C.A. OLIVER
Lt. Colonel
G-I Italian

Copy to:- Finance Branch.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

G3B, new

53/PRB

17 March 45

SUBJECT: Attached Correspondence

TO : Col. C. E. Findley, Director
Displaced Persons and Repatriation S/C

1. Reference attached correspondence.
2. Mr. Edman has left suddenly for the United States and his Deputy, Mr. Titchner, is ill in the hospital with appendicitis. For these reasons I have not been able to discuss the attached correspondence with either of them. I would appreciate knowing whether your Sub-Commission has any comment or recommendations as to how this matter should be handled.

G. STEWART BROWN
Director,
Public Relations Branch

Encl. (4)

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

8 March 1945

Mr. G. Stewart Brown, Director
PRO
HQ. Allied Commission

Dear Stewart:

Can we get together soon to discuss the
attached problems?

Sincerely,

George W. Elman
GEORGE W. ELMAN, HEAD
PWB (LIBERATED ITALY) HQ.

enc.

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

3 March 1945

To: Mr. James Linen
Mr. Lanham Titchener

From: George W. Edman, Head, PWB (LIBERATED ITALY) HQ.

PWB has been sending publications, including newspapers, to Italian prisoners of war in Africa, India and France, working with the War Disposal and Italian Prisoners of War Sub-Commission of the Allied Commission; and now comes a request for refugees as well.

In view of PWB closing up in Liberated Italy, and the fact that the service has been of great value, I think we should decide as soon as possible how the work can be continued. Shouldn't it be OWI and MCI for U. S. and British sponsored publications, and the Italian Government for Italian publications, working through AC?

I should welcome your reactions as soon as possible so that suitable arrangements can be made if the work is to continue.

GEORGE W. EDMAN, HEAD
PWB (LIBERATED ITALY) HQ.

cc: Mr. Russell Barnes

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HEADQUARTERS
NORTH AFRICAN DETACHMENT
2694 TMCB SUPERVISION REGT. (OVHD)
APO 600 MAIN

7 February 1945

SUBJECT: ITALIAN PUBLICATIONS

TO: Hqs. Allied Commission, WMD & IFW Sub. Com. APO 394

1. Request that quota of Italian publications intended for distribution to Italian Service personnel in North Africa be forwarded direct to this Headquarters.
2. Quota should be based upon an approximate strength of 14000.

For the Commanding Officer:

T. C. Sebokan
1st. Lt. Inf.
Adjutant.

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(COPY)

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB-COMMISSION

DPR/27/1/G-11 (IT)

Tel. 483081 Ext. 594

1 March 1945

SUBJECT: Reading Matter

To: Psychological Warfare Branch
62 Via Veneto
(Attn: Mr. Geo. Edman)

1. Reference conversation Capt. Maloney - Capt. Elliman.
2. This Sub-Commission would like to obtain from your Branch for distribution in camps for Italian War Refugees any publications in Italian of General interest.
3. An amount up to 5000 copies per publication could be used, assuming there is no expense involved to this Sub-Commission.
4. Your answer will be greatly appreciated.

For the Director.

(signed) JAMES ELLIMAN FOR
LT. COL. C. A. OLIVER
G-1 Italian

Col. Campbell

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION
Special Materials Section

Ref. AC/5066/Commerce
Tel. 489.081
Ext. 266

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23 March 1945

SUBJECT : Payment for Requisitioned Paper Stocks

TO : P.W.B. - Unit No. 12
Printing Officer, Major Piacop
A.P.O. 512, U.S. Army

1. Reference attached copies of correspondence received by and emanating from this office.

2. It is agreed by this Sub-Commission that there may be circumstances in the particular case of Casa Editrice Mondadori which render payment impossible. However, if it is possible for your office to make payment this Sub-Commission strongly recommends it since amicable commercial relationships between military units and Italian firms are felt to be desirable especially from an economic point of view.

For the Chief Commissioner

R.P. EVANS
Colonel-Director
Commerce Sub-Commission

2 Incls.

Copy to:
- Public Relations Branch, Mr. Brown (without incls.)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION
Special Materials Section

LVM/72

Ref. AC/5066/Commerce
Tel. 489.021
Ext. 265

23 March 1945

SUBJECT : Payment per Carta Requisita

TO : Casa Editrice Mondadori
Lungotevere Prati n.1
Rome

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For the Chief Commissioner

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W.P. EVANS
Colonel
Director
Commerce Sub-Commission

Copy to:
- Public Relations Branch, Mr. Brown

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Sfhe to PRO AFHQ (Col Hodgson)

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P.R. Br

Would you please follow up with AFHQ and advise the French Representative of the present position.

22 Mar.

F. W. Stearns
Maj for Ex. Com.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

GSB/mew

38/PRB

17 March 45

SUBJECT: Paper for French Weekly "Presence"

TO : Executive Commissioner

1. I have discussed the attached request with Lt. Col. Munro, Executive Secretary of A.P.B. and Mr. White, Commerce Sub-Commission.

2. Mr. White informs me that AC has no paper which it could allocate to "Presence" as all of the paper it has received to date has been turned over to the Italian Press Commission. Both Lt. Col. Munro and Mr. White inform me that there are two possible sources of newsprint for this paper.

(a) If the paper can be classified as an Army morale newspaper it can obtain newsprint by direct request to AFHQ.

(b) If it cannot be classified as an Army morale paper and therefore becomes a civilian newspaper it must address its request to the Italian Press Commission which allocates all newsprint to newspapers and magazines published in liberated Italy.

3. From every point of view it would be preferable if the French authorities could persuade AFHQ to provide paper (of which we understand it has plenty) for it on the grounds that it is an Army morale paper. We would be very sorry to see their request go to the Italian Press Commission as it would reopen the whole question of permits for a host of other non-Italian newspapers which have been pending for some time.

4. I wish I could personally produce the paper, as per your request, but I see no solution except to ask the French to put up a strong case to AFHQ for an allotment for their paper.


