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SERIAL NUMBER	FROM—	DATE	TO—	SYNOPSIS
58	Ltr Stone	16 Aug 46	AFHQ G-5	It Govt request fr International Broadcasting ; Incl ltr fm Cappe
59	Ltr 990.41 Hamblen	20 Aug 46	CC	Ack of ltr of 16 Aug 46
60	Ltr 990.41 Hamblen	29 Aug 46	CC	Permission fr It International Brdcstng
61	Ltr Stone	3 Sep 46	Cappe	Reply to ltr of 14 Aug 46 re International Broadcasting
62	Ltr 657/8/EC	11 Oct 46	AFHQ	French communications Tenda

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SERIAL NUMBER	FROM—	DATE	TO—	SYNOPSIS
49	Ltr Fielden, 3/PRB	27 Nov 44	Pol Sec AC	Radio Plan for Liberated Italy.
50	Ltr, Michael Stewart & Mr Hopkinson	29 Nov 44	Stone	Radio Plan for Liberated Italy.
51	PsWSC (44) 8th Meeting	20 Dec 44		Agenda:Radio Plan for Lib. Italy.
52	PsWSC (44) 8th Meeting	26 Dec 44		Radio Plan for Liberated Italy.
53	SAC(P)(44) 158	27 Dec 44		Radio Plan for Liberated Italy
54	SAC(P)(44) 37th Mtg	30 Dec 44		Radio Plan for Liberated Italy
55	CC-8757, Stone	24 Jan 45	Bonomi	Radio Plan - Govt invited set up a Board of Governors for EIAR. INCLOSURE: Aide-Memoire.
56	3/PRB, Fielden	3 Feb 45	CC via COS	Board of Governors for RAI(EIAR)proceeding badly,members not being elected
57	Cbl 9048 Comm. S/C	6 Dec 45	CSO AFHQ	Interference Radio Sardinia

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SERIAL NUMBER	FROM—	DATE	TO—	SYNOPSIS
35.	Ltr. Stone 676.3	5 Mar 44	Dr. Fano	Further ref to your ltr S/8.5/ 6/9 23 Feb re seving installation of EIAR in Rome, Gen Alexander's Hq informa matter is receiving attention.
35a	Ltr Dr Fano S/8.5/994	1 Apr 44	ACC Capt Stone Transmittal Memo re agreement with PWB & EIAR ques	
36	Ltr MGS 091.6-2 AFHQ MGS	10 Apr 44	Hq ACC	Re EIAR. Ref 2393 of 25 Feb & 59830 of 4 Mar 44. Are you in accord with PWB's suggestions? 1 ENCLOSURE: PWB's suggestions. Agenda of 25 Mar 44.
37	Ltr J. M. Minifie S/116: J.M/MM.	20 Apr 44	Captain Stone 1 Incl - Proposals settlement EIAR	Ref proposals for a settlement of EIAR, through your kind efforts we think porbation can be dropped.
38	Ltr DCC 676.3 Captain Stone	22 Apr 44	MGS AFHQ	Ref ltr of 10 Apr & draft encl. Does not seem advisable (with ref to Minifie's ltr) to enter into negot. on draft to be changed any way by PWB. 1 ENCLOSURE: Ltr J M Minifie of 20 Apr 44 to Capt Stone (see 37)
39	Ltr Capt Stone	3 May 44	Finance Sub-Com	Proposals restoring control EIAR admin & tech management organ
40		11 May 44		Agreement between PWB & Ital Min Comm on admin & tech control EIAR with signatures & App a draft
41		11 May 44		Publication of Agreement between PWB & Ital Min Comm on admin & tech control EIAR
42	Ltr Capt Stone	13 May 44	MGS AFHQ	Agreement between PWB & Ital Min of Comm
43	Dr Fano	16 May 44	Capt Stone	Thanks re agreement between PWB & Ital Govt operation of EIAR
44	Ltr Capt Stone	21 May 44	Dr Fano	Grateful kinds works of my contribution (Agreement PWB-EIAR)
45	Ltr A/CC 311.23 Stone	20 Sep 44	Comm SC Finance PRO	Comments pls re atchd draft for radio plan for EIAR
46	Art "Aventi"	4 Oct 44		The Radio Problem, EIAR
47	Draft Ltr			Transferr of supervision of EIAR from Comm.S/C to PRB.
47a	PsWSC (44? 19	23 Nov 44		Radio plan for Liberated Italy.
48	Memo Scudder 2/7/CS	25 Nov 44	CC	EIAR under U/Secy Press and not under Ministry of Communications.

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SERIAL NUMBER	FROM—	DATE	TO—	SYNOPSIS
25a	Ltr #463 Badolgio	16 Feb 44	Gen. MacFarlane	Encl. 2 memos re cent org. EIAR.
26.	Ltr. Badoglio 1	18 Feb 44	Gen. MacFarlane	Under Sec of Post & Telegraph has brought to my attention arrest of Eng. Donati. It seems there are no obvious facts to justified arrest. Beg of you to communicate reasons for arrest & should they be insufficient, to hasten release.
27.	Ltr. MacFarlane	19 Feb 44	Stone	Have read your Memo to Badoglio on subject EIAR. There is no trace of original draft, which I am practically certain I signed as it stood & sent it to AFHQ. Believe a good thing to have meeting at Naples or Bari with Italian rep, ACC & FNB. I would propose such an assembly & suggest you as chairman. Above procedure should bring matter a head more effectively.
28.	Ltr. MacFarlane	22 Feb 44	Badoglio	Re your ltr of 18 Feb, I am happy to inform that he has been released.
29.	Cbl. Fatima 2393 MacFarlane	25 Feb 44	Freedom	I am most anxious to get on with problem re restoration of control to EIAR & propose meeting here with all interested parties.
30.	Memo AFHQ-FWD	28 Feb 44	-	Agenda for the discussion of problem re EIAR operations.
31.	Ltr. Stone	28 Feb 44	Dr. Fano	Dr. Donati was released on 26 Feb under promise not to interfere with Naples radio station & employees.
32.	Ltr. Stone	29 Feb 44	Hq. ACMF	Attached are ltrs fr Under Sec of Communication & Capt. Ambrogetti. Understand this officer came service at Attina.
33.	Ltr. Stone 676.3	29 Feb 44	Dr. Fano	ENCLOSRUES: 1. Ltr from Under Sec of Com. 2. Ltr from Capt Ambrogetti. Thanks for ltr 23 Jan & encl of ltr from Capt Ambrogetti. Matter has been submitted to Gen Alexander for consideration.
34.	Ltr Hq ACMF 8653/ 5/BGS	29 Feb 44	Hq. ACC	Re your DCC 676.3 dtd 29 Feb, please thank officers concerned. Suggestion is receiving attention.
34a	Cbl Free 59830	4 Mar 44	Fatima for FNMM	Ref 2393: No meeting. Matter being considered here now.

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R—6788

SERIAL NUMBER	FROM—	DATE	TO—	SYNOPSIS
15.	Cbl Fatima 1488 Stone	16 Dec 43	Freedom-Eisenhower	Italian Minister of Communication has requested control over Radio-Bari be restored. We concur in administrative & direction control being turned back to EIAR, with us in full control over policy & programs.
16.	Cbl Fatima 1549 Stone	20 Dec 43	Flombo- FAB	Request presence of Ing. Donati as consultant on legislation.
17.	Cbl Freedom 17329 FLYNG	21 Dec 43	Fatima- Stone	Re your 1488, relinquishment of administrative control & personnel payment is not favorable considered.
18.	Ltr Stone AG676.3 TC 9/1	30 Dec 43	Under Secretary Tele-Communication & Posts	Re your ltr 103/Ghr 7 Dec, sorry to inform you that your request could not be favorably considered.
19.	Ltr Ministry of Communication N.5/2.5/263	4 Jan 44	ACC.	Re your ltr 30 Dec, Your policy of control over all of EIAR properties not in line with what has been done with other companies, such as telephone companies. We would like to be invited to renew discussion on this matter.
20.	Ltr. Stone TC 9/1	10 Jan 44	Under Secretary Tele-Communication & Posts	Re your ltr 4 Jan, the matter is being discussed with views to resubmit it to AFHQ.
21.	Ltr. Montemeri	12 Jan 44	Stone	Attached is Memo on PWB order to EIAR. (See attached Memo).
22.	Ltr. Under Sec. of Communication Fano	17 Jan 44	Capt Stone	Supplementary arguments for the restoration of control to EIAR. Imprisoning of Donati.
23.	Ltr. Under Sec. of Communication Fano	31 Jan 44	ACC	Attached is Memo pointing needs for a settlement of question re EIAR activities. (See Memo attached)
24.	Memo Stone AG676.3	1 Feb 44	Gen MacFarlane	Attached is dreft ltr for your consideration on question of review EIAR matter. PWB has taken over EIAR stations without apparently showing interest in collection of tax from listeners.
25.	Ltr. Under Sec. of Communication Fano	15 Feb 44	ACC	Re arrest of Dr. Donati, EIAR Director in Naples. As this official has been held in prison for 40 days, we beg of you that be freed or temp. released under my responsibility & guarantee.

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P—6759

SERIAL NUMBER	FROM—	DATE	TO—	SYNOPSIS
1.	Cbl Fatima 574 Gen. Taylor	24 Oct 43	Freedom-Eisenhower	Badoglio's plan & request for installation of Radio Stations. Re your 866-221833, frequency 42 cycles ISIS reports may give voltage, but checking here. Allocations frequency (Re your 574) must be made in conjunction with Signal Office AFHQ. Transmission line to Rome I Site 26 KV stepped down at Station to 2.3 KV frequency 4545 cycles. If transmitters are furnished as requested by Badoglio, they would be operated on same Italian frequency as EIAR transmitters. Brindisi Wireless Station.
2.	Cbl Fatima 604 Doe	26 Oct 43	Freedom-	
3.	Cbl Freedom 271954	27 Oct 43	Fatima	
4.	Cbl Fatima 619	27 Oct 43	Freedom	
5.	Cbl Fatima 636	28 Oct 43	Freedom - CSO	
6.	Report	-	-	Summary of Directive for weeks beginning 25 Oct; also Directive Italy week 18 Oct; Situation Italy 25 Oct & Chart of Org.
7.	Directive AFHQ	25 Oct 43	-	
8.	Cbl Freedom 4961	30 Oct 43	Fatima - Taylor	Alternative plan to Badoglio's plan for radio coverage in Italy. Frequency for Italy will be assigned by FMBC, in coordination with USA & UK allotments. Problems confronting the re-opening of Italian broadcasting. Additional recommendations.
9.	Cbl Freedom 5052	1 Nov 43	Fatima	
10.	Cbl Fatima 720	2 Nov 43	Freedom	
11.	Cbl Freedom 051034 FHNC	5 Nov 43	Fatima-MacFarlane	Re Staff Memo 56 para 1 & ltr AG 321 subject "PWB activies in Italy" outline question of control. Para 2
12.	Cbl Freedom 091133	9 Nov 43	Fatima	Thanks for info. Please pass it to Knowles at Vitonto near Bari. Do not think can put station in Naples area. Attached is report on Bari I & II radio stations.
13.	Report Hq 15th Army Gp.	10 Nov 43	CSO, Allied Military Mission ACC	Request for independent management of administrative & technical affairs of EIAR by its owners. 2 ENCLOSURES: Encl. 1. Chart of Org. Encl. 2. Report of Survey made of the technical operation of EIAR Station, Bari.
14.	Ltr No.103/Gbv Mario Pano	7 Dec 43	ACC	

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APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

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16 October 1946.

Chief Commissioner.

1. I spoke Lt Col Humbert who informed me that the French have a radio transmitter in ROME at their military headquarters and that it is connected by telephone with the French Consul's Office.

2. I spoke Col. Parsons, G-5, yesterday and gave him the above information and also informed him that you were opposed to granting the request of the French Liaison Officer, TENDA and pointed out generally your views as to the undesirability of Foreign Powers establishing a radio network in this country.

The attached letter had just reached G5 when I spoke to Gen Brigadier

M. CARR,
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Please See
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Thx MC

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Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Ref. : 657/8/30

11 October 1946

SUBJECT: French Communications - Tenda.

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TO : G-5 Section,
AFHQ.

1. Application has been received from Lt. Kalck the French Liaison Officer at Tenda, to remove his Radio transmitter from Fontan, where it is now, to Tenda.

2. It is understood that the object of the request is to enable Lt. Kalck to have quicker and easier communications with the French Representatives at H.Q. A.C. and to avoid the waste of petrol at present involved in travelling between Tenda and Fontan. This will apply, and be required more particularly, when and if the sovereignity of the territory is changed, as it will be necessary to maintain constant communication between Tenda and Rome.

3. Can this Commission be advised as to the reply to be given to this application?

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

A. W. Kriel.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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3 September 1946.

Dear Dr. Cappa:

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Replying to your letter of 14 August requesting permission to engage in international broadcasting, the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theater, has granted permission for the Italian Government to engage in international broadcasting, using facilities and frequencies already authorized.

The power of the transmitters, however, will not be increased beyond 10 Kw. without prior approval. If such increase is desired, applications for such increase should be forwarded via this office.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

Dr. Paolo Cappa,
Undersecretary of State to the Presidency
of the Council of Ministers,
Rome.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
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G-5: 990.41

29 August 1946

SUBJECT: International Broadcasts.

TO : Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
APO 794.

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Reference your unnumbered letter, subject as above, dated 16 August 1946.

1. Permission is hereby granted for the Italian Government to engage in international broadcasting, using facilities and frequencies already authorized.

2. The power of the transmitters, however, will not be increased beyond 10 KW without prior approval.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

A. L. HAMBLEN
Colonel, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 990.41 20 August 1946

SUBJECT: International Broadcasts.

TO : Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
APO 794.

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1. Your unreferenced letter dated 16 August 1946, subject as above, has been received and is under consideration.

2. You will be advised earliest.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL LEE:

A. L. HAMBLEN
Colonel, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

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16 August 1946.

SUBJECT: International Broadcasts.

TO : G-5 Section, Allied Force Headquarters.

1. There is forwarded herewith a letter with enclosure from the Italian Government requesting permission to engage in international broadcasting at the earliest possible date, using facilities and frequencies already authorized.

2. I can see no valid objection to refusing this request—to the contrary, I consider it to be only a natural and logical extension of the same freedom of speech and publication which the Allied Governments have consistently accorded, if not pledged, to Italy.

3. Your early approval is requested.

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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TRANSLATION

THE UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE TO
THE PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS RESERVED & URGENT.

Rome, 14 August, 1946.

The Presidency of the Council of Ministers recognizes the necessity of supporting the work which our Delegation is carrying out in Paris, with a series of broadcasts which will point out to the world the difficult present conditions of our Country, and her economic and financial necessities, the sincere aspiration of the people to collaborate with all liberal and democratic Nations, and our univocal readiness to maintain a long and equitable peace.

We should like to effect these short broadcasts through the short-wave station of Santo Arcangelo, in Italian, English, French, Spanish, and Portuguese, according to a time-table still to be established, but which for North and South America would be fixed between 2400 hours and 0200 hours, and for Europe between 1900 hours and 2100 hours.

If we should be given authorization to broadcast in Russian, we would be willing to carry out a program in this language too.

The broadcasts would include the principle daily events of our Country, with special reference to administrative, economic-financial, and social problems, and to reconstructive activities, and also a brief "Review of Opinions" on the more important problems of the day, taken from Italian and foreign newspapers of greater prestige, the whole in connection and in direct and indirect function with the abovementioned main purposes, namely to illustrate the needs and aspirations of the Italian people in the frame of the long-awaited and wished-for peace.

The news would be strictly objective, and absolutely impartial.

The broadcasts would be carried out with the same frequency, and with the same power used nowadays. But, since the power of one of the two transmitters of Santo Arcangelo has been reduced from 40 Kw. to 10 Kw. by the Allied Command, it would be preferable if the above-named station was given back its original power. This is not, however, indispensable.

The Presidency of the Council of Ministers feels certain that you will take an interest in this matter, and that you will authorize, with solicitude, the start of the planned broadcasts.

Awaiting a reply, I thank you.

Yours truly,

(s) Paolo Cappa.
UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE TO THE PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS.

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(57) Admiral Ellery W. Stone, Chief Commissioner, A.C.

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TRANSLATION

BUSTO ARSIZIO

Two broadcasting stations: One whose power was Kw. 40, and has been reduced to Kw. 10, and another with 50 Kw. Power.

FREQUENCY OF SHORT WAVES.

m. 25.40	Kcs.	11.810
m. 31.15	"	9.630
m. 49.5	"	6.085

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CSO AFHQ

9048 6 Dec. 1945 PRIORITY

UNCLASSIFIED PD

Considerable interference experienced by Radio Sardinia on one three four eight kilocycles PD

PAREN TO CSO AFHQ FROM Hq ALCOM CITE ACCOM PAREN

Request authorization for R.A.I. to use one one four zero kilocycles in Sardinia

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

3 February 1945.

S/PRB

SUBJECT : Board of Governors for R.A.I. (E.I.A.R.)

TO : Chief of Staff for Chief Commissioner.

I had a talk with Libonati yesterday on the progress of the proposed Board of Governors for R.A.I. (E.I.A.R.). It may interest you to know what they have done in this connection. The Board so far set up is composed of 8 representatives of R.A.I., one representative of the Authors Society, one playwright, and one musician - all these nominated, not elected. To this will be added a member of the Sottosegretariate per la Stampa and one other upon whom they have not decided.

This, to my mind, is a very very long way from the intention and spirit of our proposals. The elective principle has been ignored : RAI plus the Government are in a majority ; there is no guarantee that the 4 nominated members would not be turned out at a moment's notice if they failed to toe the line. All the members may be excellent people, but this set-up is NOT what we were hoping for. There are indications that some of the personnel now getting back into RAI are not above suspicion: and we may have trouble later.

LIONEL FIELDEN
Major
Public Relations Branch.

