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UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE
ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALYRESTRICTED

January 5, 1945

MEMORANDUM

TO: Political Section, Allied Commission
SUBJECT: Trip of American Newspapermen.

This office has recently received a communication from the Department of State to the effect that the President has given a letter of introduction to Mr. Wilbur Forrest, assistant editor of the New York Herald Tribune and Vice President of the American Society of Newspaper Editors. The Secretary of State has also given a letter to Mr. Forrest and to his two associates, Dean Carl W. Ackerman of the School of Journalism, Columbia University, and Mr. Ralph McGill of the Atlanta Constitution.

These men are undertaking a trip on behalf of the American Society of Newspaper Editors for the purpose of discussing with foreign newspapermen and officials the benefit to the peoples of all countries that would derive from accomplishing better and freer dissemination of world news. The Secretary of State states that he believes this journey can achieve important results and hopes that everything possible may be done to help make this journey a profitable and productive one.

The entire itinerary of this group is not yet definite but as now planned they intend to leave the United States at the end of December and travel by air to London, Paris and Rome.

Copies to: Mr. Edman, PWB.
Office of U. S. Political
Adviser, AFHQ.

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Copy to Mr. Edman, Jan 5
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22 December 1944

Subject: Resumption of Services by Allied News Agencies

To: Lieutenant General Sir A. F. Harding, KCB, CBE, DSO, MC
Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512

1. As a result of the decisions reached at the Supreme Allied Commander's Conference on Tuesday, December 19th, I informed the representatives of Allied News Agencies in Rome (Associated Press, United Press, Reuters, Exchange-Telegraph and International News Service) that the resumption of their services, tentatively set for January 15, would have to be postponed pending agreement on a detailed plan for the technical handling and distribution of news.

2. The Agency representatives, while fully appreciating the desirability of such a plan, made a strong plea that, since they had already started negotiations (and representatives of UP and Reuters had come from the Middle East and USA for that purpose), they be permitted to open their services to the Rome newspapers only on January 15. They pointed out with some justification that such a service would not involve any technical problems of transmission or distribution, since it would be brought in by the existing commercial services and distributed in Rome by the agencies themselves.

3. There appears to me to be no valid objection to this proposal, and I am inclined to think that a refusal might be interpreted by the agencies as a new and unreasonable obstacle to their plans. It is also worth remembering that distribution in Rome by the agencies would provide us with data on the wordage and working of the various agencies which would be extremely useful in working out the technical plan for distribution in Italy generally.

4. Since the Conference was in general agreement on the desirability of allowing the agencies to come in, and this plan offers an opportunity of avoiding complete postponement, I strongly urge its approval and should be grateful if it could be considered at the Supreme Allied Commander's Conference (Political) on December 26th.

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ELERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

cc: U.S. Political adviser
British Resident Minister
American Ambassador
British Ambassador

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Political Section
HEADQUARTERS CALLING COMMISSION
A P O 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

20 December 1944.

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SUBJECT : POLITICAL CORRESPONDENTS

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

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

- (a) Who is the final deciding authority in granting accreditation (which of course must include cable and censorship facilities)?
 - (b) Whether all such requests should be referred to Washington or London or both, or to G-5, or to AFHQ PRO.
 - (c) How far AFHQ PRO is prepared to extend cable and censorship facilities to an increasing number of these correspondents.
 - (d) Whether the American policy in this matter is going to continue to differ from the British, and
 - (e) exactly what restrictions should be applied to journalists generally (e.g. if Ignazio Silone wishes to cable sporadic articles to American papers, can this be allowed? Is Mr. Hjalmar de Laval, sent by the Swedish Charge d'Affaires, allowed to cable articles to a Swedish weekly review?)
5. I think that these matters need clarification. There is on the one hand the possibility of AFHQ PRO moving elsewhere, in which case this office will be left in sole charge of Rome foreign correspondents (and presumably American war correspondents will become political correspondents overnight). There is also the certainty that more and more journalists, Italian, Allied, neutral, sometimes as regular and sometimes as free-lance writers, will approach this office for permission to carry on their work.