G. STEWART BROWN
Director, PRB

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the French Representative

APO 394

Rome, March 13th, 1945.
XS/SM n° 2.025NOTEAttention of Brigadier LUSHObject: Issue of paper.

- 1) The French weekly newspaper "Présence" continued to be published after the departure of French Troops from Italy because, in accordance with the Allied Authorities, French military elements were still stationed in the Italian Territory.
- 2) It so happened that, since that time, this paper was wide spread among the Italian public and is now playing quite a part in the United Nations propaganda dealing with the local population.
- 3) Up to now, the newspaper could be published thanks to the Headquarters of the Allied Forces in Italy who provided the paper. It appears that, from now on, it should have to rely upon the help of the Allied Commission for such publication, since as well as being a moral paper for the French military elements in this country it is primarily an Allied propaganda paper, therefor the civilian side of the question takes precedence on the military aspect of "Présence".
- 4) This French newspaper's requirements are very small compared to those wanted for the publication of the other various Allied and Italian papers. In fact, it only needs 1 TON a week.

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- 5) It is hoped and believed that the Allied Commission could help in obtaining for "Présence" a regular allotment of the above quantity, against payment./.

P.R.D

I want this paper produced for the French weekly somehow. There must be a means of so doing. Will you find it?

MS/ 12/3

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

GSE/new

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G. STEWART BROWN
Director, PRB

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Original correspondence returned to EC.

ALLIED ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

MAR 16 1945

SUBJECT: Misappropriation of Imported
Newsprint

FILE No. 38/PRB

TO : 1. Chief Commissioner - CC
2. Economic Section, Att: Commerce S/C
Mr. L. White

16 March 1945

The attached correspondence is routed to you for
your information. Please return to the Public Relations
Branch files - room 30, 3rd floor - when you have seen.

Att.

GST/mau.
G. S. Brown
Director, PRB

1. Seen by Chief Commissioner
2. Copies made of ltr 11 Mar
9:5 Mar for Chief Comm &
Exec Comm files.

18/3/45

L. Hatfield Sgt.

OFFICE OF THE
ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD
62 Via Vitt. Veneto,
ROME.

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11th March, 1945.

SUBJECT: Misappropriation of Imported Newsprint.

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

FROM: Lt. Col. I. S. Munro,
Executive Secretary,
Allied Publications Board.

With reference to the letter from Admiral Stone to S.E. Bonomi on the 31st January, subject: "Misappropriation of imported newsprint", I should be grateful if you would inform the Chief Commissioner of the following:

1. In the absence of any move by the Italian Press Commission after receipt of the Admiral's letter, the Executive Secretary of Allied Publications Board sent a reminder on the 1st March.
2. I enclose translation of reply to that reminder.
3. It remains to be seen whether the set-up outlined by Avv. Rossini can or will be carried out.
4. I have therefore merely acknowledged the letter, as I do not feel that it yet justifies any further action by A.C. until we see how the Italian plan works out.

151 Munro
Lt Col

I. S. MUNRO,
Lt. Colonel,
Executive Secretary, APB.

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APB Agate

Presidency of the
Council of Ministers

Rome, 5 March 1945

Undersecretariat for
The Press

TO: Col. I.S. Munro
Executive Sec.,
APB,
ROME

Ref. St. 2233

SUBJECT: Misappropriation of imported newsprint

In reply to your letter of the 1st inst.,
re the above, I have to inform you:

1. This office is responsible for the questions of the use of newsprint, of the circulation and unsold returns of newspapers, but is not responsible for the production and the sale of newsprint by local mills. As the activity of the mills comes under the responsibility of the Ministry of Industry, they have been asked to effect the necessary controls.

2. With reference to the other points, I have to report:

a) The delivery of newsprint from the warehouse to the printing plants is effected against orders issued by this office and in accordance with the authorized circulation. It is therefore impossible that newsprint leaves the warehouses in greater quantity than that authorized.

b) As, however, it could and, in fact, did happen that not all the newsprint assigned was used by the papers and that part of it might finish on the Black Market, it has been arranged that the finance guards should exercise a control at the printing plants. From the check-ups made, it appears that in the month of February several Roman newspapers (Avanti, Italia Libera, Ricostruzione, Italia Nuova, Quotidiano and Lavoro) did not use up all the newsprint assigned to them, whereas others

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exceeded their authorized circulation figures. On the whole, however, the newsprint consumed by all the Roman dailies corresponds approximately to the quantity assigned to all the Roman papers.

It has been arranged to draw up a new plan for the distribution of the newsprint with a reduction in circulation for some papers and an increase to others. It is considered superfluous for the moment to make a check on unsold returns since, due to shortage of newsprint, circulation figures are considerably below those needed to meet public demand.

The Prefect of Naples has been instructed to institute in that city the same system of control put into force here.

These controls, as already stated, will be effected periodically and if there is any doubt about their efficiency, they will be reinforced by having a finance guard constantly on duty in the printing plants.

As soon as this Office receives information from the Ministry of Industry on the controls being made at the mills, I will advise you.

I believe that the foregoing provides a full answer to the requests made by you and hope, therefore, that you will be able to recommend to Admiral Stone the continuation of paper imports into Italy.

THE DIRECTOR GENERAL

(signed) A. Rossini

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2/17/78

31 January, 1943.

E/PMB

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

It has recently become apparent that very considerable thefts of imported paper are taking place and that this stolen paper is reaching very high prices in the black market. In order to illustrate the present state of affairs I am sending you a copy of the Minutes of a recent Meeting of the Allied Publications Board which dealt with this subject.

I know that you will feel no less strongly than I do that this not only militates against the freedom of the Italian press but is also a betrayal of the goodwill of the Allies who, while themselves short of paper, are exporting to Italy nearly 1000 tons a month.

I feel compelled to say that unless a machinery for the control of imported paper is established by the Italian Government to the satisfaction of the Allied Publications Board within the next month, I shall feel it my duty to recommend to the Allied authorities a drastic reduction of the paper stocks now imported for territory under Italian jurisdiction.

Yours sincerely,

Ellery W. Stone,
Rear Admiral USNR,
Chief Commissioner.