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EWS/jed

24 January 1945.

CC 8757

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

As you know, the Allied military authorities are most anxious to return E.I.A.R. completely to Italian control. However, as I know you will fully agree, it is important that E.I.A.R.'s programs reflect fully all shades of Italian political opinion. With that in mind, I have been directed by the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theater, to invite the Italian Government to create a Board of Governors to act as advisors to the management of E.I.A.R.

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In this connection I am enclosing an Aide-Memoire which I shall be glad to discuss with you as soon as you have had an opportunity to consider it.

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Yours very truly,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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

(Also see PRB File No. 3)

cc: COS
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Aide-Memoire for discussion with Prime Minister of Radio Plan for Liberated Italy.

As a result of considerable discussion between AC and PWB, the matter having been eventually referred to SACMED, it has been decided that the Allied authorities should invite the Italian Government:

(a) To create a Board of Governors to act as advisers to the management of EIAR with a term of two years composed of the following :

A nominee of the Minister of Education
A University Professor
An Industrialist
A member of EIAR Employees' Association
A musician
An Author
A Journalist.

Each, with the exception of the first, to be nominated by the appropriate body, e.g. the Association of University Professors, the Chamber of Commerce, The Federazione Stampa, etc.; the terms to be staggered in order to preserve continuity of experience.

(b) To call upon this Board of Governors to make recommendations concerning the future organisation and operation of EIAR consistent with the maintenance of a free radio in Italy after the time of withdrawal of PWB from the Italian radio field.

It is very desirable, from many points of view, that the proposed Board of Governors should be elected and permitted to function without delay, in order that the Italian radio may be in a position to take over control from PWB and to open negotiations for the collection and distribution of news, use of equipment and raw material, allocation of wave-lengths, etc.

It will be appreciated if the Italian Government take the necessary steps as soon as possible.

(55) INC

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Extract from the Minutes of the Supreme Allied Commander's Conference (Political) held on 30th December, 1944.

Ref: SAC (P) (44) 37th Meeting - 30th December. (Original on File 217/COS).

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MINUTE No.5.

5. RADIO PLAN FOR LIBERATED ITALY. 53

(Paper No. SAC (P) (44) 158).

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THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

(a) Approved the recommendations of Chief, PWB, embodied in Part III,

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5. RADIO PLAN FOR LIBERATED ITALY.

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RADIO PLAN FOR LIBERATED ITALY

Note by Chief, PWB

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PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE SUB COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE EIGHTH MEETING OF THE PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE SUB-COMMITTEE HELD IN THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S CONFERENCE ROOM AT 1730 HOURS ON TUESDAY, 26th DECEMBER 1944.

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lisation so that competition could exist among broadcasting stations in the respective areas of northern ITALY, southern ITALY and SICILY.

REAR ADMIRAL STONE stated that the charter of the EIAR was not necessarily fascist simply because it was created during the fascist regime. He thought that a policy of telling the Italians how to manage their radio system should be carefully avoided. He therefore opposed all of the requirements recommended under No. 1 of part III of the paper before the Sub-Committee. He pointed out in particular that the matter of epuration was already being handled entirely by the Italian Government. Referring to the recommendations under No. 2 of part III of PWB's paper he believed that the Government should be invited to create the suggested board of governors, but he did not think that any of the remaining proposals should be recommended specifically to the Italian Government. Recommendation 2(d) he regarded especially as too detailed to be urged upon the Italian Government. He felt it should be for the new board of governors to recommend the concrete measures necessary for the improvement of Italian radio.

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4. US AGENCIES VIEWS ON THE FUTURE ORGANISATION OF THE ITALIAN PRESS, PUBLISHING, RADIO AND FILM INSTITUTIONS.

(Paper No. PWSC (44) 17) 20c G 253/cc

THE SUB-COMMITTEE :

Took note of the paper on the above subject submitted by the Director, PWB.

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TO TAKE NOTE ONLY :-

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MINUTE SHEET. *Reference*

Mr. Hopkinson.

I do not know enough about E.I.A.R. to be able to make any very useful comment on P.W.B.'s conditions for the transfer of control to the Italian Government, but I should have said that they err between insufficient definition e.g. 1.(b) " a new charter on democratic lines" which I see someone has already questioned, and excessive stipulations.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

27 November 1944.

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SUBJECT: Radio Plan for Liberated Italy.

TO : Political Section, AC.

/ ref PWSC(44)19

1. I disagree with II as I have already stated but since it is now a fait accompli, tant pis.

2. I agree with III because it is almost entirely my own draft which the PWB have taken. I was under the impression that we agreed at our last meeting that the charter should be sacked, since it undoubtedly is a Fascist one; and I also think that a Board of Governors should acquire all stock of EIAR, as was done in the case of the BBC. It could not hope to be independent otherwise. I agree with CC that there is no authority for (d) and that the implied threat in para 3 is unnecessary and provocative.

Lionel Fielden

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

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In reply refer to: 2/7/ /CS

Subject : E.I.A.R.

To : Chief Commissioner, (for information).

Report in Italian Press that Council of Ministers approved formation of Commission to supervise E.I.A.R. under Presidency of Under-Secretary of Press and Propaganda indicates that Council meeting of Nov. 22nd did not consider transfer of E.I.A.R. to Ministry of Communications.

H.H.SCUDDER
Lt.Colonel S.C.
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Note by Director, PWB

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PWB has retained the above responsibilities because of the obvious potentialities of all such programs for propaganda purposes, and because they are relayed by shortwave to German occupied Italy. They thus become operational and, for security as well as for psychological warfare reasons, must remain the direct responsibility of PWB.

PWB retains the responsibility for scheduling. It is within the framework of schedules as drawn up by PWB that ELAR exercises its responsibilities with regard to the musical programs.

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   The duties of the Board of Governors would be to ensure that the system operates in the public interest. The Board would be responsible to an appropriate ministry.

   (b) to acquire all stock of ELAR thus making it an independent organization occupied solely with radio activities, and not involved in any other form of industry or finance.

   (c) to instruct ELAR to work out a formula allowing the free radio discussion of controversial issues, including political issues.

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(d) to instruct ELR to employ profits accruing through excess of income (radio taxes) over current expenditures in improving programs and services, in adding new stations and facilities (e.g., television) and for the distribution of bonuses to management and employees.

No authority

3. That, provided these proposals are put into operation, PWB at a time to be determined by the Allied authorities, will withdraw from the radio field, leaving domestic broadcasting entirely in the hands of the Italians.

Unwarranted

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DRAFT CONFIDENTIAL

Subject: E.I.A.R.

1. It is requested that supervision of the Italian Broadcasting services be transferred to another department of the Allied Control Commission. It is suggested that the Public Relations Office would be appropriate.

2. The Communications Sub-Commission is a technical engineering department, composed exclusively, in the branch concerned, of qualified electrical engineers. The difficulties in the management of E.I.A.R. do not arise on the technical side however, but because its activities come closely into contact with the Psychological Warfare Branch of A.F.H.Q.

3. Some of the difficulties that have caused trouble in the past year have been shortly:-

(a) The P.W.B. method of directly hiring employees of the organisation at much increased salaries, so wrecking the existing organisation and the routine of social services, pensions, etc. In this P.W.B. has followed an entirely different routine from that adopted in dealing with any of the other scores of utility companies used for military purposes.

(b) The discharge of employees by P.W.B. officials on inadequate and improper grounds.

(c) The objection by P.W.B. to the re-employment of officials after they have been properly cleared of any Fascist activities or tendencies.

(d) The support given by P.W.B. officials to disruptive

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File "EIAR" (A)

File — no action Have discussed with C.C.H.

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and troublesome elements in the organisation, against the Commissary nominated by us.

(e) The publication in the Rome Press of confidential draft proposals for E.I.A.R. control, while these were under discussion.

(f) The publication in the Rome Press of articles written by P.W.B. employees attacking the E.I.A.R. management.

(g) The publication in the Florence Press of articles written by P.W.B. employees, which had been forbidden in the Rome Press.

These are only a few of the many causes of friction which result from the P.W.B's outlook and attitude, and with which this Sub-Commission is not suitable and does not wish to have to deal.

4. The Public Relations Office of A.C.C. already supervises the Italian Press organisations, which are of a broadly similar character, except on the technical side. The P.R.O. Officer in charge of the branch has in fact a great deal of broadcast experience.

5. It is felt that he would be greatly assisted in his task if several of the P.W.B. officials were first removed from the scene.

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TRANSLATION OF ARTICLE IN "AVANTI"
4 October, 1944

THE RADIO PROBLEM

The problem which must be,
in the minds of all Italians and of al
problem.

The radio is the most forc
means of information and propaganda of
fact, become a weapon used by the Tota
especially Fascism, in order to falsif
the people, to influence public opinio
ence - every day, every hour - of mend
propaganda. Instead of being an instr
progress, instead of educating and ins
ed Fascism in deceiving and eluding, c
the people.

To achieve these ends, a pr
of a monopolistic nature was created ir
later converted into the E.I.A.R.), clo
Fascist Government and entrusted to per
and closely linked with Fascism and its
without saying that this gave rise - in [illegible] as in others -
to outrageous speculation : to the detriment of the people on account of governmental favouritism, and, more particularly, to the detriment of wireless listeners on account of the subscriptions payable, taxes on manufacture and sale of wireless sets and accessories such as valves, loudspeakers etc.

That this state of affairs should continue in the Italy liberated from the Fascist yoke, now enjoying freedom and democracy, is unthinkable. Yet there are some who hope these conditions will continue and who are already working - or rather, manoeuvring - not only to save the enormous profits that the monopolistic radio organisation made in the past, but also to keep in the future the same political and financial despotism. It is incredible, but true. It is imperative, therefore, that the Government should face this problem - vital from a political viewpoint - of the organisation of the Italian radio and that it should take in it a deeper, clearer and more under-

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Captain Stao.

You may wish to read attached article from AVANTI of 4 Oct: before your talk with Caccia & Fielden.

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standing interest than it has done up to date.

Up to quite recently the wireless stations of liberated Italy were completely controlled by the Allies. But, since May last, the latter have relinquished their interest firstly in the administrative side, and therefore in the essential technical side of the management of the various stations, and are now, it would seem, in process of relinquishing their interest in the organisation of musical broadcast programmes. This has given a grand chance to the old clique, devoted to Fascism and to the capitalist interests represented by the E.I.A.R., to come into their own again and to work cunningly, silently and step by step to their own plutocratic and anti-democratic ends.

It is these "manoeuvres" we want to-day to denounce to public opinion and to the Government in order to prevent the capitalist groups, and those who for so long have speculated in this field, from mortgaging the future of the Italian radio and from continuing their active exploitation, and to hinder the accumulation of illicit wealth which - also in this field - Fascism permitted and even favoured.

The situation is this. The E.I.A.R., by convention with the Fascist Government, stipulated exclusive broadcasting rights (and also future television rights), and is controlled by the SIP (Societa Idroelettrica Piemontese) which owns 125.800 of the 128.000 E.I.A.R. shares. The SIP forms part of the famous Piemontese hydro-electric combine which controls not only a number of highly important hydro-electric companies, but also the telephone companies STIPEL, TETI, TIMO, TELVE, and the SET - editing firm which owns the daily newspaper "La Gazzetta del Popolo"-and other concerns of various kinds. Through the E.I.A.R., the SIP also controls the CETRA, SIRI and SIPRA, companies which in the recording field (gramophone records), in musical and theatrical editing, in radio publicity (exclusive rights given by the E.I.A.R.) complete the monopoly of all radio activities including re-transmissions which has led to this field being truly "totalitarian".

This summary, showing the close network of interests which are "gambling" in this field and the chain which guaranteed the monopoly of the radio to the Fascist Régime and

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to some of its adherents, is sufficient to demonstrate how necessary and urgent is the intervention of the Government. But more follows.

Do you know with whom the ACC and the PWB, Allied organs in charge of radio activity in Italy, had to negotiate the agreement in May last to obtain that part of the management should be left in Italian hands? With the Under-Secretariat for Communications. How and why this national activity, which is essentially political, was removed from the Under-Secretariat for Press and Propaganda - heir to the ill-famed Ministry for Popular Culture - and passed to the Under-Secretariat for Communications is a mystery of one of the Badoglio cabinets. And we use the word "mystery" because we refuse to listen to those who see in this measure the first symptoms of capitalist manoeuvres aimed at keeping the radio monopoly, in view of the Under-Secretariat for Communications being managed, with admirable pertinacity and for a long time, by lawyer Fano.

Mystery or no - the Badoglio measure must be revoked and the radio must be re-established with the Under-Secretariat for Press and Propaganda, that is to say come under the auspices of the Presidency of the Council.

But as regards the E.I.A.R., the Government must take further measures and re-examine whether it really wants to base the re-organisation of the Italian radio on a democratic footing with full liberty, and it is to this end that lawyer Rusco has been appointed commissario of the E.I.A.R. The latter, however, was simultaneously nominated commissario of the CETRA, SIPRA and SIRI, thus justifying the fear that the monopoly of the radio may be perpetrated and, furthermore, left in the hands of the old clique of capitalists of Fascist times. This fear is enhanced by the disturbing opinions voiced in different circles on the activities of lawyer Rusco during the first months of his commissarship especially on the question of epuration, which should have been prosecuted with greater energy. It seems that the opposite is being done, namely, that efforts are being made to bring back to the E.I.A.R. various bad types and compromised fascists such as Pugliese, Bernardi; Donati etc.

We therefore consider it imperative and urgent that

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the Government should entrust the E.I.A.R. not to one, but to a group of three commissars - of different political Parties. And that it should nominate three different commissars for the CETRA, SIRI and SIPRA. This to guarantee, in future, political independence not only for the technical, administrative and artistic management but for the whole of an organisation as important for the life of the nation. And to prevent EIAR capital from being transferred to the sister companies, thus making it impossible for an estimate of the illicit profits of the radio monopoly under the Fascist Regime to be made.

All the foregoing are entirely provisional suggestions, for the Italian radio will have to be given a completely new organisation, based on the requirements of an entirely free regime and effective democracy. Such an organisation will have to answer the requirements of the idealistic principles for which Italy overthrew Fascism and took sides against Naziism; for which the Allies are fighting and are winning and which inspired the Moscow declarations. For us Socialists in no case as in this of the organisation of the radio is socialisation a necessity.

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Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner
APO 394

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20 September 1944

TO: Director, Communications Sub-Commission
Joint Directors, Finance Sub-Commission
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} - in turn

Please let me have your comments on the attached draft Radio Plan for E.I.A.R., the Finance Sub-Commission to deal specifically with the stockholding and general financial aspects of the plan.

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

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Draft Radio Plan

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21 May 1944

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Dear Dr. Fano:

Thank you for your most cordial letter of May 16th which is deeply appreciated.

There is so much to be done to restore Italy that I feel that anything I may have contributed has been very small indeed, nevertheless I am grateful for your kind words.

Very sincerely,

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Mario Fano
Under-Secretary of State for Posts
and Telegraphs
Italian Government

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IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO
PER LE POSTE E TELEGRAFI

SALERNO, 16 MAGGIO 1944

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DEAR CAPT. STONE,

AFTER THE SIGNATURE OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE P.W.B. AND THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT FOR THE FUTURE OPERATION OF EIAR I WISH:-

FIRSTLY, TO THANK YOU FOR THE FRIENDLY AND MORE THAN KIND COOPERATION SHOWN ONCE MORE REGARDING QUESTIONS CONCERNING MY MARTYRED COUNTRY;

SECONDLY, TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO INFORM YOU HOW SENSIBLE I AM TO THE "GENTLEMANLY" COMPREHENSION YOU HAVE ALWAYS SHOWN ABOUT ITALIAN AFFAIRS, AS WELL AS REGARDING PERSONS, WHOM WAR AND POLITICAL EVENTS HAVE PLACED IN A POSITION OF EVIDENT MORAL DISCOURAGEMENT;

THIRDLY, TO TELL YOU THAT, BESIDES AS A MEMBER OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT, I FEEL SUCH GRATITUDE PERSONALLY.

I SHOULD BE VERY GLAD TO DEMONSTRATE THIS GRATITUDE AT MY HOME, WITH MY FAMILY, WHEN ALLIED ARMIES WILL ACHIEVE VICTORY. I WISH SUCH VICTORY WITH ALL MY HEART, AND TO IT I DESIRE TO COOPERATE WITH ALL MY STRENGTH.

I SHALL BE VERY GRATEFUL TO YOU IF I CAN COUNT UPON YOUR CORDIAL AND KIND FRIENDSHIP.

YOURS SINCERELY.

Mario Berlinguer

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CAPT. ELLERY W. STONE
DEPUTY CHIEF COMMISSIONER
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION - SALERNO -

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AGREEMENT BETWEEN P.W.B. AND THE ROYAL ITALIAN MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS ON THE ADMINISTRATION AND TECHNICAL CONTROL OF E.I.A.R.

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2. All sums collected in Liberated Italy as payment for Radio-Audition taxes will be deposited with the Finance Ministry. This Ministry, after deducting the percentage lawfully due the State, will credit the balance to the Concessionary Corporation, EIAR, which will use said balance to cover expenses outlined in the following paragraph.

3. EIAR, through its General Directorate, will be responsible out of current receipts for all the following expenses:-

(a) All expenses met by PWB in the operation of Italian broadcasting stations from September 3rd, 1943, to date. These expenses will be refunded by EIAR to PWB.

(b) Salaries of all EIAR technical and administrative personnel. It is understood that one of the requisites of Italian technical management of the EIAR stations will be conformance to PWB engineering standards and that failure to maintain these standards, (so far as possible conforming to FCC standards), would result in control of these stations reverting in the last resort to PWB. Technical directives to effectuate the foregoing will be furnished by PWB to EIAR.

(c) All salaries and all expenses incurred by PWB for programming and transportation for radio purposes; PWB making the contracts and disbursements and submitting at the end of each month a list of these payments for reimbursement.