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

Wendell Fielden
 LIONEL FIELDEN 1617
 Major
 Public Relations Director.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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13 Oct 44

SUBJECT : ITALIAN NEWS AGENCY

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TO : Acting Chief Commissioner, A.C.C.

1. Piacentini, who was, as you probably know, Ambassador in Moscow, Sofia and other places, came to see me this morning with Sessa, the man who I believe the Italian Government originally approved as head of their News Agency.

2. They came to complain very bitterly and eloquently, with what veracity I don't know, that there was a great deal of mischief going on in this field - among other things they stated that the PWB had told the Editors here that they could have an Agency only on the condition that they took over the whole PWB organisation.

3. I said merely that this was, as far as I knew, a matter for the Italian Government who should put up a proposal. They nevertheless are very anxious to see you a few minutes. I think perhaps they might convince you better than I apparently can that there is some urgency in the matter and that the ACC cannot simply wash its hands of it.

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Lionel Fielden
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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
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SUBJECT : News Agency
TO : Acting Chief Commissioner

The attached may interest you as an example of the tentative negotiations now taking place.

Lionel Fielden
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Copy to :
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STARZEL STRATTON (CONFIDENTIAL). NOT FOR PUBLICATION.

SERVICE MESSAGE TO A.P.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
POLITICAL SECTION
APO 394

3 October 1944

Many thanks for your letter of the 1st October anticipating trouble if foreign representatives here begin to issue releases for the Italian Press. We agree that it would be in practice impossible to prevent foreign diplomats from direct contact with the Press if they wish to make it; but we doubt whether we could keep a check on them by trying to canalize their activities through the United Nations news service. If you draw their attention to this news service, will you not be encouraging them to sound-off in and out of season? Is it not better to make this process difficult rather than too easy; in brief, if they ask for facilities, should we not on each occasion refer them to AFHQ?

GEORGE W. SIMAN
A.D.P.W.O. Italy (Lib)
P.W.D. Unit No. 12
Allied Force Headquarters
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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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cc: Mr. Schott
Mr. Rayner
Capt. Anderson
Mr. Minifie

I agree to look but NOT to
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everybody will want to do it and
such events are unknown precedent.
Refer back to AFHQ I think!

Mr. Caccia

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Lish. A. to Prunas

Clinton Conger, UP Correspondent's
reports from Naples cause unfavourable
reaction in Ital. colony in Argentina.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
POLITICAL SECTION
APO 394

16th October, 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Colonel Chapman, Public Safety Sub-Commission.

Attached is the file about the Yugoslav broadcasts about which I spoke to you this morning. Do you think that it would be possible to trace where they come from in Rome? As you will see from this file, they have been passed to me either by General Brown or Brigadier Low of R.A.A.C., or by Colonel Fothergill of Displaced Persons. The only original exhibit is the roneoed document flagged at "A".

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H. A. CACCIA
Vice President, Political Section

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

Mr. C. C. C.

PRB/RS

21 August 1944.

Political Correspondents accredited to ACC PR

1. Hitherto correspondents in the Italian theatre have been accredited to AFHQ PR (Colonel Astley) who has permitted a limited number of war correspondents to each press or radio organization.
2. Accreditation means that the PR office concerned accepts the responsibility (a) for good behaviour of correspondents (i.e. it has the right of expulsion and they cannot leave the theatre without its permission) (b) for ration and accommodation (c) for transport (d) for the arrangement of interviews, conferences and releases of information and (e) for the provision of office space and signal services.
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- (10) New York Times
- (11) News Chronicle
- (12) Daily Express
- (13) Manchester Guardian.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Acting Chief Commissioners
Colonel J.J. Albright
Colonel E.G. Clough
Colonel J.J. Carnes
Mr H. Gaccia.

Lionel Fielden
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UNITED STATES POLITICAL ADVISER
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PARAPHRASE

We have thoroughly examined with OWI the possibility of entry into Italian news distribution of private press associations.