Copy to: Lieut. Col. I.S. Munro,
Allied Publications Board.

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

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ALLIED [REDACTED] COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT:

Misappropriation of Imported
Newsprint

FILE No. 38/PRB

TO :

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Mr. L. White

16 March 1945

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Att.

G. S. Brown
Director, PRB

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

GCB/mew

33/PAB

5 March 45

My dear Sig. Libonati

When you were in to see the Admiral recently, you said that the paper situation might be greatly improved if la Cartiere Meridionali, which you said was producing a paper for PWB, could be permitted to use at least a portion of its plant to produce paper for the Italian market. We discussed this matter with the PWB and have been informed that PWB has not been using this mill for a long time. As a matter of fact, PWB is not using any Italian paper mills.

I thought you would like to have this information.

Sincerely yours,

C. STEWART BROWN
Director,
Public Relations Branch

Sig. Francesco Libonati
Undersecretary of State for Press and Propaganda
Ministry of Occupied Italy
Italian Government
Rome

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

2 March 1945

Mr. G. Stewart Brown, Director
PRO
Hq. Allied Commission

Subject: Shortage of Newsprint

Dear Stewart:

This is in reply to yours of the 22 February 1945 concerning le Cartiere Meridionali in Isola di Liri.

Major Pisco, our printing head, informs me that PWB has not used this mill for a long time, nor are we using any other paper mills.

FWB and APB for many months cautioned the Italians about the shortage of newsprint, but they went blithely on their way, ignoring the warnings. Your Mr. White, I am sure, has a most complete dossier on the subject and minutes of the APB meetings will furnish additional background. Mr. Waite (Industry and Commerce, AC) is the APB's paper man.

My feeling is that difficult as it may be for the Italians, they must get going on their own. If we can help in an advisory capacity, we are more than glad to.

Sincerely yours,

George W. Eiman
GEORGE W. EIMAN, HEAD
PWB (LIBERATED ITALY) HQ.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

G3B/adm

38/PRB

22 February 1945.

Mr. George Edman
Head
(Liberated Italy) PWB

Dear George:

Signor Libonati was in to see the Chief Commissioner yesterday about the shortage of newsprint. In the course of his conversation he said that the paper situation could be improved if La Cartiere Meridionale, in Isola di Liri, which he said was producing some kind of paper for PWB, could be permitted to use at least a portion of its plant to produce paper for the Italian market.

He did not give any further details and the Admiral said that he would see if PWB still needed the entire plant or what arrangement, if any, might be made. Any information or advice you could give us on this subject would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

G. STEWART BROWN
Director,
Public Relations Branch.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

GSB/adm

38/PRB

21 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Newsprint

TO : Mr. Harlan Cleveland, Executive Director, Economic
Section, Allied Commission.

1. Signor Libonati, Sottosegretario per la Stampa, saw the Chief Commissioner today at 1700 hours regarding the newsprint situation. Signor Libonati asked if the Allied Commission could arrange to "loan" the Italian Press Commission 150 tons of newsprint out of stocks either in its possession or P.W.B.'s, to carry the papers until March 15, by which time, according to their information, newsprint from America might have arrived in Italy.

2. The Chief Commissioner told Signor Libonati that he was not familiar with the details of the paper situation and that he would have to ask for the recommendations of the Commerce Sub-Commission. He added, however, that if such an arrangement were possible it would be contingent upon a satisfactory answer to his letter of 31 January to the Prime Minister. Signor Libonati said a reply was "in preparation".

3. Signor Libonati emphasized that there would be further difficulties for the papers and embarrassment for the government if newsprint could not be loaned to them awaiting the arrival of shipments from the U.S. and the increase in their own paper production.

4. The Chief Commissioner wishes you to give him a recommendation on this proposal of Signor Libonati.

G. STEWART BROWN
Director,
Public Relations Branch.Copy to: Lt. Col. Munro, Exec Sec, APB
Mr. Schott, Political Section, AC.

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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

26 February 1945

SUBJECT: Your file No. 38/PRB

TO : Headquarters Allied Commission
Public Relations Branch
APO 394

1. Returned herewith is your file No. 38/PRB,
which was forwarded to this office on 24 February 1945
by DD Claims and Hirings.


JORDAN PISCOP
Maj. SC,

Deputy Chief, PWB-AMHQ Printing & Paper Division

Enc.

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22.

To: PRO.

1. The position about payment to this firm is roughly as I stated to you at the Chief of Staff's Meeting. I spoke to Col. Grafftey-Smith, who confirmed that there is a Joint Claims Commission at AFHQ who investigate claims such as this and in his opinion there is a fair chance in this case of some payment being made.

2. He advised me that if the matter was referred to him, he would start it on his way through ~~Industry~~ Sub-Commission (another channel, but definitely another line of approach) so that PWB can be moved from their rather intractable attitude which they have adopted.

W. S. L. L.

28 Dec. 44.

Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

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To: Col. Grafftey-Smith.

Most gratefully, according to (2) above, I pass this wicking file to your tender care.

L. Fielden.
Major. P.R.

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To Commerce Sub-Commission
Minute 22 (2b) is not quite what I said: but I should be grateful for any suggestions.
30. XII. 44.

A. H. H. H. H.
Col. D. H. H.

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Major Fielden
Whether you or I can authorise payment for this purpose: the interested party is PROB. May I suggest that you write to them asking them if their attitude is not changed since MTOUSA, on 3 Jan 1945 informed the U.S. Army Base depots in Italy that for the time being, supplies may be paid for in cash as operational requirements dictate or when such payments are necessary to assure continued services or supplies.

A. H. H. H. H.

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D. H. H. H.
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TO: PRB for Major Fielden.

1. Reference your memo on file 102/PRB, 8 Dec.
2. Please reply to Editrice Italiana Arti Grafiche along the lines suggested in the above. These people must look to PWB as the channel for payment.