(d) All expenses relative to the construction, improvement and maintenance of radio installations owned by EIAR or managed by EIAR for the Italian Government and all expenses on future EIAR installations or

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program management, which will remain with PWB until such time as AFHQ directs otherwise. With the approval of Allied authorities, a General Commissioner for RIAR will be appointed and vested with the powers of President and Chairman of the Board. It is agreed that all employees will meet integrity requirements and Allied security standards.

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3. RIAR, through its General Directorate, will be responsible out of current receipts for all the following expenses:-

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(e) All expenses relative to the technical and administrative operation of RIAR stations, and of the administrative offices, (rents, furniture, stationery, light, heating, typewriters and business machines, automobiles, fuel, etc).

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(f) In general, all expenses entailed by PWB broadcasting operations of any kind of all stations in Liberated Italy, except army broadcast transmitters used as mobile units.

4. All personnel engaged in the administration and functioning of EIAR will be taken over administratively by EIAR, and their position settled according to the Italian laws on private employment, (seniority, insurance, social security, settlement upon dismissal, etc).

5. At a later time, (namely, after having reorganized the administration), the General Commissioner of EIAR will take over technical operation under the direction of PWB of stations operated by PWB for broadcast purposes except army broadcast transmitters used as mobile units.

6. Disposal of the funds remaining to EIAR's account after the above expenses have been met will be determined by the Finance Sub-Commission, ACC.

Approved for P.W.B., Italian Theater:

George W Ederman

Approved for the Royal Italian Ministry of Communications:

Approved for A.C.C.

Alexander W. Stone,
Captain, U.S.N.R.
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5. At a later time, (namely, after having reorganized the administration), the General Commissioner of MIAR will take over technical operation under the direction of PWB of stations operated by PWB for broadcast purposes except army broadcast transmitters used as mobile units.

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13 May 1944

SUBJECT: Agreement between PWB and Italian Ministry of Communications

TO : Military Government Section, AFHQ, APO 512

1. Supplementing my letter dated 22 April, file no. as above, there is forwarded herewith a copy of an agreement executed May 11th between PWB and the Italian Ministry of Communications, pursuant to which PWB agrees to restore to MIAR the control of its administrative and operational divisions, leaving the program division under control of PWB.

2. With reference to para 3, the following should be noted. Originally in the negotiations, PWB proposed that the expense of programs should be prorated between MIAR and PWB based on the relation between the hours devoted by MIAR stations to broadcasts for Italian listeners and the hours devoted to external broadcasts (Balkans, etc.). The Ministry of Communications, however, contended that MIAR should bear the full expense of all such programs as its contribution as a co-belligerent. Moreover, it proposed that MIAR should reimburse PWB for all program expenses retroactive to the date of the Armistice, on the grounds that MIAR in liberated Italy would have spent such sums in the furtherance of the Allied war effort had MIAR been allowed to retain control of the programs. The offer was accepted, as set forth in para 3.

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1 Incl:
As in para 1 above

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

cc: Sec Gen for CC
Communications Sub-Com
Political Section

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Approved for P.W.B., Italian Theater:

signed - GEORGE W. EDMAN

Approved for the Royal Italian Ministry of Communications:

signed - MARIO FANO

Approved for A.C.C.

signed - ELLERY STONE

Captain, U.S.N.R.,
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Approved for P.W.B., Italian Theatre:

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NAPLES, 11th May, 1944

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3 May 1944

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TO: Finance Sub-Commission, Rear Hq ACC

The attached represents tentative proposals for restoring to control of EIAR the administrative and technical management of that organization, leaving to PWB the control of programs.

In the early discussions which led to the present proposals, PWB proposed that any balance, after disbursements provided for in the attached, should be paid into a blocked account under Allied control to be distributed, reimbursed or otherwise disbursed at the time of the final peace treaty. PWB stated that this was the practice now being followed with all receipts but I believe this information is not correct as to Regions I and II.

PWB, at my suggestion, has agreed to leave this question to the Finance Sub-Commission--to be worked out, if necessary, with the Ministry of Finance.

Will you let me have your proposals for dealing with this question in all Regions under control of the Commission.

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

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DSO 248
22 APR 1944

WMS/hjp

In reply refer to:
DCC 676.3

22 April 1944

SUBJECT: M.I.A.R.

TO : Military Government Section, AFHQ, APO 512

1. Reference is made to your letter of 10 April under reference MGS 091.6-2, together with Inclosure, PWB "Revised Agenda For the Discussion of Certain Problems Pertaining to the Operation of Radio Broadcasts in Italy", dated 25 March 1944.

2. The inclosure is a revision of a draft memorandum dated 25 February 1944 on the same subject. The earlier draft was submitted to the undersigned and the revised draft includes certain of his recommendations such as, for example, the proposal to permit EIAR in liberated Italy to take over the responsibility for technical operation of the stations subject to certain safeguards. On the other hand, the revised draft inserts additional material hitherto not submitted to the Commission, as, for example, the greater part of the last paragraph.

3. This question has been the subject of discussion with PWB officials and the Under-Secretary of State for Communications and considerable progress has been made toward reaching a common accord on terms acceptable to PWB, the Ministry of Communications, and this Headquarters. Certain discussions in this respect have taken place this week. As a result of these and earlier discussions, the PWB officials have revised their own views as to certain points in the memorandum dated 25 March, such as, for example, the penultimate paragraph in the answer A 2, since PWB now agrees that the question of treatment of funds should be resolved by the Finance Sub-Commission of A.C.C. and the Ministry of Finance. Moreover, since the 25 March memorandum was written, the Ministry of Communications has proposed that EIAR should assume the full expense of PWB progress as an additional Italian contribution to the Allied war effort.

4. The inclosed letter from PWB dated 20 April will indicate the fluid nature of the situation. Since it has therefore advanced

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beyond that set forthwith in the memorandum dated 25 March, it does not seem desirable to enter into discussion of a memorandum which will no doubt be further revised by PWB.

MALVIN W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

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Ltr, PWB AFHQ, Naples
9/11c, 20 April 44

cc: Mr. Rayner, Chief of PWB in Italy
Mr. Minifie, Liaison PWB-ACC

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PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH
A.F.H.Q.

9/11b: JMM/MeR:

Singer Building,
167, Corso Umberto I,
N A P L E S:

20th April 1944

To: Capt. Hilary W. Stone, Deputy Chief Commissioner, ACC

From: Mr. James M. Minifie

SUBJECT: S. I. A. B.

Enc: I enclose two copies of "Proposals for Settlement of SIAB," this text being based on the Italian text with our modification as worked out with you today.

We feel that the Italians are meeting us in a spirit of co-operation which we very much appreciate. We feel that if the matter is approached in this spirit, there is no call for a probationary period, and we are glad to feel that this can be dropped.

Please accept our thanks for the trouble you are taking in helping us to iron out this situation; without your help we should have found it a much more difficult problem to settle.

/s/ James M. Minifie
/t/ JAMES M. MINIFIE,
Liaison, PWB-ACC:

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PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH
A. F. H. Q.

9/116: JMM/WAR:

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Liaison, PWB-ACC: 2547

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PROPOSALS FOR SETTLEMENT OF E.I.A.R.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Military Government Section

MGS 091.6-2

10 April 1944

16 Apr. 1500

SUBJECT: E.I.A.R.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission

1. Reference is made to your letter - February under reference AG/676.3 and to your cable 2393 of 25 February and this Section's reply in cable 59830 of 4 March.

2. It is understood from P.W.B. that Mr. Schnieder, Chief of the Radio Section of PWB, and Mr. T. Harman, Deputy Chief PWB, have discussed the whole matter in Italy, the latter with General Mason MacFarlane, and that as a result, a "revised agenda for the Discussion of certain Problems Pertaining to the Operation of Radio Broadcasts in Italy" with suggested PWB answers to the questions posed therein has been prepared of which copies have been presented to you by Mr. Rayner, the Chief PWB officer resident in Italy (a copy of this document is attached for purposes of reference).

3. It would be appreciated if you would state whether you are in accord with the suggestions made by PWB and if not in what respect your views differ essentially from those expressed therein.

For the Acting Chief of Section:

T. B. JACKMAN,
Major.

Incl: as above

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25th March 1944

ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS

PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH

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At present the following radio operations are taking place in Liberated Italy.

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BARI II: PWB operates a 1 kw. EIAR transmitter.

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The above operations are of diverse natures. It is probable that future operations will add to the complexity. At present we take into account Italian (EIAR and Army) and one PWB transmitters; EIAR studios; PWB studios on EIAR premises and on other premises. In the future we may expect to have to use in an increasing measure PWB transmitters, and perhaps PWB studios, because of German demolitions.

These future plans may be briefly indicated: they cover two phases of operations; one proposed for the immediate future to meet present needs, the other for effect after the liberation of the areas which will be mentioned below:

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Phase 1: PWB foresees installation of transmitters at the following liberated points:

Reggio Calabria	250 watts
Taranto	250 "
Foggia	250 "
Catania	250 "

These points represent densely populated areas. Reggio Calabria and Messina (which would be serviced by the former) have populations of 325,000 while the two provinces together exceed 1,250,000 population. These and the other agglomerations mentioned above are not serviced by existing facilities.

Phase 2: PWB foresees the installation of transmitters at the following points as soon after their liberation as possible:

Rome	50 kw.
Florence	5 kw.
Bologna	1 kw.
Pisa	1 kw.
Ancona	1 kw.

These transmitters are calculated to cover the densely populated Tuscan regions around Florence (city and province); Pisa-Leghorn-Lucca; Ancona with possibilities of Political Warfare programs, audible along the Adriatic to the North and to the South because of the water-borne path of propagation.

Phase one is contingent upon the securing of land-lines to the points under consideration. Phase two should be carried out after liberation, regardless of the line facilities.

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We recognize the desirability of greater collaboration between the Italian government and the United Nations, and the corollary advisability of our inviting Italians to play a more important role in their own radio operation. We pointed out above that editorial and other staffs and personnel having

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a) Newspaper distribution is not immediately accessible to the enemy. All radio broadcasts are.

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<u>Answer:</u> All the remarks above hold good for this question. Only if PWB pays for the installation of facilities can PWB demand prompt and efficient service. Operations ordered by one agency (PWB) and contracted for and paid by another (EIAR or Italian Govt.) would be inefficient. The question of security can also be invoked in this case.

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3. WHAT SHOULD BE THE STATUS AND THE FUNCTION OF "EIAR" IN THE FUTURE? (BY "FUTURE" IS MEANT SUCH TIME AS MAY ELAPSE BETWEEN THE PRESENT AND THE CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES)

Preamble: In any discussion of EIAR it is well to remember that despite its semi-official standing, EIAR was a para-governmental agency. It is also well to take into account that EIAR grouped within its system the quasi-totality of radio specialists. This framework, under responsible, anti-fascist management, may well be the best guarantee of Italy's being able to organize a valuable radio service after the war.

It must also be remembered, however, that EIAR is still a functioning agency in enemy-occupied Italy, under the "government" there. Key positions have been given to German-appointed neo-fascists. It is therefore not impossible that after the victory of the United Nations, EIAR will not represent much more than a name.

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a) EIAR
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c) PWB

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Answer: It is proposed that distribution should be as follows:

a) EIAR: First claim on funds should be for EIAR, in amounts sufficient for the payment of its collecting and administrative personnel, and for the payment of operating expenses of such personnel and their offices: i.e. rent, light, cleaning, stationary, etc. This priority is established in the light of the opening paragraphs of question and answer 3. It is a sine qua non for the continued existence of EIAR as an organization in Liberated Italy, and measures to preserve the salaries of personnel should be taken rapidly to avoid the employee drifting away piecemeal.

b) ITALIAN GOVERNMENT: Second claim on funds should be for the Italian government now in power or any which may regularly succeed it. This claim is to amount to the

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same percentage of the gross receipts as was turned over to the Fascist government by EIAR before the former's collapse; i.e. 11% gross, plus certain other charges, the total amounting to approximately 18%.

c) P.W.B. It is not proposed that PWB be reimbursed from current collections for capital installation, such as transmitters. It is proposed that PWB be reimbursed for operating expenses disbursed by them. These would include power charges, operational installations, operational purchases and salaries, this last item subject to the restrictions immediately following:

(1) Salaries of Italian personnel working on transmitters operating in toto for an Italian audience: reimbursable 100% to PWB.

(2) Salaries of Italian personnel working on transmitters operating to Italian and other audiences (such as Bari I):

(a) Exclusively Italian part (Editors, Italian voice announcers and entertainers) reimbursable 100% to PWB.

(b) Technical staff working on both target areas reimbursable to PWB on pro rata basis, according to hours devoted to each audience.

Any balance after such deductions should be paid into a blocked account under Allied control, to be distributed, reimbursed or otherwise disposed of at the time of the final peace treaty. Of such funds the first charge should be for the purchasing of capital installation from PWB (transmitters), according to answer to question 5, below.

It should be noted, while examining the receipts of funds from EIAR collections, that PWB could and it is proposed that PWB should, contribute to the collection of such monies by reminders to the public that EIAR fees are due, this by means of radio and of the press.

5. TO WHOM SHOULD THE RADIO SYSTEM BUILT UP BY PWB BE TURNED OVER AND WHEN SHOULD THIS OCCUR?

Answer: If the framework of EIAR does not crumble during further military operations, and bearing in mind the reserves of opinion mentioned in the preamble to answer of question 3, EIAR would be the logical candidate for the taking over of the Radio system.

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If, on the other hand, EIAR does cease to exist, the system could be turned over to the government, to private or semi-private corporations to be formed, either as purchasers for the whole or for part of the system.

It may still be too early to ascertain under what conditions such a transfer should be made: to decide at what price the transmitters, receiving stations, studios and general capital improvements or installations made by PWB should be invoiced to the future operators of radio in Italy. Nonetheless the question is worthy of study now, even if it is too early to give the definite answers.

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As to when this transfer should take place, it would seem that such steps could only be taken when peace has been signed, not only between the Allies and Italy, but in all Europe. It has been suggested that this transfer should take place after hostilities have ceased, rather than after the signature of the peace treaties. While awaiting the actual signature of the peace treaties might entail too great delay, to relinquish the radio system upon the cessation of hostilities might be premature. It is perhaps not too pessimistic to foresee sporadic outbursts of unrest after the cessation of hostilities, especially in regions within the reach of Radio Bari. It might be highly desirable for the United Nations to keep an outlet permitting the dissemination of their views to the Balkan peninsula. Some compromise solution could perhaps be arrived at allowing U.N. use of the Radio system until such time as it would no longer be necessary for political warfare on pacification purposes.

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TRANSLATION

Ministry of Communications,
Posts and Telegraphs.

Salerno April 1,1944

Ref. No. S/8.5/994

To: Allied Control Commission
(Attention of Captain Stone)
Salerno.

Subject: Transmittal of Memorandum

We are enclosing a copy of the memorandum together with its translation, regerding:

"The basis on which it is considered possible to reach an agreement with the P.W.B. for the E. I. A. R. question."

The Undersecretary of State

/s/ Mario Pano

Trans. No. 144/Pfc. Bonanni/ajp.

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DIREZIONE GENERALE PP. TT

SALERNO, 1 APRILE 1944

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
SALERNO

(ALLA PARTICOLARE ATTENZIONE DEL CPT. STONE)

N. S/8.5/994

Risposta al N. .....

OGGETTO: TRASMISSIONE PRO-MEMORIA.-

SI TRASMETTE, ACCLUSA ALLA PRESENTE,

COPIA DI PRO-MEMORIA E RELATIVA TRADUZIONE CIRCA:

" BASI SU CUI SI RITIENE POSSA ESSERE RAGGIUNTO L'ACCORDO CON LA P.W.B. PER LA SISTEMAZIONE E.I.A.R.".

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BASIS UPON WHICH AN AGREEMENT WITH
P.W.B. MAY BE REACHED AS REGARDS TO THE STATUS OF
" E. I. A. R. "

1. THE ITALIAN AUTHORITIES WILL PROMPTLY PROVIDE FOR THE CREATION OF A GENERAL MANAGEMENT BODY OF THE "EIAR" WHICH WILL BE IN CHARGE OF ALL THE ADMINISTRATION AND WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE REORGANIZATION AND FUNCTIONING OF SAME. WITH THE AGREEMENT OF THE ALLIED AUTHORITIES A CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF EIAR WILL BE APPOINTED WITH THE FUNCTIONS OF PRESIDENT AND MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE COMPANY.

2. ALL REVENUES FROM RADIO RATES, COLLECTED AT POST OFFICES THROUGHOUT ALL THE LIBERATED TERRITORY WILL BE CREDITED, ACCORDING TO THE EXISTING REGULATIONS THROUGH THE "UFFICI DEL REGISTRO" TO THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE.

SAID MINISTRY, AFTER DEDUCTING THE PERCENTAGE DUE TO THE STATE ACCORDING TO THE LAWS, WILL CREDIT THE BALANCE TO EIAR WHICH WILL USE SAID SUM TO MEET THE EXPENSES REFERRED TO IN THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS:

3. EIAR THROUGH THE GENERAL MANAGEMENT WILL BEAR ALL THE FOLLOWING EXPENSES:

(A) ALL EXPENSES INCURRED BY P.W.B. IN THE MANAGEMENT OF ALL THE ITALIAN BROADCASTS SINCE THE OCCUPATION UP TO THE PRESENT MOMENT, INTENDING THAT EIAR WILL REIMBURSE SUCH EXPENSES TO THE P.W.B.

(B) ALL SALARIES TO TECHNICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL OF EIAR, WHICH, NON DOUBT, MUST BE PAID BY EIAR ITSELF, NO MATTER HOW AND FOR WHAT PROGRAMS SAID PERSONNEL HAS BEEN REQUIRED.

WHEN THE PERSONNEL IS BEING USED FOR PROGRAMS IN FOREIGN LANGUAGES, (I.E. BARI I) IT IS, JUST THE SAME, BROADCASTING FROM AN ITALIAN STATION FOR WARFARE PURPOSES, IT CONCERNS ALSO ITALY'S INTERESTS AS CO-BELLIGERENT.