The Department believes that financial and technical difficulties and the necessity of giving up PWB control exclude a prompt decision in favor of these agencies again entering this sphere. Nevertheless, it is felt that until resumption becomes practicable United States news carried in United Nations news which PWB distributes and press associations of United States furnish should carry credit to those agencies concerned, as is done with Reuter's we believe. In this way we feel that publishers and editors will have an opportunity to completely familiarize themselves with the quality and type of United States press agency news and that they will turn to those agencies when they are ready to look for and pay for such services.

We regret that the three major press associations in the United States are not in agreement as to credit line and up to the present time no solution of this problem has been found. In the meantime we will carry out informal conversations with the agencies in question and inform you of any progress.

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Jap Press Agencies *file*
 For A.C.C. Political Section

German Political Intelligence Section

PWO unit 12

From: Dr. E.Y. Hartshorne
 to : Far East Region OWI Washington

Rome, August 9th 1944

The following information on Japanese Press Correspondents in Rome has been received from a cooperative and generally well informed Austrian correspondent who has provided us with considerably useful information.

- "1) The Japanese journalists in Rome left for Cortina d'Ampezzo on the evening of September 8th by car, together with the members of the Japanese Embassy. Throughout the nine months of the German occupation of Rome all the Japanese journalists came to the capital or repeated short visits. The representatives of the "Domei" Agency also visited the Southern Front. At present the Japanese journalists are at Venice.
- 2) All the Japanese press representatives in Rome worked closely with their Embassy. Although the results of this work took up relatively little place in the newspapers they served, they had large offices in Rome, usually with a large staff consisting of Italians or other Europeans. The composition of news telegrams was usually left to the staff, while the journalists themselves openly busied themselves with political informations for the Embassy. They especially valued statistical informations of all kinds. Each had apparently large sums at his disposal; it is noted that they were better paid than the Americans, for example. Two years ago, when the purchasing power of the lira was seven to ten times what it is now, most Japanese journalists had at their disposal at least 30,000 Lire per month for their private and social expenses as slash fund (equal 150,000 Lire at present rate).

Mr. Caccia.

H.C. & D.H.C. have seen.

Thanks.

[Signature]
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- 3) The following Japanese were active as journalists in Rome before the Armistice:

a) SASAKI (DOMEI Agency):

European collaborator: Ermanno Franquist, later on staff of United Press, at present Fascist "war correspondent", and Johannessen, a Dane who worked in Rome for over a decade as collaborator of Press agencies and, it is said, a police informer. The Domei Agency further sent by radio every day very long excerpts from the Italian press to Tokio. Sasaki, like his predecessors complained repeatedly of the competition of "Deutsches Nachrichten Bureau" in Tokio. In February 1944 Sasaki visited the Adriatic Section of the Front. His reports were not passed by the German military censor.

b) ONO ("Nichi Nichi"):

Supposed to be the best Japanese expert on Italy because he had spent half of his youth in Naples. Ono was vice-president of the "Associazione della Stampa Estera (Foreign Press Association). His collaborator was a Russian. This Russian, name unknown, is still in Rome today. (He is at present member of Stampa Estera in Rome, 35, short, no glasses, no hair on face.) Ono was a specially critical of the Italian Army. When the Italian government invited the foreign Press to Naples after the naval battle of Pantelleria in order to visit the warships which had taken part in the fight, Ono openly joked about his "exhibitionism" of the Italian Navy. "There is no wonder", he said, "that there is so much espionage in Italy". "In the normal way not even a Japanese journalist would ever see a Japanese warship."

c) ENNA YAMAZAKI ("Asahi Shimbun")

Collaborator: Marchese de Aldisio. Both the Japanese in this office had propaganda tasks in Italy. Yamazaki worked especially on the Italian universities.

