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| 1                | PsWSC (44) 18      | 23 Nov 44 |                | Possible Italian Participation<br>in war against Japan.                                            |
| 2                | Cbl Foreign Office | 16 Jun 45 | Rome (Br Phil) | H.M. Govt have agreed reluctant<br>ly to US approval of Ital Declara-<br>tion of war against JAPAN |
| 3                | Ltr                | 18 Jun 45 | de Murville    | US Govt will welcome a declara-<br>tion of war on JAPAN by ITALY                                   |

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June 18, 1945.

My dear Colleague,

I take pleasure in informing you that last March the Italian Government requested permission to declare war on Japan and that the United States Government has replied to the Italian Government, by a note delivered to the Italian Embassy at Washington on June 16, 1945, stating that it would welcome a declaration of war by Italy on Japan, whereby the solidarity with the United Nations which the Italian Government and people have manifested recently against the mutual foe in Europe would be extended to conflict with the mutual foe in the Far East. The United States Government added, in the aforementioned note, that its expression in the premises does not involve any commitment on the shipping or resources of the Allies.

Believe me, my dear Colleague,

Sincerely yours,

His Excellency

Maurice Couve de Murville,

French Representative,

Advisory Council for Italy,  
Rome.

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Copy of telegram No. 1648 of 16th June, 1945, addressed to Rome, from Foreign Office.

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My telegram No. 33 to Moscow.

United States Government have not (repeat not) requested that you should associate yourself with any communication to be made to the Italian Government. Nor of course have the Italian Government officially requested to H.M. Government that they should be allowed to declare war on Japan. There is therefore no need for you to make any communication to the Italian Government.

2. If however on learning of reply given by the United States Government to the Italian Embassy in Washington the Italian Government ask you for the views of H.M. Government in the matter you should inform them that H.M. Government having been consulted by the U.S. Government agreed to course of action proposed by the latter. You may also at your discretion make a similar statement before the Advisory Council, should the need arise. You should however in either case avoid giving the impression that H.M. Government are anxious that the Italian Government should declare war on Japan. We have in fact only agreed to United States proposals with considerable reluctance.

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| SERIAL NUMBER             | FROM                 | DATE     | TO                    | SYNOPSIS                                                                                                             |
|---------------------------|----------------------|----------|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1) ADM. MEMO #89          | AFHQ                 | 11 Dec.  | —                     | Creation of A.P.B.                                                                                                   |
| 2)                        | Maj. Fielden         | 9 Feb.   | Gen. Mac F.           | Wants appt. to publish monthly journal under auspices of A.C.C.                                                      |
| 3)                        | Gen. Piner           | 10 Feb.  | Gen. Mac F.           | Finds 3 press clippings complaining AMG gets credit for work done by P.B.S.                                          |
| 4)                        | Maj. Fielden         | 12 Feb.  | Gen. Mac F.           | Comments on Gen. Piner's complaint                                                                                   |
| 5) CC/C/64                | Gen. Mac F.          | 17 Feb.  | Maj. Fielden          | Press light for (2)                                                                                                  |
| 6) CC/P/67                | Gen. Mac F.          | 17 Feb.  | Gen. Piner            | Reply (3). Publicity will be tightened in future.                                                                    |
| 7) X REF.                 |                      |          |                       | X to 321(57) - CC/P/60, 20 Feb., finds memo in Bad. complaining about PWB leaning toward left & hindering Bad. Govt. |
| 8)                        | Maj. Fielden         | 24 Feb.  | Gen. Mac F.           | Re report on Radio Bari, 2/16. Ban on names & methods of escape of refugees.                                         |
| 9) AL-321-1 (PWB) INC-ADM | AFHQ                 | 24 Feb.  | DP, A.C.C.            | Finds copy of their ltr. Feb. 21 <sup>st</sup> on PW Policy & Control Procedure.                                     |
| 10) X REF.                |                      |          |                       | X to 321(53). Establish & staffing of PR Branch of A.C.C.                                                            |
| 11) CC/P/103              | Gen. Mac F.          | 26 Feb.  | Gen. Wilson           | There will be better liaison & more cooperation now between us & PWB                                                 |
| 12) CC/C/104              | Gen. Mac F.          | 26 Feb.  | C.O.S., AFHQ          | Re composition of A.P.B.                                                                                             |
| 13) CC/P/107              | Gen. Mac F.          | 26 Feb.  | Reale                 | Brindisi weekly "Unione" has been ordered to suspend publication. At that it does.                                   |
| 14) 91 GAB. RIS.          | W'sey. f. State      | 28 Feb.  | Gen. Mac F.           | Schmiera (13) requests suspension of "Italia del Popolo" & Bari                                                      |
| 15) DCC 000.7             | Capt. Stone          | 29 Feb.  | Thuse                 | Y. extracts from papers read & will be handled as you suggest.                                                       |
| 16) Ex. Memo #47          | AFHQ                 | 1 Mar.   |                       | "Transmission of Press Material"                                                                                     |
| 17)                       | AFHQ, INC Sec., PWB  | 4 Mar.   |                       | "Press Plan for Italy"                                                                                               |
| 18) 124 (000.1)           | Gen. Mac F.          | 5 Mar.   | Badoglio              | Transmits summary of (17).                                                                                           |
| 19) CA38/a/PRE/4          | —                    | ?        | —                     | Digest of Brit. Press Opinions, Feb 8-23                                                                             |
| 20)                       | Gen. Gammill         | 9 Mar.   | Gen. Mac F.           | Re (12). PW Branch concurs in proposed composition of APB.                                                           |
| 21) 000.7                 | Maj. Doe             | 18 Mar.  | Maj. Gammill, PWB     | Speed up reports for Genl. on Bari & casts.                                                                          |
| 22) X REF                 |                      |          |                       | Ref to 321(57) - CC/P/60 to Gen. Wilson for complaint from Bad. abt PWB                                              |
| 23)                       | LT. Col. MUNRO       | 15 Mar.  | Gen. Mac F.           | Finds minutes of mtg. of APB w/ ref to. May 1 same                                                                   |
| 24) Adm. Memo #12         | Col. Roberts         | 12 Mar.  |                       | Concurs (1). & issues substitution th'fr.                                                                            |
| 25) CC/C/143              | Gen. Mac F.          | 20 Mar.  | Lt. Col. I.S. Munro   | Replies to (23)                                                                                                      |
| 26) #1342 CC/P/151        | BADOGGIO GEN. MAC F. | 17 "     | Gen. Mac F. Badoglio  | Bad. complains about disparaging article in "Italia libera". Will not read again                                     |
| 27) DCC 000.7 c/6/2/77    | Capt. Stone          | 24 "     | Reale                 | Re: Breach of censorship of "Il Corriere"                                                                            |
| 28) File 413              | Badoglio             | 27 "     | Gen. Mac F.           | Re "Il Corriere" at Salerno & Bari                                                                                   |
| 29)                       | CC                   | 31 "     | Badoglio              | Replies to (28)                                                                                                      |
| 30) CC/P/169              | CC                   | 2 Apr.   | Badoglio              | Finds copy of PWB News Monthly Plan                                                                                  |
| 31) CC/P/171              | CC                   | 3 Apr.   | Gen. Mac F. Sub. Com. | Re Public Relation w/ respect to H. Armed Forces                                                                     |
| 32) PRB 20                | Maj. Fielden         | 13<br>15 |                       | Trend of Correspondents' copy on Conference                                                                          |

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