HENCE, WE INTEND TO TAKE OVER ALL THE PROGRAM EXPENSES IN CONSIDERATION THAT SHOULD WE ORGANIZE SUCH PROGRAMS, WE WOULD

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(c) ALL SALARIES AND ALL EXPENSES PAID DIRECTLY BY PWB FOR RADIO PROGRAMS, ARTISTS AND PROPAGANDA, A LIST OF WHICH WILL BE SUBMITTED AT THE END OF EACH MONTH, TO BE ACCORDINGLY REIMBURSED.

(D) ALL EXPENSES FOR OPERATING, INSTALLATIONS, MAINTENANCE, IMPROVEMENTS OF THE APPLIANCES CONCERNING THE VARIOUS STATIONS BELONGING TO EIAR OR TO THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT BUT ADMINISTRATED BY EIAR (POWER, LINES, RADIO POLES & WIRES, RENTS ETC.)

(E) ALL EXPENSES RELATIVE TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL MANAGEMENT OF THE EIAR STATIONS AND HEAD OFFICES OF SAME (RENTS FURNITURE, STATIONERY, ELECTRIC LIGHT, HEATING, PRINTED FORMS, TYPEWRITERS AND CALCULATING MACHINES, MOTORCARS, FUEL, ETC.)

(F) ALL EXPENSES IN GENERAL ATTAINING TO THE BROADCASTING MANAGEMENT REGARDING ALL THE RADIO STATIONS OPERATING IN THE LIBERATED TERRITORY, REGARDLESS OF WHAT THEIR PURPOSE MAY HAVE BEEN.

(G) ALL WORKS CARRIED OUT BY EIAR IN ITS STATIONS OR INSTALLATIONS ON REQUEST OR SUGGESTION OF THE PWB.

4. ALL PERSONNEL WORKING FOR EIAR WILL BE ADMINISTERED BY EIAR ACCORDING TO THE LAWS IN FORCE, GOVERNING THE PRIVATE EMPLOYEMENT IN ITALY (SENIORITY, DISMISSAL INDEMNITY, SOCIAL INSURANCES ETC).

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6. THE BALANCE OF THE RECEIPTS OF EIAR AFTER HAVING PAID ALL THE ABOVE STATED CHARGES, WILL BE KEPT BY EIAR FOR INVESTMENTS OF

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INSTALLATIONS, EITHER NEW OR EFFECTED BY THE ALLIES, OR OTHERS TO BE DONE IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

THE SUPERVISION OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND BALANCES OF EIAR ARE STRICTLY DEVISED BY ITALIAN LAWS, THROUGH EITHER THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE OR THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS SO THAT IN OUR OPINION, ANY FREEZING OF PAYMENTS IN THIS REGARD WOULD BE SUPERFLUOUS.

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In reply refer to:
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16 MAR 1944

5 March 1944

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Dear Dr. Fano:

This is in further reference to your letter S/S.5/649 of 23 February with respect to saving R.I.A.E. radio installation in Rome from destruction. General Alexander's headquarters has informed me that the possibility of action on the line suggested is receiving consideration, and wishes to thank the officers concerned for their suggestions.

Yours very truly,

HENRY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Dr. Mario Fano
Ministry of Communications
Italian Government

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ROUTINE

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FREEDOM SIGNED CINC CITE FHMTS (enciphered Fatima Adv)

052300A MAR

FATIMA REAR FOR MACFARLANE

Refer your 2393 of 25 February. Matter being considered here and further cable will follow soonest possible. No meeting should be held in meantime.

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Dcc 5 MAR 1944

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Subject: Prevention of Destruction of Radio Station in ROME.

To: HQ, Allied Control Commission, APO 394.

1. Reference your DCC 676.3 dated 29 February 1944.

2. Please thank the officers concerned for the suggestions contained in the letter attached to the one referred to above, and inform them that the possibility of action on the line suggested is receiving attention.

H Hawkesworth
Brigadier, G.S.

2 March 44.
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29 FEB 1944

29 February 1944

In reply refer to:
ECC 676.3

Subject: Prevention of Destruction of Radio Station in Rome

Dear Dr. Fano:

Thank you for your letter of 23 February inclosing a letter from Captain Ambrogetti, both of which I have passed to General Alexander's Headquarters for their consideration.

Yours very truly,

HILARY W. STONE
Captain, [illegible]
Deputy Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Dr. Mario Fano
Ministry of Communications
Italian Government

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29 Feb

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29 FEB 1944

29 February 1944

In reply refer to:
DGC 676.3

SUBJECT: Prevention of Destruction of Radio Station in Rome

TO : Headquarters, Allied Central Mediterranean Force

1. There is forwarded herewith for appropriate action translation of letter of the Under-Secretary for Communications together with an inclosed letter from Captain Ambrogetti.

2. It is understood that this Italian officer performed similar services in protecting the telephone repeater installation at Atting.

HENRY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

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Transl of ltr fr Ministry of Communications, No. 3/E.3/649 23 Feb 44 (with 1 Incl.)

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TRANSLATION

Ministry of Communications,
Post and Telegraphs.

Ref. No. 3/8.5/649

To: Allied Control Commission and
for Info to Supreme Command.

Subject: Plan to save the installations of the radio stations, of the E. I. A. R. of Rome from destructions.

Capt. Ambrogetti, head of the Radio Section of the Italian Government Press Office, send in a request, a copy of which we feel our duty to enclose.

This request is too important not to warrant our sending it for a deeper study on the part of the interested Authorities.

We support Capt. Ambrogetti's plan strongly and offer our services for any further details and information that may be considered necessary in connection with this matter.

The Undersecretary of State

/s/ Mario Reno.

Trans. No. 142/Pfc Bonemi/ajp.

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DIREZIONE GENERALE PP. TT.

SALERNO, 23 FEBBRAIO 1944

N. S/8.5/649
Risposta alla lettera
N. ..... del .....

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO SEDE

E, PER CONOSCENZA:

AL COMANDO SUPREMO P.M. 107

OGGETTO: PROGETTO PER UN TENTATIVO DI SALVARE DALLA DISTRUZIONE GLI IMPIANTI DELLE STAZIONI RADIOTRASMITTENTI DELL'E.I.A.R. DI ROMA.

IL CAPO DELLA SEZIONE RADIO DELL'UFFICIO STAMPA DEL GOVERNO ITALIANO CAPITANO AMBROGETTI CI PRESENTA LA RICHIESTA CHE RITENIAMO DOVEROSO UNIRE IN COPIA.

LA DOMANDA È TROPPO IMPORTANTE PER NON MERITARE L'IMMEDIATO INOLTRO PER L'ESAME APPROFONDITO DELLE AUTORITÀ INTERESSATE.

NELL'APPOGGIARE CALDAMENTE IL PROGETTO DEL CAPITANO AMBROGETTI, CI TENIAMO A DISPOSIZIONE PER QUEGLI ULTERIORI RAGGUAGLI ED INFORMAZIONI FOSSERO RITENUTI UTILI ALL'UOPO.- 959

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MINISTRY OF INTERIOR — OFFICE OF THE PRESS

SUBJECT: Tentative project to save from destruction the installations of the radio transmission stations of the E. I. A. R. of Rome.

SERVICE MEMORANDUM

It is evident that upon the arrival of allied troops in Rome the German command will give orders to destroy the Radio transmission stations of the E. I. A. R. of Rome.

It is also evident that the enemy for propaganda reasons will make Radio Roma function until the last moment. The destruction of the installation will be carried out by demolition squads.

In these conditions we take into consideration the immense benefit that the Italian propaganda would derive if these installations would be saved.

We propose the employment of paratroop units, which would be dropped on the Capital a few hours before the arrival of the allied troops. These paratroops could at least attempt to save the installations of Santa Palomba and Prato Smeraldo that should be regarded of patrimonial value.

The writer, who is a member of the paratroop division "Nembo" and who because of having belonged to the E.I.A.R. for ten years knows perfectly the installations, reserves that this memorandum is taken into consideration to furnish additional details on the project.

CHIEF OF THE RADIO SECTION
F. to (Pio Ambrogetti)

Bari 2 February 1944

Pvt. Bertolossi/Trans/ajp.

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LDB/hjp

29 FEB 1944

28 February 1944

In reply refer to:
201 - Donati

Dear Dr. Fano:

For your information and any appropriate action, Ramino Donati was released on 20 February 1944 subject to his giving an undertaking not to visit the Naples radio station and not to interfere in any way with its employees.

It is important that Donati carries out the above undertaking.

Yours very truly,

ALLEN W. DULLES
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

cc: Col. Young

His Excellency Dr. Mario Fano
Office of the Director
Ministry of Communications
Italian Government

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ORS for Donati
28 Feb

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I have to inform you that Ramino Donati was released from intern-
ment on Sunday 20 Feb 44, subject to his giving and undertaking:

1. Not to visit Naples Radio Station.

2. Not to interfere in any way with its employees.

Donati promised that he would comply with these conditions and he was cautioned that if he should disregard them, he would be reinterned.

cc: Col. Young

Captain Stone

above is suggested letter
by Col Young - & the Forms
Young's Office called 24 Feb
& see if we had sent the letter
& how returns No

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Information and Censorship Section
PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH

28 February 44.

AGENDA FOR THE DISCUSSION OF CERTAIN PROBLEMS RELATING TO THE OPERATION OF RADIO BROADCASTS IN ITALY

A variety of factors make it desirable that radio operations in Italy be reappraised from the point of view of administration, of finance and of control. Among such factors may be included (without any attempt being made to assess their relative importance) such points as the status of EIAR, of its employees, EIAR dues and receipts, the complex nature of present and future radio operations.

At present the following radio operations are taking place in Liberated Italy:

PALERMO: PWB operates a 3 KW. EIAR transmitter. Output is being increased, however, to 10 KW, this increase being possible through the installation by PWB of captured Italian jamming equipment from the Sicilian area. This makes of Palermo a potential instrument for political warfare programmes to Occupied Italy (West Coast, North of our lines).

BARI I: PWB operates a 20 KW. EIAR transmitter, servicing it with programmes not only for Italian audiences both in Liberated and in Occupied Italy, but also with programmes for the Balkans.

BARI II: PWB operates a 1 KW. EIAR transmitter for the benefit of local audiences.

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The three stations above were taken over by PWB personnel soon after the arrival of Allied troops in the areas in question. By virtue of PWB Directives these transmitters have been operated by PWB since the liberation of these areas.

NAPLES: PWB operates a 1 KW. PWB transmitter. This was installed shortly after the Allied entry into Naples and has been operated since then by PWB.

SARDINIA: PWB exercises political control over a 5 KW. Italian army transmitter. This control was instituted and is exercised following instruction from AFHQ.

The above operations are already varied. It is probable that future operations will add to the complexity. At present we take into account Italian (EIAR and Army) and one PWB transmitters; EIAR studios; PWB studios on EIAR premises

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and on other premises. In the future we may expect to have to use in an increasing measure PWB transmitters, and perhaps PWB studios, because of demolitions.

Future plans, as already considered by PWB, may be briefly indicated: They cover two phases of operations; one proposed for the immediate future to meet present needs, the other for effect after the liberation of the areas which will be mentioned below.

PHASE I: PWB foresees the installation of transmitters at the following liberated points:

Reggio Calabria	250 watts
Taranto	250 "
Foggia	250 "
Catania	250 "

These points represent densely populated areas. Reggio Calabria and Messina (which would be serviced by the former) have populations of 325,000 while the two provinces together exceed 1,250,000 population. These and the other agglomerations mentioned above are not serviced by existing facilities.

PHASE II: PWB foresees the installation of transmitters at the following points as soon after their liberation as possible:

Rome	50 KW.
Florence	5 KW.
Bologna	1 KW.
Pisa	1 KW.
Ancona	1 KW.

These transmitters are calculated to cover the densely populated Tuscan regions around Florence (city and province); Pisa-Leghorn-Lucca; Ancona with possibilities of Political Warfare programmes audible along the Adriatic to the North and to the South because of the water-borne path of propaganda.

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Phase I would be contingent upon the securing of land-lines to the points under consideration. Phase two should be carried out after liberation regardless of the line facilities.

A third phase which need not be studied here foresees the operations for the North of Italy after Liberation (Lombardy, Piedmont, Venezia).

In the light of the above preamble, to which should be added the question of the status of personnel employed by PWB or employed by AIAI, a number

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of questions arise for discussion. These will be expressed in the form of actual questions and, for the purpose of this agenda, will be answered, the answer being the proposed PWB solution for each problem.

1. WHO SHOULD CONTROL AND PAY FOR OUTPUT? (Engineering, Editorial and Entertainment Staffs)

ANSWER: It appears essential that employees working under the management of PWB supervisors be controlled by PWB. Radio has no sharply defined audience. Even weak stations can, by radio freak, be heard thousands of miles away. BARI I is well heard in Occupied Italy and in the Balkans. No maximum or minimum line can be drawn within a few hundred miles. Therefore, for reasons of military security alone, it seems imperative that control continue to be vested in Allied hands. This control must be exercised not only over editorial staffs but over all those who have access to studios or transmitters. The payment of salaries is one of the most effective ways of exercising control.

The conclusion reached above would hold good even if all Italian radio stations were destined for listeners in liberated Italy. When we restate that certain PWB operated stations in Italy devote a large proportion of their time to Psychological Warfare (Occupied Italy and the Balkans), this control appears all the more necessary.

2. WHO SHOULD CONTROL AND PAY FOR TRANSMITTER OPERATIONS, POWER, INSTALLATION OF FURTHER FACILITIES (lines, antennae, etc.) AND OPERATING EQUIPMENT (as distinct from capital equipment such as transmitters)?

ANSWER: All the remarks above hold good for this question. Only if PWB pays for the installation of facilities can PWB demand prompt and efficient service. Operations ordered by one agency (PWB) and contracted for and paid for by another (EIAR or Italian Government) would be inefficient. The question of security can also be invoked in this case.

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3. WHAT SHOULD BE THE STATUS AND THE FUNCTION OF EIAR IN THE FUTURE? (By "future" is meant such time as may elapse between the present and the cessation of hostilities)

ANSWER: In any discussion of EIAR, it is well to remember that, despite its demi-official standing, EIAR was not strictly a governmental agency. It is also well to take into account that EIAR grouped within its system the quasi-totality of radio specialists. This framework, with responsible, anti-fascist executives, may well be the best guarantee of Italy's being

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able to organise a valuable radio service after the war.

It must also be remembered, however, that EIAR is still a functioning agency in enemy-occupied Italy, under the "Government" there. Key positions have been given to German-appointed neo-fascists. It is, therefore, not impossible that after the victory of the United Nations, EIAR will not represent much more than a name.

The above two points being borne in mind, it seems clear that every effort should be made to keep intact the EIAR organisation in Liberated Italy, lest it should melt away for lack of functions and funds.

One of the immediate services which EIAR can render is to continue the collection of funds along the lines which were in use before the hostilities, and which seem to have proved practical. It would be almost impossible for Allied officials to collect monies from the Italian public for radio licenses. EIAR should therefore continue such services, the employees engaged in such duties to be paid by EIAR out of funds provided (see question 4).

If this proposal is accepted, it will result in the administrative side of the EIAR organisation being kept standing. As to the technical and production sides of the organisation, it is to be noted that many employees of EIAR, in the technical and production branches, are at present employed by PWB, under Allied radio supervision. They are thus acquiring useful radio experience with the most up-to-date equipment and methods, and are remaining in touch with their local industry.

NOTE: If such functions are continued by EIAR, it may be considered useful, in the light of question 4, to institute some form of auditing under Allied supervision, either by Italian chartered accountants or by Allied officials.

4. WHAT ALLOCATION OF FUNDS COLLECTED BY EIAR SHOULD BE MADE TO a) EIAR, b) ITALIAN GOVERNMENT, c) PWB?

ANSWER: It is proposed that distribution should be as follows:

a) EIAR. First claims on funds should be for EIAR, in amounts sufficient for the payment of its collecting and administrative personnel, and for the payment of the operating expenses of such personnel and their offices, i.e. rent, light, cleaning, stationery, etc. This priority is established in the light of the

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opening paragraphs of question and answer 3. It is a sine qua non for the continued existence of EIAR as an organization in liberated Italy, and measures to preserve the salaries of personnel should be taken rapidly to avoid the employees drifting away piecemeal.

b) ITALIAN GOVERNMENT. Second claim on funds should be for the Italian Government now in power or any which may regularly succeed it. This claim should amount to the same percentage of the gross receipts as was turned over to the Fascist Government by EIAR before the former's collapse, i.e. 11% gross, plus certain other charges, the total amounting to approximately 18% of the gross receipts.

c) PWB. It is not proposed that PWB be reimbursed from current collections for capital installations such as transmitters. It is proposed that PWB be reimbursed for certain operating expenses disbursed by them. These would comprise power charges, operational installations, operational purchases and salaries of Italian personnel only, this last item subject to the restrictions immediately following:

i) Salaries of Italian personnel working on transmitters operating in toto for an Italian audience: reimbursable 100% to PWB.

ii) Salaries of Italian personnel working on transmitters operating to both Italian and other audiences (such as Bari I): exclusively Italian part (editors, Italian voice announcers and entertainers), reimbursable 100% to PWB; technical staff working on both target areas, reimbursable to PWB on a pro rata basis according to hours devoted to each audience.

Any balance, after such deductions, should be paid into a blocked account under Allied control (as is at present the case with all receipts), to be distributed, reimbursed or otherwise disposed of at the time of the final Peace Treaty. Of such funds the first charge should be for the purchasing, insofar as required, of capital installation from PWB (transmitters, etc.) according to answer to question 5, below.

It should be noted, while examining the receipts of funds from EIAR collections, that PWB could and it is proposed that PWB should facilitate the collection of such monies by reminders to the public that EIAR fees are due, this by means of radio and of the press.

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5. TO WHOM SHOULD THE RADIO SYSTEM BUILT UP BY PWB BE TURNED OVER AND WHEN SHOULD THIS TURN-OVER OCCUR?