9 Dec 44.
Office, Chief of Staff,
Ext. 451.

W. S. Shipman

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

I should be grateful if you would glance at this rather long and melancholy history. Claims and hirings have told me verbally (Major Marriott) that repayment is the responsibility of PWB and that, in their view, this claim ought to be paid. I agree. Captain Wardley's concluding paragraph is a monument of evasion.

12 Dec '44.
Public Relations Director
Tel. 478719.

Colonel Fielden.

To C.O.S for Colonel Shipp.

1. You may like to see how anxious PWB is to foot his bill.
2. You will note that his firm claims that it never has been bankrupted.
3. It seems to me that his case might be raised at a COS meeting. There must be plenty more like it. Some decision should surely be taken?

418 *Colonel Fielden.*
Dec. 27.

MEMOR: Claims by War, 1939, in respect of
 acquisition of air stores by US

Deputy Chief,
 170 - AMB,
 Printing and Paper Division,
 IT 10

De Claims & Heritage

3/4/50
24 Feb 43

File 9

reference your minute dated 12 Jan 43.

1. I return herewith to Allied Commission, Public Relations Branch File
 10. 10/103 relating to the a/c subject for your consideration of action.

2. It would appear that as far as this Commission is involved no further
 action is necessary, the transactions having been regularly requisitioned by RFL.
 The only issue in doubt is the final disposal for payment of the requisition
 notes. In this connection you may draw your attention to GPO 124/44 as amended
 by GPO 106/44, which lays down the procedure to be adopted in the case of
 requisitioning of goods and services by British Services, and it is understood
 that there is a similar system ruling in respect of American Services.

J. Barrett (J. Barrett)
 Capt
 for Colonel
 De Claims & Heritage

13/123

Copy for: IF Allied Commission Finance sub-Commission - your minute 13116/3 dated
 5 Jan 43 refers.

By Allied Commission Public Relations Branch

File 033/53/113/173

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

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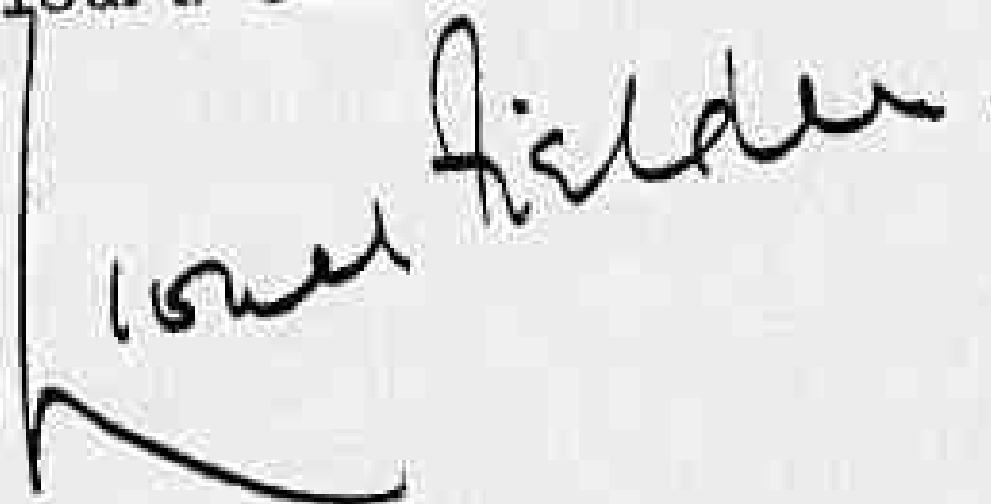
12 January 1945.

SUBJECT : Requisition of Paper Stock by PWB
TO : Mr. George Edman, A.D.P.W.O. Italy,
PWB Italian Theatre Headquarters.

Dear George,

Further to yours of 27 December 1944, I think we on our side have now quite exhausted any means of deciding whether payment by PWB is due or not. As the final decision seems to rest with PWB, I am returning the whole file to you and merely draw your attention to Minute No. 25 by Colonel Grafftey-Smith, our Finance King, which may throw a glimmer of light on the final issue.

Yours sincerely,



Encl : File No. 38.

*Col. Cagley - This is clearly administrative.
Will you deal with it?*

JF
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION
TEL: 478604

13116/F

6 January 1944

SUBJECT: Requisition of Paper Stocks P.W.B.

TO : Major Lionel Fielden
Public Relation Officer.

1. As regards the attached file, if PWB intends to draw further stocks of paper from E.I.A.C., it would appear that they should arrange payment for the paper already requisitioned, either from their own funds or by the Army supply service. The Armies, in response to the need for keeping privately-owned industries furnishing goods and services to the Allies in operation, are now paying for the greater part of locally procured supplies.

2. There is no possibility of early payment by the Italian Government for supplies requisitioned in the past by the Armies.

A. P. Grappley Smith
Coe

Joint Director,
Finance Sub-Commission.

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Col Grappley Smith.

But, a box on it, that I have to do is to answer a letter from the firm complaining that they are bankrupt and want to be PAID. So what do I do to law?

L. Fielden
Major.

Jan. 8.

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

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27 December 1944

Major Lionel Fielden, Public Relations Director
Hq. Allied Commission
PRB - APO 394
Rome

Dear Lionel:

I have been away and must apologize for the delay
in returning the attached folder. I am enclosing comments
from Lt. Col. Cayley about the matter.

What is doing about the film board?