- 4) It may be worth while to mention two Japanese journalists who were active in Rome formerly:

a) MAEDA,

representative of "Asahi Shimbun", predecessor of Enna, was to all appearance for a time the chief of Japanese espionage in Italy. His colleagues treated him with the greatest deference. On occasion one of the Japanese was heard to address him as "Major". Maeda was later transferred to Sofia

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and Ankara, married a Bulgarian and returned to Tokio, where he is now said to have an influential position in the War Ministry.

b) KITAMURA

came from Zurich to Rome to be the special correspondent of the newspaper "Yomiuri Shimbun" during the attack on Albania. He had no contact with the rest of the Japanese and preferred to spend his time with the Europeans; because of this way of life, he was even once denounced by his colleagues to his Embassy. There is not much doubt that Kitamura thought of himself as a Westerner. He had published a book in Zurich in German which seems to have been about Free Trade. He returned to Switzerland in 1942. Being pro-American, it is probable that he is compromised with the Japs.

- 5) There is a Japanese speaking Italian, named Prof. RIVETTA, Via Nomentana 27, who used the pseudonym TODDI. It is thought that he may be suspect.

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S.Y. Hartshorne.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner
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Mr. Caccin
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LWS/hjp

20 August 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: All Vice Presidents, Hq ACC

1. As a result of the fall of Rome and other cities, and the consequent increase in Italian (and neutral) journalistic and literary activity, the following points, which concern all officers, need to be stressed:

a. Pursuant to Executive Memorandum 47 of 1 April 1944, copy attached, the Public Relations Branch ACC is the sole channel through which information relating to ACC/AMG may be given to the Press. No officer is entitled to give information, on or off the record, to press correspondents, unless such interviews have been arranged through the Public Relations Branch.

b. The PRB (Psychological Warfare Branch) of AFHQ controls the dissemination of Allied propaganda; it is not a part of ACC and its agents are not authorized to publish information concerning ACC/AMG operations without first checking with Public Relations Branch.

c. All matters concerning the Italian Press are dealt with by the Allied Publications Board on which ACC has representation. Any questions from ACC/AMG sub-commissions or regions concerning the Italian Press should be referred to the APB through PRB, ACC.

2. Attention of all officers to the above is essential in view of leakages of information which have become increasingly serious during recent weeks. In speaking to correspondents whether Allied, neutral or Italian, officers must avoid discussion or speculation on ACC/AMG operational matters unless the interview has been requested through Public Relations Branch.

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Captain, USMC
Acting Chief Commissioner

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EXECUTIVE MEMORANDUM

NUMBER 47

ESTABLISHMENT OF A
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

1. A Public Relations Branch of the Allied Control Commission, is established as of this date. It shall consist of one Director, two Deputy Directors and an establishment of Public Relations Officers, Conducting Officers and EL/OR's, of which a table of personnel will shortly be published.
2. The appointments of Regional and Army A.R.G. Public Relations Officers are abolished. Personnel hitherto holding these appointments are hereby transferred to the Public Relations Branch at Headquarters, A.C.C.
3. The Director of Public Relations will report directly to the Chief Commissioner through the Secretary-General.
4. The Public Relations Branch will be responsible for providing all facilities required by the Press in connection with the work of the A.C.C. They will be responsible for providing transportation and making all arrangements for members of the Press who desire to study the work of A.C.C. in the field.
5. The Public Relations Branch will be the sole channel for issue from A.C.C. of releases and explanations of A.C.C. activities intended for publication or broadcasting. The P.R. Branch will also be responsible for the direction and issue of all photography and photographic material concerning the A.C.C. Press interviews with members of the A.C.C. at Hq. and in the Regions and Press Conferences will be arranged through or by P.R. Branch.
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12 December 1945

His Excellency don Renato Prunas
Secretary General, Royal Italian Ministry of Foreign AffairsThe following message to Italian Foreign Office has been
received from Italian Ambassador at Madrid:

CRN-12237

"Number 2155 dated 2 December: May I suggest that it is
urgently necessary for central office of Stefan Agency to be
set up for the time being in the United Kingdom in order to
avoid recognition by neutral governments of correspondence of
Stefan Agency working at the orders of illegal front Stefan
Office. All correspondents in neutral countries would then
depend from this office under the control of the royal agencies."

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission

Political Section

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**PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
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PRB 17.

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