ANSWER: If the framework of SHAF does not crumble during further military operations, and bearing in mind the reserves mentioned in the preamble to answer of question 3, AMAF would be the logical candidate for the taking over of the Radio system.

If, on the other hand, AMAF does cease to exist, the system could be turned over to the Government, or to private or semi-private corporations to be formed, either as purchasers for the whole or for part of the system.

It is still no doubt too early to ascertain under what conditions such a transfer should be made, and to decide whether the transmitters, receiving stations, studios and general capital improvements or installations made by PWB should be invoiced to the future operators of radio in Italy, and if so, at what price. Nonetheless, the question is worthy of preliminary study now, even though definitive answers cannot be given at this stage.

As to when this transfer should take place, it would seem that such steps could only be taken when peace has been signed, not only between the Allies and Italy, but among all the presently belligerent nations.

NOTE: Documents on the organisation of AMAF are available at PWB.

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AUTHENTICATED:

HILARY H. SKEA
Captain, USNR.
Deputy Chief Commissioner

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In reply to Your Excellency's letter of 18th. February concerning Engineer Donati, Director of the E.I.A.R. in Naples, I am happy to be able to inform you that I have received information that Engineer Donati has been released.

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NOEL MASON MACFARLANE.
Lieutenant-General.
Chief Commissioner.

S.E. Marshal Badoglio,
Capo del Governo.

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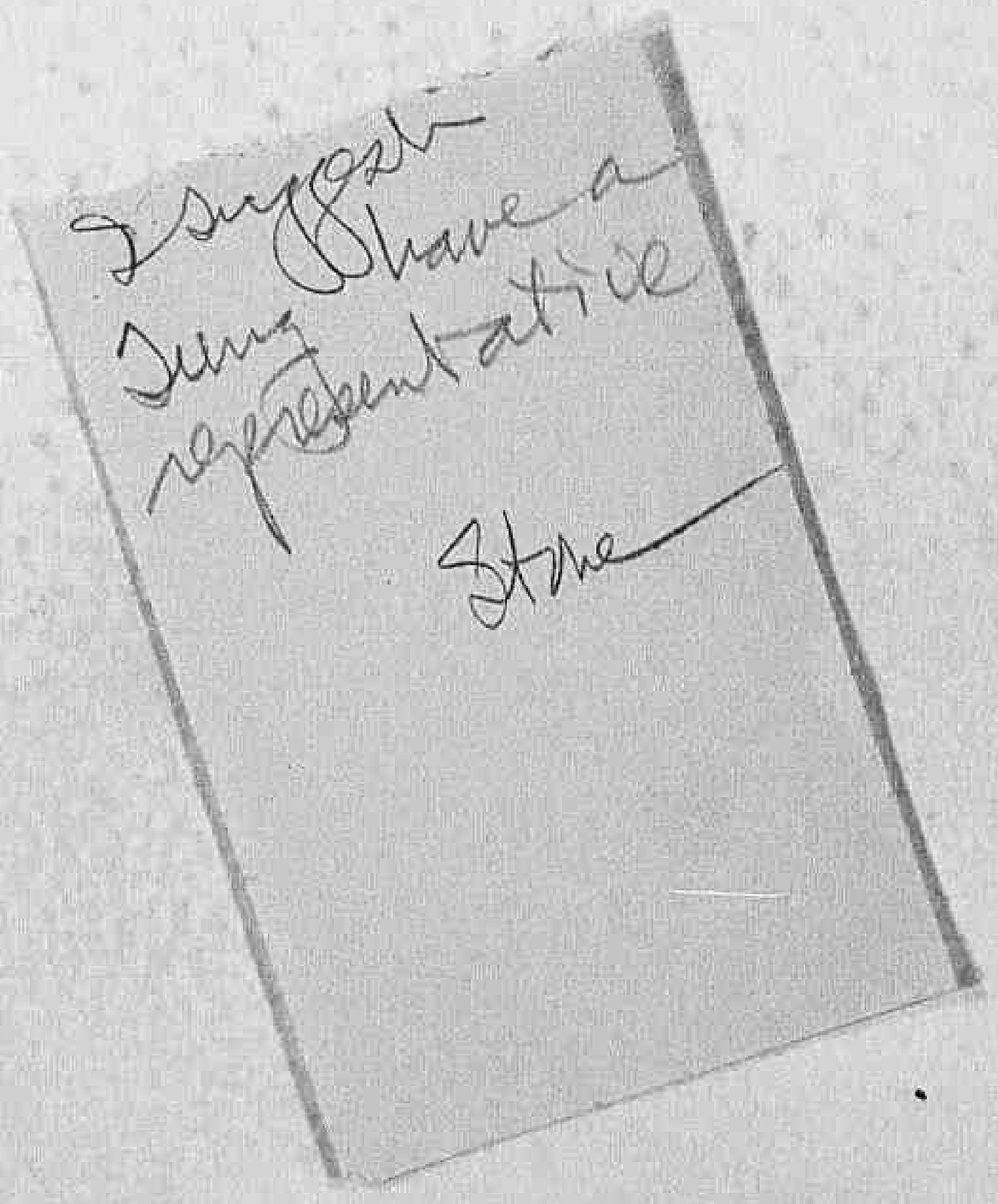

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Col. Donovan

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

Office of the Deputy President

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19th. February, 1944.

My dear Ellery,

I have read the two memoranda sent you by Badoglio on the subject of E.I.A.R.. I am afraid that there is no trace of the original draft letter which you sent me on the subject, although I am practically certain that I sent it on and signed it as it stood to A.F.H.Q.. In any case I have had no come-back up to date.

2. After reading through all the papers on the subject I feel that it would be a good thing to have a meeting either at Naples or Bari of any representatives the Italians wish to nominate, and on our side such representatives of A.C.C. as you consider should attend together with representatives of P.W.B..

3. I would propose ordering the assembly of a committee as above and would also suggest that you should be the chairman. We could then from this committee procure either the solution which you and I consider to be the right one, or at least we will be able to expose the objections hitherto advanced by P.W.B. in such a way as would enable us to press our case to best advantage with A.F.H.Q..

4. The above procedure should at any rate crystalise things and bring matters to a head more effectively than writing on the subject to the remote controllers in Algiers.

Yours sincerely,

Noel Mason Macfarlane

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

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Captain Ellery W. Stone, U.S.N.R.,
Deputy Chief Commissioner,
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THE CHIEF OF GOVERNMENT

N. 2060 Pres.Cons.

Palermo, 18 February 1944

Dear General MacFarlane:

The Under Secretary for Post and Telegraphs has called my attention to the arrest, by the Allied Authorities, of Engineer Donati, Director of the E.I.A.R. in Naples, who has been detained for more than 40 days in the prison of Poggioreale.

After what he has ascertained, it seems that there are no obvious or grave facts to justify the arrest of the aforementioned official, which seems to arise from inexact information given to the inquiring authorities.

I beg you to communicate to me the reasons for which the Allied Authorities have made the arrest, as well as the charges eventually placed against the Engineer Donati, and should these be insufficient I would be grateful if you could hasten his release.

I take this opportunity, dear General, to extend to you my deepest appreciation.

Signed

Badoglio

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We should be very grateful to the Allied Commission if a meeting would be called as soon as possible with the proper authorities.

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IL CAPO DEL GOVERNO

16 February 1944

GENERAL MASON MACFARLANE

DEPUTY PRESIDENT

Headquarters Allied Control Commission

Dear General Mac Farlane:

I am enclosing two memorandums on the necessity of setting up a central administrative organization of the E.I.A.R., and of reaching an agreement on the administrative and technical brances of radio broadcasting.

I would appreciate it if a meeting could be arranged to discuss these questions, which are of interest to the Italian government, as they concern the free use on its part of radio broadcasts.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Badoglio

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"This is all being handles by Capt. Stone. No further action required on my part.

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Pencil Note by the CC:

"Not yet answered. Suggested to Stone formation of a Committee.

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Memorandum No. 1

On the urgent necessity of allowing the Italian Government to establish a "Commissariato Generale E.I.A.R." in order to maintain in the national interest the important administrative organization of the Company.

It is well knows that the EIAR does not consist only of Radio Bari, but of all the Radio broadcasting station in Italian territory. It is a limited corporation with its own capital, its own stock holders and an independent administration; it owned radio transmitting stations; disturbance stations, store houses, materials and property.

In order to control the radio broadcasts, the Allies have taken over all the above property, both on the mainland of Italy (Bari, Naples), in Sicily (Palermo, Catania), and in the Colonies (Tripoli).

The Italian Government has asked several times why the Allies who have never taken over the property of Italian Firms, though they exercise everywhere a strict control, as far as the EIAR is concerned they have actually occupied the stations and taken over directly a good part of the staffs, thus eliminating the central organization of the company.

It seems to the Italian Government that though the radio is a means of war and propaganda should be one of the main concerns of the Allied Authorities, it shoudl be possible to find a "modus vivendi" so as not to disorganize completely the administration of the Company, and to conciliate the double necessity, on the part of the Allies, of independence of direction, and on the part of the directors of the company, of financial and administrative control. We believe that with a certain amount of comprehension, good will and impartiality the question could be solved fairly and justly, as it has been done with all the other private companies, and particularly with the telephone Co. which are certainly of equallly great importance as regards the war.

Several times, efforts have been made to show that the EIAR is perfectly able to manage itself both technically and administratively and that therefore, it could be returned to its own independent management, with the precise agreement that it should cooperate with all the allied organizations that are to control broadcasts and to follow the advice and technical directive given by those organizations.

Leaving aside for the moment the solution of this problem, which is handled in another memorandum, it is considered advisable to outline the organization of the EIAR, which is divided in three large branches:

1. Technical (projects, plants, broadcasts, maintenance)
2. Artistic (programs, newspapers and propaganda)
3. Administrative and commercial (accounts, propaganda and developments).

While the PWB has taken over the first two branches of the EIAR, it has totally disregarded up to now the third branch, and therefore everything that concerns subscribers statistics, regulations on the payments, etc.

While the Radio broadcasts can represent only an incidental part of the Company's activities, the administrative organization, the control of the payments, the

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verification of the new subscribers and the setting down of variations of the various movements, represent instead the basis of the company which it is absolutely necessary to safeguard, both in the national and in the company's interest.

While the technical and artistic staffs of the EIAR stations have been taken over directly by the PWB, those that look after the subscribers accounts have been completely left to themselves.

Nobody has yet taken care of modifying radio legislation (which in the present abnormal situation needs laws and regulations to provide for the payment of the installment payments to the Itlaina Ministry of Finance); and of bringing the card files to date, and above all of creating that central administrative nucleus which must for the present take the place of the general management of the EIAR (with its head office in Rome); and nobody has at the beginning of the year given general directives to invite through the radio the subscribers to pay, The Postal Bureau to collect, the Registro Offices to verify the payments.

It is obvious that however the individual EIAR stations may be managed for the present, a central bureau should be set up as soon as possible to get together all the financial and aminisrative items of the company itself.

The Undersecretariat of Communications from which the EIAR legally depends, has logically concerned itself with setting up this central bureau, and it intends as soon as possible, to have a General Commissioner nominated by an Italian Court who will concentrate the powers of the Board of Managers and the President of the Company.

For thesetting up of this office, the modification of radio legislation, the organization of a central administration (which among other things, should furnish the funds to pay the staffs and the expenses of the offices taken over by the PWB) it is necessary to gather a set of figures and information and to have the heads of the station collaborate directly together; but this has been expressly forbidden by the Officials of the PWB who manage the various stations.

Quite outside of any consideration on the present attitude of the PWB towards it, the Italian Government thinks that it is urgent, in the common interest, to reach a clear and complete agreement on the setting up of the "Commissario EIAR" and on immediate reorganization of the company's administration.

Dr. Fano, formally Manager of the Italian Radio Telephone Holding, and at present Undersecretary for Post and Telegraph Services, is willing to put himself at the disposal of the Allied Authorities for this purpose and points out the two prime considerations to be taken into account, that is:

1. Importance--as from solution of the problem depends all the income of the company (several million liras)
2. Urgency-- as the campaign for the collection of the installments should be made at the beginning of the year; and also, because of the fact that themembers of the staff not taken over by the PWB are completely left to themselves, without an organization to manage and direct them.

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MEMORANDUM No. 2

CONCERNING THE URGENT NECESSITY TO COME TO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ALLIED AUTHORITIES AND THE GENERAL COMMISSION E.I.A.R. FOR THE TECHNICAL OPERATION OF ITALIAN RADIO STATIONS.-

In addition to what is mentioned in memorandum No. 1, attached to the present one, the urgent necessity arises to come to an agreement between the Italian Broadcasting Agency (E.I.A.R.) and the Allied Authorities (PWB) for the technical operation of Italian radio stations, especially because it is not right that the Italian Government may not use broadcasting for propaganda and spreading of news, that are, at the present time, normal means of Government.

The ways in which such agreements can be obtained are many:

I. with a simple "agreement", according to which, after examining the problem, we could establish a real co-operation between the Head offices of E.I.A.R. and PWB, clearly fixing the terms.

2. by an economical-political and financial agreement.

E.I.A.R. must purchase some new radio stations to replace th e ones destroyed by the enemy; perhaps it would be possible to come to an agreement with Allied Government, according to which E.I.A.R. could place such orders on British or American factories, paying for them by shares of the Company (whose value would have to be established).

Directing staff of the Italian-Allied Company could be formed subdividing charges (offices) ~~[illegible]~~ (at least as long as the war goes on) in the way to satisfy all Allied requirements of control and leave to the broadcasting agency the features of an independent and private company, which should absolutely be preserved for basic reasons.

3. by an economical arrangement concerning the appointment by EIAR of Allied technical staff, whose tasks should be established.

E.I.A.R. (represented by its General Commissioner) could, by such arrangement, bind itself to appoint to some important offices, (for a time to be fixed), officials selected by the Allied Forces in order to give these Commands the absolute security that their leading principles and dispositions will be followed.

Also in this case E.I.A.R. would preserve its juridical features of joint stock company and all its independent organisation both central and branch.

These are the three great bases on which we could come to an agreement that would allow to the Italian Government the free use of the Radio Stations and to Allied Governments the control of broadcasting transmissions.

The problem is to be carefully handled and needs a verbal an d circumstantial examination in order to get, as soon as possible, to a final solution.

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MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
PP. TT. GENERAL DIRECTION

Salerno, 15 February 1944

No. S/8.5/590

To Allied Control Commission
and, for information, to
H.E. The Undersecretary to the Presidency

SUBJECT: Eng. Donati

With our note No. S/8.5/384 we informed ACC of the arrest of Dr. Eng. Donati, E.I.A.R.'s Director in Naples.

As this official has been held in the prison of Poggiorea le for the last 40 days, and considering that his arrest can only be a consequence of inexact informations given to the Authority concerned, we beg you again to kindly see to it that he should be freed or, at least, temporarily released under my own responsibility and guarantee.

We shall be grateful for any information on this subject.

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THE UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE
(Dr. Fanc)

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MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI
DIREZIONE GENERALE PP. TT.

Salerno, 15 febbraio 1944

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ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO SEDE

e, per conoscenza:

A S.E. IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO ALLA PRESIDENZA
SEDE

OGGETTO Ing. Donati.-

Con nostra lettera S/8.5/384 comunicavamo tra l'altro a Codesta Commissione l'avvenuto arresto dell'Ing. Donati Direttore dell'E.I.A.R. di Napoli.

Essendo ormai 40 giorni che detto nostro funzionario dirigente è detenuto nelle carceri di Poggioreale (Napoli) e ritenendo che l'arresto non può che essere conseguenza di inesatte informazioni fornite all'ente inquirente, rinnoviamo la preghiera di volerVi interporre per il rilascio dello stesso o almeno per la concessione della libertà provvisoria sotto la garanzia del Sottosegretariato scrivente.

Si resta in fiduciosa attesa di benevolo riscontro.-

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

20 Feb.-
Donato released to duty per information from Col Young-
DLF note of 19 Feb attached
Decision—

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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MEMORANDUM FOR: General MacFarlane

The attached is a draft letter for your consideration on the question of review of the EIAR situation. However, not knowing the present status of PWB in Italy, I have left blank the headquarters to which the letter be sent--i.e., AFHQ or ACMF.

Although PWB has taken over the operation of the EIAR Stations in liberated Italy, it apparently has shown no interest in the question of the collection of the broadcast listeners' tax for the current calendar year--a subject which should be resolved at an early date. Moreover, I have never understood why PWB's directive for propaganda should give it control over more than the program department of EIAR--leaving to the Italians the Technical and Administrative departments.

For security reasons, references b and c are not forwarded with the draft letter but I am attaching them to this memorandum for your ready reference.

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ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief of Staff

I have agreed & signed this note to AFHQ

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SUBJECT: Ente Italiano Audizioni Radiofoniche - (E.I.A.R.)

TO : Headquarters

1. References - all relative to above subject -

a. Ltr (translation) 103/Gbr, with two exhibits, from the Italian Government dated 7 December 1943, to A.C.C. (Incl No. 1).
b. Mag 13/16 - 1483 dated Dec 161820A from A.C.C. to A.F.H.Q.
c. Mag 36/21 - 17329 dated Dec 211747A from A.F.H.Q. cite FHINC from MOCHRYSTAL to A.C.C.
d. Ltr (copy) AG 676.3 Hq. A.C.C. dated 30 Dec 43, to the Italian Government (Incl No. 2).
e. Ltr (translation) S/8.5/263, from the Italian Government dated 4 Jan 44, to A.C.C. (Incl No. 3).

2. The Italian Government requested, (reference 1a), that E.I.A.R. be placed under its own management subject to Allied supervision, technical advice and aid. Based upon a detailed investigation (exhibit 2 of reference 1a) made at the request of Italian Ministry of Communications, the Italian Government stated that E.I.A.R. is capable of directing its own affairs both technically and administratively. The Commission concurred in the Government's request and recommended to your headquarters (reference 1b) that Bari radio personnel payroll be returned to E.I.A.R. as well as its administration and direction, with Allies retaining full control over policy and programs. The matter was not favourably considered by your headquarters (reference 1c) on the grounds that it was considered hazardous to propaganda channels and that propaganda requirements would not permit a change at the present time. The Italian Government was informed (reference 1d) with respect to the above decision.