Sincerely,

for W. Edman
GEORGE W. EDMAN
A.D.P.W.O. Italy

enc.
By Hand

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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

Ref. 107

To: Mr. George Edman

27th December 1944

Copies to: Mr. G. Robinson: Major Bigger: Mr. H. Goldsmith

From: Lt.-Col. P.E. Cayley, Administrative Officer, PWB Unit No. 12

Subject: REQUISITION OF PAPER STOCK BY PWB

Reference correspondence with MAJOR FIELDEN (Public Relations Director) as per file herewith

1. I am afraid I absolutely fail to understand MAJOR FIELDEN's attitude on this question. I have discussed the legal status of our requisition in this particular case with Mr. Hermann GOLDSMITH (Procurement Officer) and he in turn discussed it with MAJOR BIGGER, U.S. ARMY, Supply Officer attached to this H.Q. Both these gentlemen are firmly of opinion that this requisition, having been legally carried out through G.4 ROME Area Allied Command, there is no question that Captain WARDLEY was completely within his rights in requisitioning the stocks referred to and that under the terms of the Armistice payment in respect of these stocks is ultimately due from the Italian Government, the stocks having been requisitioned for immediate military operational use.
2. I do not myself see where the Claims and Hirings Section come into the picture since if, as I understand to be the case, such a requisition is within the terms of the Armistice between the Allies and Italy any subsequent negotiations are somewhat outside the scope of Claims and Hirings. It may be that there is some other point in connection with this matter which is not yet clear to me but I must frankly state I can so far see no reason why PWB should pay any money at all in connection with this transaction.
3. Will you please be so kind as to let me know how you yourself view this matter in the light of the foregoing paragraphs?

PEC/MEK

P. E. Cayley
 Lt.-Col.
 Administrative Officer

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

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19 December 1944

Memo :

Subject: Re payment of Requisitioned Paper Stocks

To : Commodore Stone, Acting Chief Commissioner, Rome

1. Attached communication requests payment of paper stocks requisitioned by this organization. The material in question was requisitioned by this unit through military channels under Administrative Memorandum No. 95, ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS, dated 27 December 1943, for immediate military use and in accordance with paragraph 4a of the above mentioned memorandum.

2. The owner's copy of requisition form specifically states he will be notified at a future date when to submit his claim for consideration.

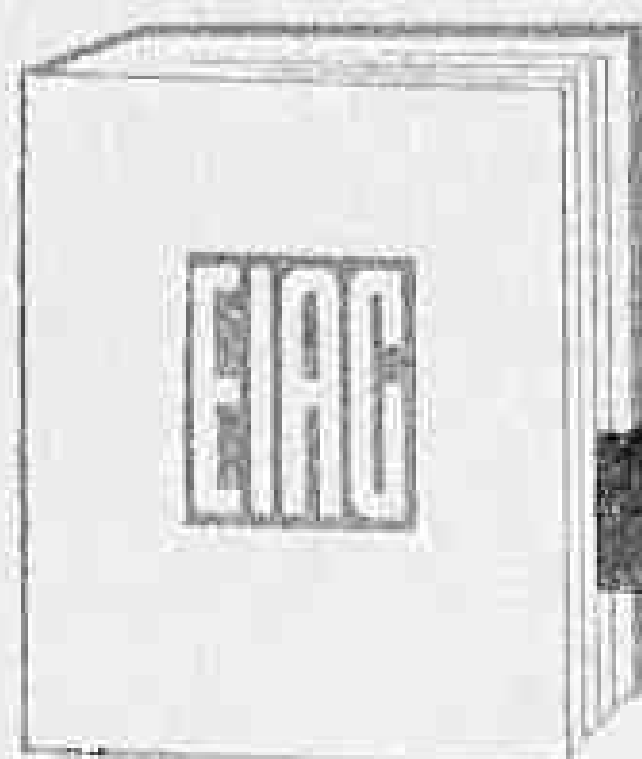
For Capt. JORDAN PISCOP

John V. Clarke
JOHN V. CLARKE
1st Lt., Inf.

Printing & Paper Section, PWB

CC: Major Bigger
Capt. Piscop
File

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LIMITATA

EDITRICE ITALIANA ARTI GRAFICHEVIA XX SETTEMBRE 58A
TELEFONO 485.016
ROMA

Rome 5 - 12 - 1944

TO COMODORE STONE
Acting Chief Commissioner
R O M Eand for knowledge:
To Major Clarence Figger
P.W.B. Unit n° 12
R O M E

On October the 14 th. 1944 we sent you the letter, copy of which is enclosed herewith.

As no reply as reached us from you, ^{we} take the liberty of soliciting your decision with regard to the payment due to us for the requisitioned goods.

In case that said payment should be made by the Italian Government we beg you to be so kind as to let us know and request it to the Italian Ministry of Treasure.

We thank you in anticipation, and are

yours very truly

EDITRICE ITALIANA ARTI GRAFICHE

LIMITATA

Administrative Unit

Roberto Pulini

Copy
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Rome, the 14 th October 1944 *15*

TO CAPT. STONE
Acting Chief Commissioner
R. C. M. E.

and for knowledge:
To Major Clarence Bigger
P.M.E. Unit n° 12
R. C. M. E.

The undersigned Editrice Italiana Arti Grafiche Co. Ltd. delivered to the P.M.E. Printing Section the following goods in existence in our warehouse on the 26 August:

- 25.000 sheets of "carta mezzo fine, satinata, finissima" - 64 x 88 centimetres, weighing 60 grams per square metre,
- 130.000 sheets of "carta per edizioni" - 32 x 108 centimetres, weighing 80 grams per square metre,
- 25.000 sheets of "carta filiani tipo Castaldi" - 70 x 100 centimetres weight 60 grams per square metre.

The total weight is 12.870 kilos.

The above goods were purchased by us for other whose we were printing and their cost-price amounts to 589.815.- as per documents in our hands.

The interests on the capital employed and the running expenses (i.e. warehouse expenses, insurance expenses etc.) increase the cost of goods of 15%, therefore the reimbursement/asked for, amounts to L. 678.287,25.-

This sum represents only a part of the damage suffered by us, as lack of first materiale prevents us from keeping faith to our contracts with other firms.

(page n° 2 to Capt. Stone)

We point out that according to the rules of the private international right, the Italian citizens who live in Italy are under the protection of the Italian laws, according to which, goods can only be requisitioned if paid.

We beg you therefore to fix the amount to be paid to us, and to let us know when and where it will be paid.

Owing to the motives previously stated the payment should be made as soon as possible.

We feel sure that you will consider our present difficulties and will prevent us by paying the amount due to us from presenting our books to the "Law Court" declaring our state of insolvency, with what publicity and damage it is easy to understand.

We are Sirs

yours faithfully

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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38/PRB

12 December '44.

SUBJECT : REQUISITION OF PAPER STOCK BY P.W.B.

Editrice Italiana Arti Grafiche,
Via XX Settembre 58A, ROMA.

Your letters of October 14th and December 5th are acknowledged. The delay in replying to your letter of December 5th is regretted.

The matter is one for settlement by P.W.B. and does not fall within the scope of this Commission. All requisition forms, such as that which you hold, should be passed by the Head of the Requisitioning Unit to the paymaster, who will decide whether payment is to be made before the end of hostilities. In this case you should approach Captain W.F. Wardley, Printing and Supply officer of P.W.B. (149 Via IV Novembre) who is the officer responsible for this requisition.

MICHAEL FIELDEN
Major
Public Relations Director.

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LIMITATA

EDITRICE ITALIANA ARTI GRAFICHEVIA XX SETTEMBRE 58A
TELEFONO 485.016
ROMA

Rome 5 - 12 - 1944

TO COMMODORE STONE
Acting Chief Commissioner
ROME

-9 DEC 1944

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know and request it to the Italian Ministry of Treasure.

We thank you in anticipation, and are

yours very truly

Nicola Giuliani

Copy.

P.

Rome, the 14 th October 1944

TO CAPT. STONE
Acting Chief Commissioner
R O M E

and for knowledge:
To Major Clarence Eigger
P.W.B. Unit n° 12
R O M E

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We are Sirs

yours faithfully

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

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102/PRB

8 December 1944.

SUBJECT: Paper Stock.

TO : Chief Staff Officer to the Chief of Staff.

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Since your note of November, this correspondence has gone full circle and there is no reply, as I felt sure there would not be. I have spoken to COS about it and he says that the only reply is that this is what happens in a conquered country which is true enough though perhaps not entirely consistent with the Atlantic Charter. All we can do, I suppose, is to reply briefly that we have examined the matter and ascertained that the goods were requisitioned under Administrative Order No. 95 and that payment will not be made until a board is established to consider claims.

Lionel Fielden
LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

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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

December 4, 1944.

TO: Chief of Staff,
Allied Commission.

FROM: Capt. R. F. Wardley, R.E.,
Printing and Supplies Officer,
P.W.B. - A.F.H.Q.

SUBJECT: Requisition of Paper Stock by P.W.B.

The paper requisitioned from EDITRICE ITALIANA ARTI GRAFICHE (documents enclosed) was required by this organisation for operational military purposes, and was carried out under the correct procedure laid down in Administrative Memorandum No. 95 paragraph 4a, which states -

4 - Privately owned goods.

- (a) Goods should not be seized or requisitioned without payment unless strictly required for military purposes, the test being whether, if payment had to be made, the charge would be admissible against public funds. Requisitioning will be confined to authorised officers of the procuring services. In all cases where payment is not made, accurate records must be maintained of the articles requisitioned, including the date, place, identification of article, and name of owner.

All accurate records of Printing and Paper materials requisitioned by this organisation for military purposes are kept by the Controller of Printing P.W.B., I.T.H.Q., for safekeeping in his office.

Payment I presume, will be made when a recognised board meets for consideration of claims, when at such time our records can be checked.

Copy to: Lt. Col. Cayley
Major Marriott
Mr. B. Paget.

R. F. Wardley 4167
R. F. WARDLEY, CAPT. R.E.
PRINTING & SUPPLIES OFFICER
P.W.B. UNIT NO. 12, A.F.H.Q.

Subject: Requisition of Paper stock.

Ref: CC3/53/119/A

Capt. Wardley.
Printing and Supplies Officer,
P.W.B.

1. Reference our 'phone conversation on 24 Nov 1944 (Wardley - Marriott).
2. I enclose herewith the following documents relative to a claim by Editrice Italiana Arti Grafiche in respect of the requisitioning of a quantity of paper on 26 Aug 1944.
 - (a) Photo print of Requisition form No: 00120 issued by P.W.B. Unit No: 12, serial 0277267 A.S.N.
 - (b) Letter from claimants dated 14 Oct 44 .
 - (c) Covering Letter 9252/7/CCS of 8 Nov 1944 from Chief of Staff, A,C,C,
 - (d) Minutes dated 9 and 15 Nov 44 from P.R.O. and U.S. Claims Service.
3. In order that I may close my file I shall be glad to hear that you are dealing with this matter.

28 Nov 44

WHM/WLM

W. Marriott
Major,
41653 Claims and Hirings,
C.M.F.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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Recd.
21 NOV 1944

CHS/26.
9 Nov 1944.

102/2/PRB

Subject: Paper stock of Editrice Italiana Arti Grafiche.

To: Claims and Hirings.

Commodore Stone, the Acting Chief Commissioner, has instructed me to forward the attached, since presumably it is a matter for you to deal with. We should be grateful if you would let us know the position with regard to this claim so that we may send a suitable reply.

Lionel Fielden
LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

1st Ind.

102/2/PRB

15 Nov. 44

UNITED STATES CLAIMS SERVICE, REGIONAL OFFICE VI, APO 794, U.S. ARMY, 15 November 44
TO : Hq, Allied Commission, Public Relations Branch, APO 394, U. S. Army

1. Instant correspondence was received by this office in a letter addressed to U. S. Claims Service in spite of the fact that above is directed to claims and hirings which is British.

2. It is noted that the U. S. Claims Service has no jurisdiction over regular procurement of supplies for the U. S. Army. Hence no official information can be directed on this matter.

William R. Orlandi
WILLIAM R. ORLANDI
Captain, J.A.C.D.,
Claims Officer in Charge.

*Copy to
P. Supplies Office
J. M. R.*
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTER OFFICE MEMO

From: Office of the Chief of Staff.

Tel: 735

SUBJECT: Requisition of Paper Stock
by P.W.B.

FILE No. 9252/7/COS

TO: PRO.

8 November 1944

1. Attached letter from Editrice Italiana Arti Grafiche dated 14 October 44, is passed to you for action please.
2. It is a matter for Claims & Hirings to settle.