3. The Italian Government, through the Ministry for Communications, has suggested (reference 1e) a reconsideration of the matter and requests that the Under-Secretary of State for Tele-Communications and Posts be invited for a discussion of the problem with the Allied authorities having jurisdiction.

4. Attention is directed to information and points made by the Italian Government as reflected in references 1a and ~~1g~~ 1e.

On 17 January the Commission received a further letter (N. S/8.5/384) with respect to this matter from the Italian Government, in which

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the following statements were made:

"While waiting for this reexamination, this Ministry deems it proper to indicate the three departments of the E.I.A.R.:

1. Technical (projects, plants, broadcasting, maintenance)
2. Artistic (programs, news bulletins, and propaganda)
3. Administrative and Commercial (book-keeping, propaganda and development).

"While PWB has taken possession of the first two branches of the E.I.A.R., it has shown complete disinterest, for the present, in the third, which concerns, subscription statistics, payments in arrears (morosita), new subscriptions, payment rules, subscription takings, etc.

"While the broadcasting end of it may belong to one sphere of the company's activity, the administrative organization the control of payments, the verification of new subscriptions and the registration of changes, constitute the patrimony of the Company which it is absolutely necessary in the national interest to safeguard.

"While the technical and artistic personnel of the E.I.A.R. stations has been directly taken over by PWB, that of the subscription accounting has been abandoned and left to itself.

"No one has concerned himself with modifying the broadcasting legislation (which in the present abnormal situation requires laws and dispositions necessary for rendering feasible the taking in of installments and their crediting to the Italian Finance Ministry), nor with keeping the subscription forms up-to-date, nor, above all, with creating a central administrative nucleus which must provisionally replace the general office of the E.I.A.R. in Rome; no one on the occasion of the New Year issued a general directive for calling upon the subscribers to pay, the postal officers to collect, the offices of the Registry (Registro) to verify the payments.

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"It is evident that, however the peripheral stations of E.I.A.R. may now be operated, a central office should be set up as quickly as possible to supervise all patrimonial, administrative, and accounting matters relative to the company itself.

"The Under-Secretariat for Communications, on which the E.I.A.R. depends for functional enactments, naturally had preoccupied itself with the formation of the central office, reserving for itself the duty of having an Italian Tribunal (Tribunals) appoint a general commissioner who would assume the powers of the administrative council and of the presidency of the company.

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"The formation of this office, the modification of broadcasting legislation, the setting-up of a central administration (which among other things must furnish funds for paying the personnel and the expenses of those offices not managed by PWB) required the giving of factual information and contact with the various managers (reggenti) of the stations. These, however, were refused by PWB."

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6. May this matter be considered as urgent.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE
Lieutenant General
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MINISTRY FOR COMMUNICATIONS

General Office Post and Telegraph

31 January 1944

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To the Allied Control Commission

Brindisi

Subject: E.I.A.R.

Following our talks with Capt. Stone, we attach a memorandum which calls for, in our opinion, the need for a meeting to settle the question concerning the activity of the radio broadcasting company E.I.A.R.

We will be grateful if you will bring your attention to bear on this and keep us informed on what can possibly be arranged in the matter.

UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE

/s/ Fano

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The attached was quoted for the most part — in my memo of 1 Feb. I to Gen Mac Farlane.

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It is known that E.I.A.R. does not only consist of Radio Bari but also of all the existing radio broadcasting stations on Italian territory. It is a Ltd. Company with its own capital, its own shareholders, its independent administration. Its property includes radio transmitting stations, interference stations, stores of equipment and fixed property.

We now can ascertain the fact that, with the purpose of controlling radio transmissions, the Allies have taken possession of all said property, either on the Italian mainland (Bari, Naples) or in Sicily (Palermo, Catania) or in the Colonies (Tripoli).

On the above premise, the Italian government has more than once asked why, since although the Allies have never taken over the property of Italian corporations (despite sometimes exercising a severe and often a complete control), they have in the case of E.I.A.R. both directly occupied the stations and assumed charge of a good part of the personnel, completely replacing the central organization of the company.

It seems to the Italian government that, while admitting that radio is a weapon of war and that propaganda is the prime concern of the operational troops, it should be possible to find a modus vivendi in order not to upset completely the administration of this company. It should also be possible to reconcile the double exigency of an executive independency on the part of the Allies and the necessity for an administrative and patrimonial control by the directive organs of the Company. We point out therefore, that with a little understanding and good will (not rendered inflexible by a unilaterial view of the problem), it should be possible to find the most equitable solution, a solution moreover which has been found for all the other private companies, particularly in the case of the telephone company which also is a weapon of war of the greatest importance.

More than once we have tried to show that the E.I.A.R. is perfectly able to support itself both technically and administratively and therefore it could well be restored to its own management with the agreement, naturally, that it should continue to collaborate with all the Allied authorities, who would be empowered to control the transmissions and it should follow the advice and technical directives that the Allied organs would deem necessary to impart.

In the meanwhile, as the solution of this problem is the subject of our memorandum, we think it proper to indicate how the organization of E.I.A.R. is divided into three great branches:

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It is evident that, however the peripheral stations of E.I.A.R. may now be operated, a central office should be set up as quickly as possible to supervise all patrimonial, administrative, and accounting matters relative to the company itself.

The Under-Secretariat for Communications, on which the E.I.A.R. depends for functional enactments, naturally had preoccupied itself with the formation of this central office, reserving for itself the duty of having an Italian Tribunal (Tribunale) appoint a general commissioner who would assume the powers of the administrative council and of the presidency of the company. 2705

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It now appears to the Italian Government (independently of any consideration of the present position of intransigency assumed by PWB in this matter) that in the common interest it would be urgent to reach a definite and full agreement on the formation of the Commissariat E.I.A.R. and on the immediate reorganization of the bookkeeping administration of the Company.

Dott. Fano, formerly director of the Holding Italian radio-telephone and at present Under-Secretary of State for Post and Telecommunications, is at the disposal of the Allied authorities for this purpose and underlines the two prime characteristics of the problem set forth and that is, its importance and urgency:

importance - in as much as on its solution and settling depends the whole income of the Company, several million lire;

urgency - in consideration of today's date, in contrast with the fact that the campaign for the collection of the installments of the subscribers should have been made at the beginning of the year;
and in consideration of the fact that the administrative personnel not assumed by PWB is now abandoned to itself, with nobody to administrate it, direct it or regulate it.

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Premesso quanto sopra, il Governo Italiano ha più volte richiesto perché mentre gli alleati non hanno mai provveduto a sostituirsi nella proprietà delle aziende italiane, pur esercitando ovunque un controllo severo e spesse volte un controllo totale, nei riguardi dell'E.I.A.R. abbiano disposto addirittura l'occupazione delle stazioni e l'assunzione diretta di buona parte del personale, sostituendosi così completamente alla organizzazione centrale della Società.

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stata trovata per tutte le altre società private, ed in modo particolare con le società telefoniche che certamente costituiscono del pari arma di guerra e della massima importanza.

Si è più volte cercato di dimostrare che l'E.I.A.R. è perfettamente in grado di vivere tecnicamente ed amministrativamente di vita propria e che potrebbe di conseguenza essere restituita alla sua gestione autonoma, con l'accordo ben preciso che essa dovrebbe collaborare anche dopo di ciò, con tutti gli organi alleati che saranno chiamati a controllarne le trasmissioni, se pur con l'obbligo di seguire quei consigli e direttive tecniche che gli organi stessi ritenessero opportuno di impartire.

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Mentre il personale tecnico e artistico delle stazioni E.I.A.R. è stato direttamente assunto dalla PWB, quello relativo alla contabilità abbonati è stato lasciato indipendente e abbandonato a se.

Nessuno si è ancora occupato di far modificare la le-

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Il Dott. Fano (già dirigente della Holding radiotelefonica italiana) ed attualmente Sottosegretario di Stato alle Poste e Telecomunicazioni, è a disposizione delle Autorità Alleate a tale scopo, e sottolinea le due caratteristiche prime del problema progettato e cioè importanza ed urgenza:

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To the Allied Control Commission
(For the particular attention of Capt Stone)

Subject: Italian Broadcasting Corporation (E.I.A.R.)

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This is the outburst of the a man who came here with the hope of fighting with weapon in hand at your side in a common war, and who draws from the above matters very bitter conclusions. Independently of this, however, the problem of the E.I.A.R. remains, both in its total aspect and in the administrative accounting, which re-

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UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE
/s/ Mario Pano

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Return to Lt Col Klemmer
Rec'd 19 Jan 1944

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N. S/8.5/384
Risposta alla lettera
N. del

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
(alla particolare attenzione del Cap.Stone)
B R I N D I S I

OGGETTO: Ente Italiano Audizioni Radiofoniche.-

L'E.I.A.R. come è noto è una Società di notevole entità patrimoniale e di ancor più notevole importanza propagandistica interna ed estera, importanza che è resa ancora maggiore oggi, dato l'eccezionale momento che l'Italia attraversa.

Premesso quanto sopra, il Governo Italiano ha più volte richiesto, perché, mentre gli alleati non hanno mai provveduto a sostituirsi nella proprietà delle aziende italiane, pur esercitando ovunque un controllo severo e spesse volte un controllo totale, nei riguardi dell'EIAR hanno disposto addirittura l'occupazione delle stazioni e l'assunzione diretta del personale, sostituendosi così completamente alla organizzazione centrale della Società.

Il Governo Italiano pur riconoscendo quale ruolo abbia la radio broad-casting italiana, nell'ora attuale, sia per il nostro Paese che per gli Alleati, ha espresso il parere che un controllo sulle trasmissioni, che l'Italia non può a meno di ammettere e riconoscere logico ed opportuno, sarebbe più che sufficente a raggiungere lo scopo che gli Alleati si prefiggono, senza interferire sulla normale organizzazione tecnica e sulla autonoma gestione amministrativa della Società.

Si è già cercato, con nostre precedenti lettere, di dimostrare che l'EIAR è perfettamente in grado di vivere

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tecnicamente ed amministrativamente di vita propria e che potrebbe di conseguenza essere restituita alla sua gestione autonoma, con l'accordo ben preciso che essa dovrà collaborare anche dopo di ciò, con tutti gli organi Alleati che saranno chiamati a controllarne le trasmissioni e che vorranno fornire quei consigli ed ausili tecnici che ritenessero opportuno di suggerire.

A tali ripetute richieste e a nuovi elementi di esame forniti al riguardo, Cotesta Spett.le Commissione con sua lettera TC/9/1 comunicava gentilmente che il problema verrebbe riesaminato nel termine più breve.

Nell'attesa di tale riesame questo Ministero ritiene doveroso prospettare come l'organizzazione dell'EIAR si divida in 3 grandi branche:

1° Tecnico - (progetti, impianti, trasmissioni, manutenzione)

2° Artistico - (programmi, giornali e propaganda)

3° Amministrativo e commerciale - (contabilità, propaganda e sviluppo).

Mentre la PWB ha preso possesso delle prime due branche dell'organizzazione EIAR, si è completamente disinteressata, per ora, della terza e quindi di quello che riguarda statistica abbonati, morosità, acquisizione nuovi abbonati, legislazione dei pagamenti, incassi dagli abbonati etc..

Mentre la parte trasmissione radio può costituire una parentesi dell'attività sociale, la organizzazione amministrativa, il controllo dei pagamenti, la verifica dei nuovi abbonati e la registrazione delle variazioni delle esistenze costituiscono invece il patrimonio della Società che è assolutamente doveroso nell'interesse nazionale oltre che sociale di tutelare.

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Mentre il personale tecnico e artistico delle Stazioni EIAR è stato direttamente assunto dalla PWB, quello relativo alla contabilità abbonati è stato lasciato indipendente e abbandonato a se.

Nessuno si era occupato di far modificare la legislazione radiofonica (che nella anormale attuale situazione reclama leggi e disposizioni atte a rendere attuabile l'incasso dei ratei e loro accreditamento al Ministero Italiano delle Finanze), e di far aggiornare gli schedari, e soprattutto di creare quel nucleo amministrativo centrale che deve provvisoriamente sostituire la Direzione Generale EIAR con sede in Roma; nessuno aveva date in occasione del capo d'anno le direttive di carattere generale per invitare gli abbonati a pagare, gli uffici postali ad incassare, gli uffici del Registro a verificare i versamenti.

E' evidente che, comunque vengano gestite per ora le stazioni EIAR periferiche, un ufficio centrale deve essere al più presto costituito per raccogliere tutti gli elementi patrimoniali, amministrativi e contabili relativi alla Società stessa.

Il Sottosegretariato delle Comunicazioni, dal quale funzionalmente per legge l'EIAR dipende, si era logicamente preoccupato di costituire questo ufficio centrale, riservandosi al più presto di far nominare da un Tribunale italiano un Commissiario Generale che accentrasse in se i poteri del Consiglio di Amministrazione e del Presidente della Società.

La costituzione di tale ufficio, la modificazione della legislazione radiofonica, la impostazione di una amministrazione centrale (che tra l'altro doveva fornire i fondi per pagare il personale e le spese d'ufficio relative a que-

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gli uffici non assunti dalla PWB) reclamava una raccolta di dati ed una presa di contatto coi vari reggenti delle stazioni che è stata tassativamente vietata però dai funzionari della PWB preposti alle varie stazioni.

Il Gen. Mac Farlane in una riunione tenuta al riguardo, ebbe a chiedere tra l'altro se in caso di restituzione amministrativa della stazione EIAR di Bari al Governo Italiano, questo si sarebbe impegnato di mantenere gli stipendi ora corrisposti al personale della stessa. Il sottoscritto ebbe a rispondere di si, e a riunione avvenuta, (per avere gli elementi necessari per verbalizzare l'impegno assunto) richiese logicamente al Reggente la Stazione di Bari l'elenco degli stipendi stabiliti dalla PWB e corrisposti al personale.

E' noto (perché oggetto della nostra lettera n. 111 Gbr. in data 10/12/43) cosa avvenne al riguardo: l'elenco delle paghe venne lacerato sul viso del Reggente al quale si minacciarono più gravi provvedimenti se avesse mantenuto rapporti diretti col Governo Italiano.

Minacce che appaiono non prive di fondamento quando si apprende che l'Ing. Donati Reggente la Stazione di Napoli (e chiamato a Brindisi dalla Commissione Alleata di Controllo per collaborare coi Ministeri delle Finanze e Comunicazioni nella modifica della legge sulle tasse radiofoniche) fu imprigionato al suo ritorno in sede e langue ancor oggi dopo ben 10 giorni in una cella comune.

L'Ing. Donati è buon italiano antifascista e antitedesco, è miracolasamente sfuggito alle truppe tedesche che avevano già deliberato il suo arresto e la sua traduzione al Nord, e viene oggi imprigionato dagli

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Alleati per aver dimostrato un disciplinato attaccamento al Governo del suo Paese.

Il Sottosegretario di Stato per le Poste e Telecomunicazioni che per il suo noto passato antifascista, fu compreso nelle prime liste di nemici del regime da sopprimere dopo l'8 settembre 1943, che lasciò moglie e bambini e rischiò la vita per venire attraverso le linee in questa parte d'Italia per collaborare cogli Alleati nella lotta per la libertà, esprime il convincimento che ben diversa dovrebbe e potrebbe essere la collaborazione tra lui e gli organi Alleati, i quali (anche se della PWB) dovrebbero diversamente valutare e considerare l'opera sua e dei suoi collaboratori, offerta e data con tanto entusiasmo per lo scopo comune.

Questo lo sfogo di un uomo venuto con la speranza di combattere con le armi in pugno al Vostro fianco una battaglia comune, e che trae dalla situazione suesposta ben amare considerazioni. Indipendentemente da questo però resta in vita il problema EIAR, e per la parte totale e per la parte amministrativa contabile che reclama la più urgente sistemazione.-

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Mario Sano

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Col. Donovan

January

SEGRETERIA PARTICOLARE DEL CAPO DEL GOVERNO

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Dear Captain Stone:

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I am enclosing a translation of the aide-memoire on the P.W.B. order.

Sincerely yours.

Franco Montanari

Seen by: Capt. Stone Seen
Col. D. 1/27

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January 11 , 1944

Aide - memoire for Dr. Naldi :

I consider it my duty to inform you that today Major Jan Greenlees, head of the radio section of the P.W.B. for Bari, has given orders that the name ""EIAR"" and the formula "free voice of the Italian government" usually said after the name of the station, be abolished.

I pointed out that this order was in contrast with the preceeding verbal agreements. I was able to obtain that the order itself should not be applied until you had been informed.

Major Greenlees stated that he would have conferred with you on the subject as soon as possible.

Dr. Pio Ambrogetti
Head of the Radio Section

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In reply
refer to: TC 9/2

10 January 1944

Subject: Note Italiano Audizioni Radiofoniche - (E.I.A.R.)

To: The Under-Secretary of State for Telecommunications & Posts.

1. This is in reference to your letter S/8.5/263 dated P.M. 151, 4 January 1944, in which you expressed a desire for a renewed discussion of the E.I.A.R. matter.

2. The question with respect to E.I.A.R. is being discussed by the Commission with a view to re-submitting the whole matter to AFHQ for reconsideration. It is our present intention to request AFHQ to send an officer here, with authority to act, for a conference with you, if it is found that favorable consideration cannot be had on the showing already made.

3. We will keep you informed of our progress on this matter.

KLEBY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Vice-President, Communications Section

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10 Jan

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TRANSLATION

MINISTRY FOR COMMUNICATION
General Board for Post & Telegraph

N.S/8.5/263

4 January 1944

To the Allied Control Commission
Brindisi

Subject: Italian Broadcasting Corporation (E.I.A.R.)

We acknowledge receipt of your letter No. AG 676.3 TC 9/1 of December 30, 1943, which purports that the present and future necessities require that the situation now obtaining with regard to Radio Bari should remain unchanged.

In this case we point out that the E.I.A.R. does not only include Radio Bari but all broadcasting stations on Italian territory. It is a Ltd. company with its own capital, its own shareholders and an independent administration. It owned radio-transmission stations, interference stations, stores of materiel and immovable property.

The fact is now verified that with the object of controlling radio transmissions, the Allies have taken possession of all the above property, on the Italian mainland (Bari, Napoli), in Sicily (Palermo, Catania) or in the colony (Tripoli).

It seems to this Ministry that, admitting that the radio is a weapon of war and that propaganda is the prime concern of the operation troops, it should be possible to find an arrangement in order not to upset completely the administration of this Society and to conciliate the double exigency of an independent execution by the Allies and the necessity of a patrimonial and administrative control by the directive members of the Company.

This Ministry holds that with a little understanding and good will not determined by a milaterial view of the problem, the question should receive the most equitable solution, a solution, moreover, which has been found for all the other private companies and in a particular case with the Telephone Companies (which also certainly constitutes a weapon of war and is of the greatest importance).

We would like to be invited for a renewed discussion of the problem with the Allied Authorities who should have jurisdiction over the matter.

In anticipation of this, we thank you.

THE UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE
(Signature)

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Capt Stern (CMIK Division)

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DIREZIONE GENERALE PP. TT.

P.M. 151, 4 Gennaio 1944 XXII

Read by CMIK Sec 6 Jan 1944

Alla COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
B R I N D I S I

N. S/8.5/263
Risposta alla lettera
N. del

Oggetto: Ente Italiano Audizioni Radiofoniche.

Abbiamo ricevuta la Vostra lettera n. AG 676.3 TC 9/1 in data 30 dicembre 1943 colla quale ci riferite che le necessità attuali e future esigono che la situazione attuale di Radio Bari rimanga immutata.

Facciamo presente a tale proposito che l'E.I.A.R. non è costituito solo da Radio Bari, ma da tutte le stazioni radio broadcasting esistenti sul territorio italiano. Essa è una Società Anonima che ha un capitale proprio, dei propri azionisti ed una amministrazione indipendente. Aveva in proprietà stazioni radiotrasmittenti, stazioni radio disturbo, magazzini materiali e proprietà immobiliari.

Si verifica ora il fatto che allo scopo di controllare le trasmissioni per via radio, gli alleati si sono impossessati di tutte le proprietà in parola, sia nell'Italia continentale (Bari, Napoli) sia in Sicilia (Palermo, Catania) sia in Colonia (Tripoli).

Pare ora a questo Ministero che, pur ammettendo che la radio è un arma di guerra, e che la propaganda deve costituire preoccupazione prima delle truppe operanti, dovrebbe essere possibile trovare un modus-vivendi per non scompaginare totalmente l'amministrazione della Società in parola, e conciliare la duplice esigenza dell'indipendenza esecutiva da parte degli alleati e della necessità di controllo patrimoniale ed amministrativo da parte degli organi dirigenti della Società.

Ritiene questo Ministero che con un pò di comprensione e di buona volontà non irrigidita da una visione unilaterale del problema, la questione dovrebbe poter trovare la sua più

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equa soluzione, soluzione d'altronde che è stata trovata per tutte le altre società private, ed in modo particolare con le società telefoniche che certamente costituiscono del pari arma di guerra e della massima importanza.

Vorremmo poter essere invitati a discutere nuovamente il problema con le Autorità Alleate che avessero la capacità giuridica di decidere al riguardo.

Di ciò anticipatamente Vi ringraziamo.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

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In reply
refer to: AG 676.3
TC 9/1

30 December 1943

SUBJECT: Ente Italiano Audizioni Radioforiche

TO : The Under Secretary for Tele-Communications and Posts

1. Reference is made to your letter 103/Gbr P.M. 151, 7 December 1943, wherein it was requested that E.I.A.R. Bari be returned under its own independent management.

2. The Commission directed a message to AFHQ setting forth in detail reasons assigned in your letter and concurred in the request that the Bari radio personnel payroll be returned to E.I.A.R. as well as its administrative and direction, with the Allies retaining control over policy and programs.

3. We are sorry to inform you that at this time the request could not be favourably considered. It was pointed out to the Commission that existing requirements plus increased future needs require the station to remain unchanged.

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Communications Section

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FROM : FREEDOM SIGNED EISENHOWER CITE FHNC
FROM MCCRYSTAL

TO : FATIMA FOR JOYCE FOR STONE

M/C NO : 36/21

REF NO: 17329

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Relinquishment of administrative control and personnel payment of radio Bari at this time is considered hazardous to Allied propaganda channels, and is not favourable considered. Your [illegible] December 16 this refers. Existant requirements plus increased future propaganda needs require stations remain unchanged.

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ROUTINE

FATIMA FROM STONE

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MEMBERS OF LNG DCRATT HAPLNS EIAR BROADCASTING STATION RE REQUIRED HERE FOR TEN DAYS FOR CONSULTATION WITH UNDER DASH SECRETARIES FANC OF COMMUNICATIONS AND JUDG OF FINANCE IN CORRECTION WITH DRAFTING CHANGES IN EXISTING LEGISLATION PD TO PLAMBO FOR PWB FROM FATIMA FROM STONE STONED 1ST/DEC PD GRATEFUL IF YOU WILL AUTHORIZE AND ADVISE ESTIMATED TIME OF ARRIVAL PD DCRATT WILL REPORT TO DR FANC ON ARRIVAL. HERE

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ROBERT K. DOW
Major, A.G.D.
Secretary of the Commission

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MEMO TO CAPT. STONE

Doct. Fano, in accordance with H.E. Jung, needs to have here for a few days Eng. Donati " Reggente " of Naples E.I.A.R. Station with the purpose to arrange changes on present fiscal legislation. His actual request follows:

Will you please have the A.C.C. send a wire to Naples PWB to the effect ~~nf~~ that Eng. Donati could report the soonest possible to Post & Telecomm. Undersec.. of State in Brindisi ?

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FATIMA FROM STONE

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ITALIAN MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS HAS WRITTEN OFFICIAL LETTER TO THE COMMISSION DATED DECEMBER SEVENTH QUESTIONING THE TAKING OVER BY THE ALLIES OF RADIO BARI WHICH IS OWNED BY EIAR RPT EIAR CMA A REGULARLY ORGANIZED STOCK COMPANY OPERATING INDEPENDENTLY UNDER STATE SUPERVISION BOTH AS TO PROGRAMS AND ITS TECHNICAL CMA FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PHASES PD TO FREEDOM FROM FATIMA FROM STONE SIGNED JOYCE PD THE GOVERNMENT IS WILLING TO HAVE ALLIED SUPERVISION CONTINUE OVER RADIO BARI APOSTROPHE S PROGRAMS BUT POINTS OUT THAT THE TAKING OVER OF ALL EMPLOYEES ON ALLIED PAYROLLS AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTION OF THE BARI STATION OF THE COMPANY BY ALLIED AUTHORITIES IS INCONSISTENT WITH ALLIED TREATMENT OF OTHER COMPANIES PAREN IN UN-OCCUPIED TERRITORY PARENT PD TO INVESTIGATE ALLEGATIONS THAT PAREN ONE PAREN THE TECHNICAL OPERATIONS OF THE STATION WAS FAULTY AT THE TIME OF ITS SEIZURE BY PWB AND PAREN TWO PAREN ITS EMPLOYEES HAD BEEN UNPAID FOR THE PRECEDING TWO MONTHS CMA A COMMISSION HEADED BY A LIEUTENANT GENERAL CONDUCTED AN INQUIRY AND FOUND THAT PAREN ONE PAREN BY ORDER OF THE ITALIAN ANTI AIRCRAFT COMMAND PRIOR TO THE ARMISTICE THE FREQUENCY OF BARI RADIO HAD BEEN CHANGED AND SYNCHRONIZED WITH THAT OF BOLOGNA AND ROME AND ITS POWER AND MODOULATION REDUCED TO MINIMIZE USE OF ITS RADIATION AS A BEAM FOR AIR RAIDS ON BARI AND PAREN TWO PAREN THE COMPANY APOSTROPHE S BOOK SHOW THE EMPLOYEES TO HAVE BEEN PAID IN FULL FOR THE MONTHS OF AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER PD AS RESULT OF THE INQUIRY AND FINDINGS THE MINISTRY CONCLUDES THAT EIAR RPT EIAR IS ENTIRELY CAPABLE OF DIRECTING ITS OWN TECHNICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS AND THAT IT SHOULD RETURN UNDER ITS OWN MANAGEMENT PD TO BRING BARI RADIO IN LINE WITH GENERAL POLICY CMA WE CONCUR IN THE GOVERNMENT APOSTROPHE S REQUEST THAT BARI RADIO PERSONNEL PAYROLL BE

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AUTHENTICATED:

ROBERT E. DOE
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P.M. 151, 7 December 1943

MINISTRY FOR COMMUNICATIONS
Director General PP. TT.

To the Allied Control Commission

Brindisi

No. 103/Gbr

SUBJECT: Ente Italiano Audizioni Radiofoniche (EIAR)

Members of the Italian Government have many times brought to the attention of the Allied Commission the question relative to EIAR and of its present abnormal management.

It is known that this enterprise is a stock company regularly set up, and that it operates independently under State superivision (Printing Office for broadcastings, and the Ministry of Communications for Technical, Financial and Administrative phases).

This company has many assets and is very important because of its domestic and foreign propaganda, which is becoming greater today, taking into account the particular situation in which Italy finds itself.

Having stated the above, the Italian Goverrment asks why, whereas the Allies have never presumed to take over the property of Italian firms, although they have in all cases supervised with strict control and often a total control, in regard to EIAR they have occupied the station and directly employed the personnel, thus completely substituting themselves for the central organization of the company.

The Italian Government acknowledges the role played by Italian broadcasting at the present time, be it in its own behalf as well as in behalf of the Allies, but it feels that a control over radio transmission, which Italy cannot but admit as being logical and expedient, would be more than sufficient to gain the purpose which the Allies wish to attain, without interferring with the ordinary technical organization and with the independent administrative operation of the company.

In reply to verbal requests, the Allied Commission (represented by General MacFarlane) answered that the operation of the EIAR would be returned to its own orgenization without delay, as soon as the technical and directive staff was found to be such as to guarantee a regular operation.

Technical studies and discrepancies of this organization, on the basis of which the Under-Secretary of Communications both directly and through its experts and advisers, conducted detailed investigations, the results of which are contained in the two reports enclosed herein, and from which we have reason to conclude that EIAR is perfectly capable of directing its own affairs both technically and administratively, consequently, it should return under its own independent management.

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The Italian Government feels that this step should also be taken as a matter of principle, and it guarantees from this moment EIAR will gladly cooperate even after this has been done with all the Allied organizations which may be called upon to supervise its broadcasting and which may wish to furnish whatever technical advice and aid which they feel necessary to suggest.

Hoping this request may meet with the ACC's approval, this Ministry is willing and prepared to give any further information for which it may be asked.

THE UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE

/s/ Mario Pano

P.S. - After this letter was typed we were informed how, in a very lementable way, the PWB had forbidden to the EIAR to fill up the annexed graph N. 2.

Consequently we have prepared another letter on such a lementable subject while here we insist again on the necessity to bring back to the normal this important activity of our Country.

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ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
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Oggetto: Ente Italiano Audizioni Radiofoniche.-

Ripetute volte Membri del Governo Italiano ebbero a imporre con Codesta Commissione Alleata la questione relativa all'Ente Italiano Audizioni Radiofoniche (E.I.A.R.) ed alla sua attuale anormale gestione.

E' noto che tale Ente è una società anonima regolarmente costituita e con gestione autonoma controllata dallo Stato, (dall'Ufficio Stampa nel campo delle trasmissioni, e dal Ministero delle Comunicazioni in quello tecnico, finanziario ed amministrativo).

E' una società di notevole entità patrimoniale e di ancor più notevole importanza propagandistica interna ed estera, importanza che è resa ancora maggiore oggi, dato l'eccezionale momento che l'Italia attraversa.

Premesso quanto sopra, il Governo Italiano chiede perché, mentre gli alleati non hanno mai provveduto a sostituirsi nella proprietà delle aziende italiane, pur esercitando ovunque un controllo severo e spesso volte un controllo totale, nei riguardi dell'EIAR hanno disposto addirittura l'occupazione delle stazioni e l'assunzione diretta del personale, sostituendosi così completamente alla organizzazione centrale della società.

Il Governo Italiano riconosce quale ruolo abbia la radiobroadcasting italiana, nell'ora attuale, sia per il nostro Paese che per gli alleati, ma ritiene che un controllo sulle trasmissioni, che l'Italia non può a meno di ammettere e riconoscere logico ed opportuno, sarebbe più che sufficente a raggiungere lo scopo che gli alleati si prefiggono, senza intervenire sulla normale organizzazione tecnica e sulla autonoma gestione amministrativa della Società.

Alle richieste verbali fatte al riguardo, la Commissione Alleata (nella persona del Generale Macfarlane) ebbe a rispondere che la gestione dell'ELAR sarebbe senz'altro stata restituita alla sua normale amministrazione, non appena si fosse potuto constatare che la organizzazione tecnica e direzionale fosse tale da garantirne la regolare gestione.

Furono fatti a tal proposito rilievi tecnici e sollevate eccezioni sulla attuale organizzazione in base alle quali, il Sottosegretario delle Comunicazioni sia direttamente che a mezzo dei suoi esperti e consulenti avolto le più severe indagini, le cui risultanze sono state riportate nelle due relazioni allegate, in base alle quali si ha ragione di conoludere che

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l'EIAR è perfettamente in grado di vivere tecnicamente ed amministrativamente di vita propria e che potrebbe di conseguenza essere restituita alla sua gestione autonoma.

Il Governo Italiano chiede che a ciò si addivenga anche per ragioni di principio, garantendo sin d'ora che l'EIAR sarà ben lieta di collaborare anche dopo di ciò con tutti gli organi alleati che saranno chiamati a controllarne le trasmissioni e che vorranno fornire quei consigli ed ausilii tecnici che ritenessero opportuno di suggerire.

Nella fiducia di veder accolta la presente richiesta, questo Ministero si tiene a disposizione per tutte le ulteriori informazioni che al riguardo fosse ritenuto necessario richiedere.

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

P.S. Dopo scritta la presente lettera veniamo informati del divieto espresso dall PWB all'EIAR in forma assai deplorevole di completare il grafico allegato N° 2.

Formiano del fatto increscioso oggetto di altra lettera in data ordierna, ma confermiamo una volta di più la necessità di regolazizzare questa importante attività del nostro paese.-

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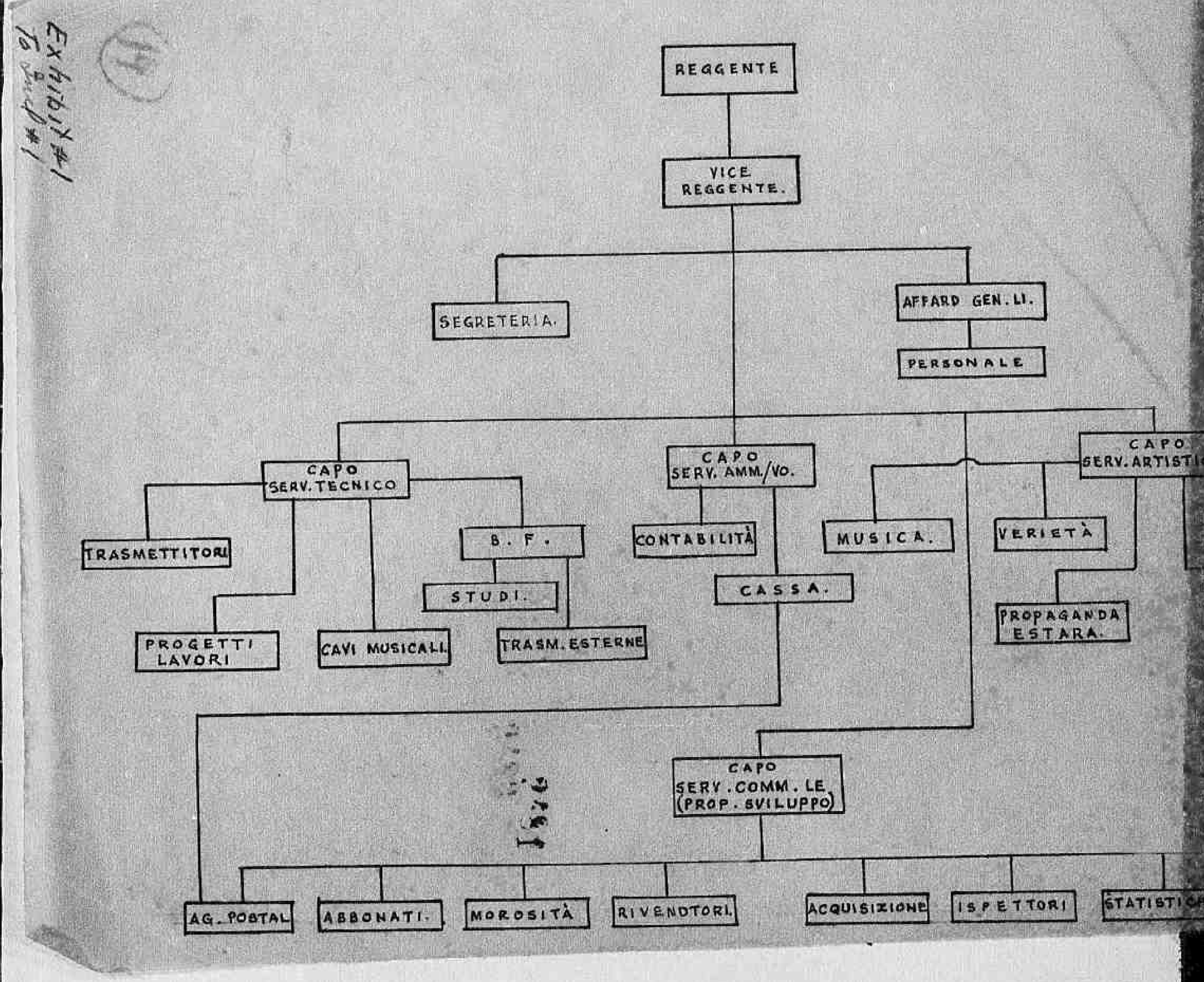