[Signature]
Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

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Mr Goldsmith.
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240 N. 100
Capt Wardley. DPSS. 5
6 Oct 32. - 10.
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LIMITATA

EDITRICE ITALIANA ARTI GRAFICHE

VIA XX SETTEMBRE 58A
TELEFONO 485.016
ROMA

Mr Robinson

Rome, the 14th October 1944

Recd.

To Capt. Stone
Acting Chief Commissioner
R o m e

and for knowledge:
To Major Clarence Bigger
P.W.B. Unit n°12
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We are Sirs
yours
faithfully

EDITRICE ITALIANA ARTI GRAFICHE
SOCIETÀ LIMITATA
L'Amministrazione Unica

Nevo Pulini

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FORM FOR USE IN ACQUISITION PROPERTY
 RECEIVED
 UNITED STATES ARMY
 ARMATA DEGLI STATI UNITI D'AMERICA

DATE:
 DATA: 26 Agosto 1944

The following items of property
 have been taken by the United
 States Army from
 Owner or possessor and Address

Le seguenti proprietà sono
 state requisite per l'Armata
 degli Stati Uniti d'America
 EDIZIONE ITALIANA ARTI GRAFICHE

EDIZIONE ITALIANA ARTI GRAFICHE

Signature *Nicola Fecchi*

Via XX Settembre 58 A

Address

Indirizzo

ROMA

Description of property
 (Indicate condition).
 (If motor vehicle, engine,
 chassis, and Italian license
 numbers must be shown)

Descrizione della proprietà
 requisita (Indicare lo stato)

25.000 Fogli carta medio fine stampa sottilissima cm. 64 x 88 da gr. 60 mq.

130.000 " " per edizioni cm. 80 x 108 da gr. 80 a mq.

25.000 " " Miliani tipo Castaldi 20 x 100 da gr. 60 a mq.

I certify that the property
 described above is required for
 immediate use in military ser-
 vice. Payment has not been made
 for the acquisition thereof.

Clarence V. Bigger

Clarence V. Bigger

Maj. Gen.

PWE Unit No. 12

0277267

Italian Theater Headquarters
 Psychological Warfare Unit No. 12

Organization

ASN

Name of the person or office

This property is being used at a
 future date when to present this
 certificate for consideration
 of your claim.

Si deve informare prossimamente
 a chi dovrà presentare
 questo certificato, affinché il
 vostro reclamo venga preso in
 considerazione.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

GSB/adm

38/PRB

22 February 1945.

Mr. George Edman
Head
(Liberated Italy) PWB

Dear George:

Signor Libonati was in to see the Chief Commissioner yesterday about the shortage of newsprint. In the course of his conversation he said that the paper situation could be improved if La Cartiere Meridionale, in Isola di Liri, which he said was producing some kind of paper for PWB, could be permitted to use at least a portion of its plant to produce paper for the Italian market.

He did not give any further details and the Admiral said that he would see if PWB still needed the entire plant or what arrangement, if any, might be made. Any information or advice you could give us on this subject would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

G. STEWART BROWN
Director,
Public Relations Branch.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APC 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

GSB/adm

21 February 1945.

38/PRB

SUBJECT: Newsprint

TO : Mr. Harlan Cleveland, Executive Director, Economic
Section, Allied Commission.

1. Signor Libonati, Sottosegretario per la Stampa, saw the Chief Commissioner today at 1700 hours regarding the newsprint situation. Signor Libonati asked if the Allied Commission could arrange to "loan" the Italian Press Commission 150 tons of newsprint out of stocks either in its possession or P.W.B.'s, to carry the papers until March 15, by which time, according to their information, newsprint from America might have arrived in Italy.

2. The Chief Commissioner told Signor Libonati that he was not familiar with the details of the paper situation and that he would have to ask for the recommendations of the Commerce Sub-Commission. He added, however, that if such an arrangement were possible it would be contingent upon a satisfactory answer to his letter of 31 January to the Prime Minister. Signor Libonati said a reply was "in preparation".

3. Signor Libonati emphasized that there would be further difficulties for the papers and embarrassment for the government if newsprint could not be loaned to them awaiting the arrival of shipments from the U.S. and the increase in their own paper production.

4. The Chief Commissioner wishes you to give him a recommendation on this proposal of Signor Libonati.

G. STEWART BROWN
Director,
Public Relations Branch.

Copy to: Lt. Col. Munro, Exec Sec, APB
Mr. Schott, Political Section, AG.

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38/PRB

20 February 1945.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

My attention has been called to the decision of the Italian Press Commission temporarily to suspend six newspapers in Rome because of the shortage of newsprint.

In the opinion of the Allied Commission this is not the proper and democratic manner of solving the problem. We feel it would have been better to have made an equitable pro-rata reduction in the allocation of newsprint to all newspapers rather than arbitrarily to suspend certain papers. We believe the papers affected have a legitimate reason to protest against this action.

I very much hope you will give this your personal attention and take steps to have the matter reconsidered at the earliest possible date.

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner.

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

Copy to: Lieut. Col. I.S. Munro
Executive Secretary,
Allied Publications Board.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
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38/PRB

12 January 1945.

SUBJECT : Requisition of Paper Stock by PWB
TO : Mr. George Edman, A.D.P.W.O. Italy,
PWB Italian Theatre Headquarters.

*Edman Italian
Arts Graphic*

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Yours sincerely,

Encl : File No. 38.

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OFFICE OF THE CENTRAL
ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD

62 Via Veneto - Room 108
Rome

25 November 1944.

TO: Major Lionel Fielden,
Public Relations Director, AG

FROM: Lt. Col. T.S. Munro,
Executive Secretary, APB

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The letter from the Chief Staff Officer to the Chief of Staff (Ref 9234/5/303 of 17 November 1944) together with a copy of a letter from the President of the Council of Ministers, Sig. Bonomi, to the Chief Commissioner of AG, Commodore Eilery W. Stone, of November 16, 1944 was laid before the Allied Publications Board at its last meeting. As a basis for your reply, I have been instructed to send you, and which are enclosed herewith,

- A. A summary of the three contradictory proposals on newsprint by the Italian Press Commission.
- B. A copy of Col. Brown's report on newsprint
- C. The decision taken by the Board as contained in APB letter to the Italian Press Commission.

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T.S. MUNRO
Lt. Col.
Executive Secretary

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Extract from the Minutes of APB Meeting on Nov. 22nd.

The three contradictory proposals of the Italian Press Commission, on newsprint, are as follows:

One - dated 20 September - requested the general increase in the circulation of the Rome dailies on the list submitted along with the request.

The second proposal, on October 16th, asked instead for one single grant of 50 tons extra, to be divided among specified papers. In additional correspondence, "IL TEMPO" was added and a plea was made that the two "opposition" papers, "LA VOCE REPUBBLICANA" and "ITALIA NUOVA", be given priority in the event that any partial grant was given. The 50 ton proposal left a margin of ten (10) tons to be allocated to papers wanting to extend their circulation to Florence and Sicily.

The third proposal of November 14th, modified the second one by asking that one (1) quintal of paper for each of the eleven Rome dailies be allocated from now until the end of the year, for extra circulation in Florence and Sicily.

Col. Munro reported that, when asked which of these the Italian government desired to be considered, Avv. Rossini named the third. The Board had, thus, to consider conceding a single consignment of 40 tons of newsprint for division among the listed papers, plus one (1) quintal per day for the eleven Rome dailies till the end of the year, which would come to 33 tons, bringing the demand to a total of 73 tons.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
 APO 394
 COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION
 Special Materials Section

Ref.AC/5066 Commerce
 Tel.478.192

LVRW/FZ

22 Novembre 1944

SUBJECT : Stocks and Requirements of Newsprint
 TO : Executive Secretary APB
 (attn.Col.Munro)

1. Reference your request that information be supplied in regards the newsprint situation, the following figures are submitted as of 11/18:

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| a. Total amounts at points of publication | 507 Tons |
| " " " ports | 501 " |
| Estimated local production before 1/1/45 | 1,108 Tons |
| Total available for use until 1/1/45 | 500 " |
| | 1,608 Tons |
| Present monthly requirements | 680 " |
| Estimated consumption until 1/1/45 | 952 " |
| Total estimated stocks as of 1/1/45 | 656 " |
- b. PWB papers use practically 50% of paper now being consumed.
- c. No paper is expected from imports during the month of December.
- d. The monthly requirements include Florence but do not include any estimate for papers to be licensed in northern areas between this date and 1/1/45.

For the Chief Commissioner

W.P. EVANS
 Colonel-Director
 Commerce Sub-Commission

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OFFICE OF THE CENTRAL
ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD

62 Via Veneto - Room 108
Rome

25 November 1944

TO: Avv. A. Rossini,
Director General of the Press
Under-Secretariat for Press and Information,
Rome.

FROM: Lt. Col. I.S. Mauro,
Executive Secretary, APB

Signor Barney has, no doubt, already conveyed to you the views of the Board in connection with your request for additional 73 tons of paper, as described in your letter to the Allied Publications Board dated 14 November.

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I.S. MUNRO,
Lt. Col.
Executive Secretary

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D R A F T R E P L Y

TO LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL
OF MINISTERS

SUBJECT : Paper for Newsprint

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Ref: 38/486.

29 November 1944.

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Yours very truly:

W. E. Stone
WILSON W. STONE
Comptroller, USIA
Chief Commissioner

The President of the Council of Ministers,
The Italian Government,
Rome.

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Office of the Chief Commissioner

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ELLERY W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD

62 Via Veneto - Room 108
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25 November 1944

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Director General of the Press
Under-Secretariat for Press and Information,
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FROM: Lt. Col. I. B. Munro,
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(Sgd)

I. S. MUNRO,
Lt. Col.
Executive Secretary

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Chief of Staff

Tel: 388

Ref: 9254/5/COS17 November 1944

SUBJECT: Paper for Newsprint.

TO : PRO. ~~PRO.~~

1. Confirming conversation on telephone, I attach original and translation of letter No. 3027 dated 16 November 1944 from Prime Minister Bonomi to the Chief Commissioner.

2. Will you please take this matter up with the proper quarter and in due course submit a reply on your files for the signature of the Chief Commissioner.

E. J. R. R. R.
Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

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Translation

The President of the Council of Ministers
n. 3027

Rome, 15 November 1944

Dear Admiral,

the Roman press finds itself in a very difficult situation because of the lack of paper. Some newspapers have exhausted all their supplies; as they cannot find paper on the black market (to which they had resorted during the past months) they are obliged to reduce their circulation, and may have to stop it altogether, having already exhausted their normal allotment. The Roman press is not only supplying the town of Rome, but owing to the improvement in the communications, it also supplies all the Italian part of Umbria and Abruzzi, and, on a less important scale, other regions too. It is indispensable that the Roman press should also supply the needs of Urbino and Macerata, for the Florentine papers are rather unimportant and have a small circulation.

For this reason, on October 14th, the National Commission for the Press asked A.P.I. to grant an extra allotment of 50 tons of paper to be divided among the various Roman daily papers. The Under-Secretary for Press and Information also asked on November 19 more tons, needed for the increase of circulation corresponding to a greater diffusion of the Roman press in Umbria and Abruzzi. The requested extraordinary allotment to the Roman Press amounted to 80 tons. This would cover the requirements of the press till December 31st. We hope that the increase of the national output will then allow to increase the normal allotments.

I have been told that on November 14th, there were 100,50 tons of paper for newspapers, produced in Italy, in the A.C. depot in Viale Garibaldi 27, and also 19,8 tons of paper produced in this country, requisitioned in Asinara.

Will you kindly see whether it is possible that from this total amount of 120,38 tons, 80 tons should be put at the disposal of the Roman Press as extra allotment; this would enable the press to go on till the end of the year.

Thanking you, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Benito Mussolini

Admiral Henry W. Stone
Chief Commissioner of the Allied Commission

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