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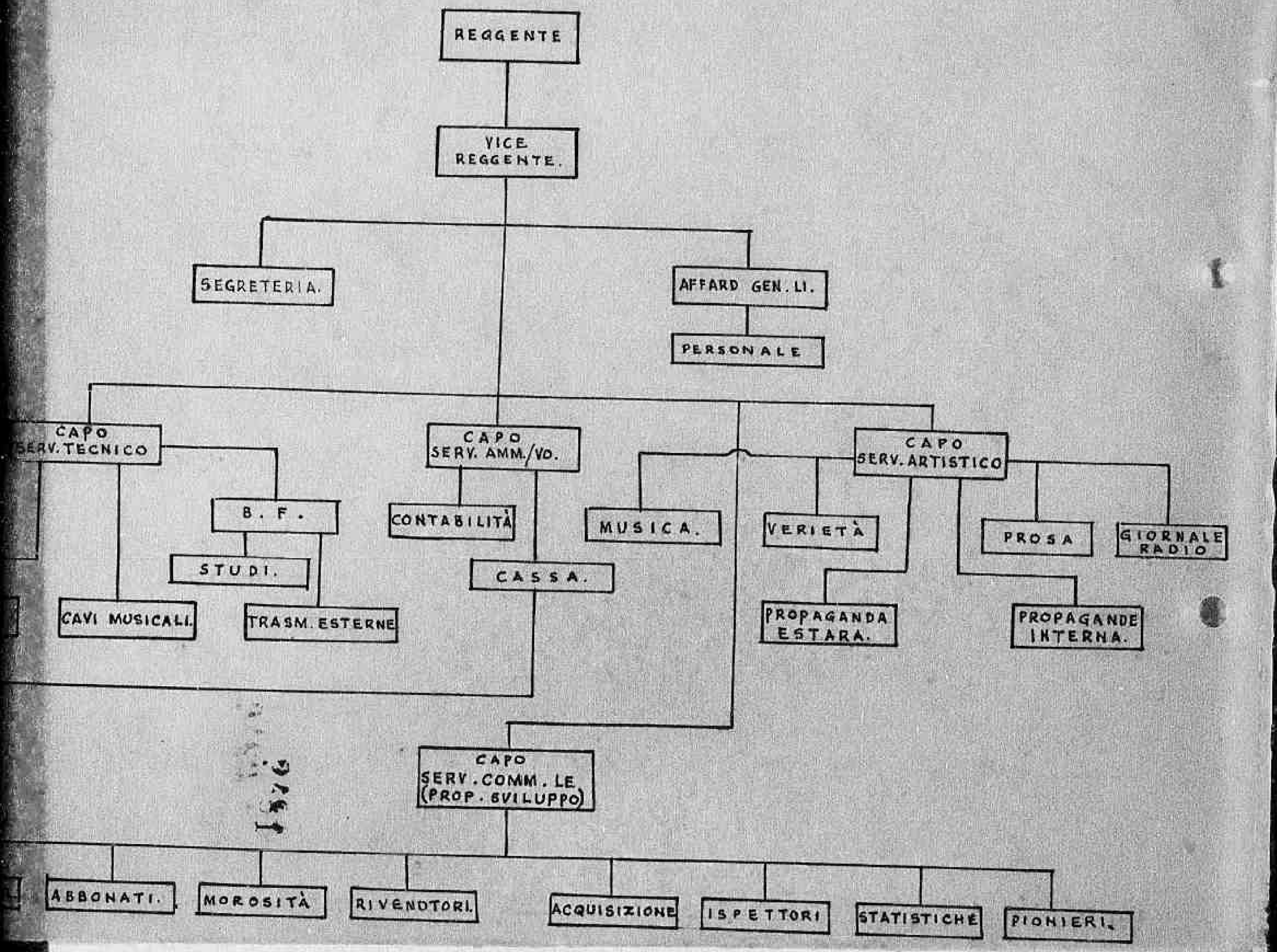

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REPORT OF INQUIRY UPON THE TECHNICAL
FUNCTIONING OF E.I.A.R. RADIO STATION

In consequence of the following deficiencies checked by the Allied Commission as far as the EIAR Bari station is concerned, we have already managed the most scrupulous inquiry upon the matter, with the particular task to make clear eventual deficiencies or guilt of the technical personnel. (Investigators: Lt Gen Matteini, Col Rosani, Supervisor H. E. Fano).

- Technical Indictments.

It was alleged that the skill of the personnel in charge of the technical direction of the Station is not adequate, on the grounds that at the time of the English occupation, the Station operated inefficiently, as follows:

(1) With a low horizontal aerial directly joined to the transmitter, instead of to its own big aerial.
(2) Only about half of its maximum power was utilized.
(3) With only low modulation.

- Conditions ascertained by the Inquiry Commission.

The working conditions of Bari Station at the moment of Allied troops' arrival, were due to the order issued by the HQ of Anti-aircraft Defense, which, to avoid the radio beam being useful to enemy planes, ordered a stop to single transmissions, allowing only the synchronized operations of several Stations.

Consequently, the EIAR General Direction suspended broadcasts from Bari Station, which was operating for the Middle East on 1059 Kc. and 20 Kilowatt power, and had it synchronized with Rome, Milan, and Bologna on 713 Kc.

Because the existing antenna was unsuitable for the new frequencies one of the pillars was utilized in place of the old aereo, fed by shunt. Moreover, to avoid the interfering disturbances, because of the lack of good synchronism in the intermediate areas, the power and modulation were reduced.

After the Allied arrival, on 22 September, the EIAR technicians (in agreement with the Allied Authorities) managed to bring back the frequency of the transmitter to its own original frequency and to its full power, because the reasons which caused the above modifications existed no longer.

The Inquiry Commission realizes that it would be a big mistake, to hold responsible the EIAR technicians for these deficiencies (as they have always given evidence of being competent and conscientious in their job).

The working system of Radio Bari was modified by logical necessities and by order of the proper Superior Authorities. The clearest confirmation of what is stated above lies in the fact that the restoration of the normal frequency was affected by the EIAR technicians, the same ones that at first provided to reduce it.

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Therefore, they prove to be competent and efficient, as well as all the other technicians of the various Italian stations which have always been working regularly for several years.

- Administrative Indictments.

The Allied Commission has declared that PWB took over the administration of the station from EIAR because the staff had not been paid for over two months.

- Conditions ascertained by the Inquiry Commission.

From investigations made by the Inquiry Commission, it finds that the above charge is not exactly right, as the personnel was paid in full for August and September, as shown in the Company's ledgers.

Therefore, also from the administrative point of view, there would be no reason at all for depriving the company of its autonomy.

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Oggetto: RELAZIONE D'INCHIESTA COMPIUTA SUL FUNZIONAMENTO TECNICO DELLA STAZIONE E.I.A.R. DI BARI

Premesso che la Commissione Alleata ha fatto in merito alla stazione EIAR di Bari i rilievi seguenti, si è disposta la più severa inchiesta atta ad appurare la reale situazione dei fatti e le eventuali deficienze o colpevolezze del personale tecnico preposto alla stazione. (Relatori della inchiesta Ten.Gen. Matteini, Col. Rosani - Supervisore S.E. Fano).

CONSIDERAZIONI TECNICHE

Si ritiene che la preparazione del personale preposto alla direzione tecnica della stazione EIAR di Bari sia inadeguata, in quanto, quando radio Bari fu occupata dagli inglesi, operava irrazionalmente, e cioè nel modo seguente:

1°) - Con un aereo basso orizzontale direttamente attaccato al trasmettitore, invece che con il proprio aereo grande.

2°) - Usava soltanto circa la metà della sua potenza massima.

3°) - Soltanto con bassa modulazione.

CONSTATAZIONI FATTE DALLA COMMISSIONE D'INCHIESTA

Le condizioni del funzionamento della stazione radio di Bari al momento dell'arrivo delle truppe alleate erano state imposte a suo tempo dal Comando Difesa Contraerea, il quale, al fine di impedire la radioguida, aveva ordinato la cessazione delle emissioni singole permettendo soltanto il funzionamento in sincronismo di più stazioni.

In relazione a quanto sopra la Direzione Generale dell'EIAR aveva fatto sospendere il funzionamento del trasmettitore di Bari che lavorava per il Levante su 1059 Kc. e con potenza di 20 KW e lo aveva posto in sincronismo con Roma, Milano e Bologna su 713 Kc.

Poichè l'antenna esistente non era adatta per questa nuova frequenza, fu adoperato come antenna uno dei piloni di sostegno del vecchio aereo alimentato in derivazione. Inoltre per impedire fenomeni di interferenza, che si verificavano nelle zone intermedie a causa di una mancanza perfetta di sincronismo, furono ridotte la potenza e la modulazione.

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Dopo l'arrivo degli alleati, e più precisamente il 22 settembre, i tecnici dell'EIAR (d'accordo con gli alleati stessi), hanno provveduto a riportare il trasmettitore nella sua frequenza originale ed alla piena potenza, dato che le ragioni che avevano portato alla modifica suesposta erano venute completamente a cessare.

La commissione d'inchiesta conclude che sarebbe grave errore di valutazione, quello di prospettare come deficenza dei tecnici dell'EIAR (che sempre hanno dimostrato di saper assolvere con zelo e competenza il loro compito), quello di aver modificato le condizioni di funzionamento della stazione di Bari, quando tale modifica è stata suggerita ed imposta da logiche ragioni di opportunità e ordinata dalle autorità superiori competenti.

La più evidente dimostrazione di quanto sopra, ad ogni buon conto, sta nel fatto che il ripristino della stazione alla sua normale frequenza, fu eseguita dagli stessi tecnici dell'EIAR, che in un primo tempo avevano provveduto alla riduzione delle stesse, e che hanno dato quindi prova della loro preparazione e competenza al riguardo, preparazione e competenza che ritenIamo abbiano i tecnici di tutte le altre stazioni dell'EIAR italiana che hanno sempre e per parecchi anni funzionato regolarmente.-

CONTESTAZIONI AMMINISTRATIVE

La Commissione Alleata ha dichiarato di essersi contribuita alla Direzione Amministrativa dell'EIAR, in quanto il personale di questa al loro arrivo a Bari da oltre due mesi non percepiva lo stipendio.

CONSTATAZIONI FATTE DALLA COMMISSIONE D'INCHIESTA

L'affermazione è risultata inesatta, cosa del resto facilmente controllabile dall'esame dei registri contabili della Società, dai quali si può constatare che nei mesi di agosto e settembre il personale fu totalmente e regolarmente da essa retribuito.

Anche nel campo amministrativo quindi non vi sarebbe nessuna ragione per togliere alla Società Anonima la sua autonoma gestione.-

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Allied Military Mission.

Attached is a report on Dari I and Dari II radio stations.

G.C. SMITH, Major
for Brigadier
Chief Signal Officer

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Radio Broadcasting Stations located in Bari

BARI I

1. Location: The transmitting site is 5 miles South of Bari in the village of Ceglie de Campo.

2. Description:

(a) 20 KW Marconi broadcast transmitter

(b) Frequency of operation is 1059 kilocycles.

(c) A T-type antenna suspended between two towers 80 metres high is used.

3. The station is under control of P.W.B. This is being operated by Italian personnel. The programmes are directed towards Northern Italy. The times of operation are as follows:-

1200 - 1515A
1600 - 1800A
1900 - 0030A

BARI II

1. Location: The transmitter is located in the Fiera del Levante, to the North of Bari. In the near future this transmitter is to be relocated at the site of Bari I.

2. Description:

(a) Output approximately 1 KW from a composite transmitter. A Regia Marina medium frequency transmitter is used to excite the final amplifier of a broadcast transmitter which has been modified so as to operate in the 6 megacycle shortwave broadcast band.

(b) The frequency authorised for operation is 6190 kc/s with 400 watts of power. The transmitter, until recently, has been operating on 6300 kc/s. 27.7

(c) A T-type of antenna is now used.

3. The control and programme of this station is by the P.W.B. The station is operated by Italian personnel. The schedule of operations is:

1200 - 1515A
1600 - 1800A
1900 - 0030A

Studios

1. Location: The studios and offices for both stations are located at 247, Via Putignani, Bari.

2. Programmes for both stations, Bari I and Bari II, originate from this location.

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Very grateful your information and will be further grateful if you would pass it on to Knowles who is at new SPEC WT station situated in elementary school at Bitonto near Bari. DONNELLY FROM LONDON CITE 78GBI SIGNED CINC REF 816 of 7 NOVEMBER. Knowles can either be contacted direct there or through CSI (S) 15th Army Group. If you have no time to do this let me know and I will signal information. From administrative point of view do not think we can put station in Naples area. Primary requirement is good H/F site on east coast as near Bitonto as possible for Balkans and as H/F site to make third in our chain either very close to Bitonto or in same area as M/F site. On your return will you be visiting us?

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Staff memorandum 56 paragraph 1 and secret letter AG 321, subject "PWB activities in Italy" (FOR MACFARLANE SIGNED EISENHOWER, CITE FHINC) specifically outlines the question of the control of all propaganda within the AFHQ theatre of operations. Para. Fully appreciate Italian Government radio problem. Para. Reference paragraph 2 your 720 November 2, the 100 medium wave transmitter now crated at Algiers is part of the combat equipment of PWB Headquarters and not at the disposal of the Italian Government. However, the plan for usage includes allotment of time to Italian Government when installed. The location of this station is now under consideration by this Headquarters. Para. Referring your 739 November 3 on same subject we are asking troopers whether any further equipment from British sources can be made available. Our understanding is that there is a general shortage of high powered types in which case the present plan outlined to you in PWBS 4961 October 30 represents in our opinion the most effective compromise between the [illegible] urgent requirements of the Italian Government and the usually urgent requirements of propogenda to the enemy.

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INTEREST IT IS NECESSARY FOR STATION TO BE IDENTIFIABLE AS AN EIAR STATION ON EIAR FREQUENCIES AND NOT AS AN ALLIED STATION IN AFRICA PD USE OF ALGIERS SHORTWAVE OR LOWPOWER SHORTWAVE SETS IN ITALY CAN THEREFORE BE REGARDED AS ANCILLARY MEASURES ONLY

AUTHENTICATED:

F. M. MASON MACFARLANE
Lieutenant General
Chief of Mission

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FROM : FREEDOM

TO : FATIMA

M/C NO: 11/02

REF NO: 5052

FILED : 011705A

REC'D : 020513A

Frequencies for use Italian broadcast will be assigned by this Headquarters. FATIMA FOR BIGO FROM AMMO CITE FREDIG. Reference your 636 dated 28th October, necessary for us to coordinate with United States and United Kingdom allotment of all frequencies in Italy as many of former circuits interferred with Allied operations.

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FROM : FREEDOM

TO : FATIMA

Marshal Badoglio's request for high power radio broadcast transmitter to combat Fascist programs is part of the overall radio problem of this theater which divides in two parts. (Hazeltine Jackson to Fatima for Taylor (LIFAK ?) 3386 signed Eisenhower cite FREWO) 1. Immediate need for radio coverage of Italy for Italian home consumption. 2. Continued important need for conducting radio psychological warfare against the enemy and enemy occupied territory. The proposal to install one or more highpowered transmitters in Italy is unfortunately not a solution since between six and nine months are required for the installation of such a transmitter assuming that all labor and material facilities are available. Thus the 100 KW transmitter now crated in Algiers could not be in operation until earliest June 1944. Other similar transmitters which would have to be shipped from America, assuming that they are ready to be shipped, would take even longer to install. Therefore solution lies in following plan: 1. PWB 50 KW shortwave transmitter in Algiers will be in operation within fortnight. Certain fixed daytime broadcast periods can be allotted to Italian Government to carry propaganda programs against Fascist Regime to all points in Central and Northern Italy. 2. As Italian centers become available to us one KW ROT KW and five KW medium wave transmitters to be installed in order to create an Italian medium wave network. These small stations can be installed in approximately two months. Meanwhile PWB's-1 KW mobile medium wave transmitters will furnish local service in essential spots.

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Three additional low dash power shortwave transmitters to be spotted throughout Italy as fast as places become available and equipment can be shipped or constructed to operate like the one KJ shortwave transmitter now in Bari provided AFHQ ellots frequencies. Four highpowered short and medium wave stations will be ordered from America and all haste will be made for their installation in Italy, but we know that they will be unable to tackle the immediate problem. AFHQ now considering overall radio problem and will shortly advise decision.

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SUMMARY OF DIRECTIVE WEEK BEGINNING 25 OCT 43 FROM A.F.H.Q.

1. For Italy our primary duty remains same as last week, making Italians feel redemption Italy may be hastened by vigorous resistance to German froces. Using statements or passages from statements by Badoglio and other members his Government we avoid those which only upbuild House of Savoy and has no bearing on democratic future Italy or prosecution of war against Germany and Fascism. Stressing part played by Russian civilians behind German lines we instruct Italians to note carefully for subsequent reporting German demolition preparations. While giving all concrete facts German destruction Italian national treasures report hard facts on those saved from destruction by Italians and Allies. Report only hard facts on food supplies to Italy by Allies omitting all reference to promises or future comitments. Continue campaigns calling on Italians help Allied prisoners of war and discouraging Italians from working for Germany. Report all German plans to transfer Italian industrial machinery Germany in order encourage Italians sabotage plants communic ations. Continue bans speculation future status Italian prisoners, German investment Vatican, Rome as open city.

2. On military side stick close to communiques, upplaying German resistance. Continue campaign for German soldiers in Italy as previous.

3. In discussing Russian front continue commit Germans to holding Dnieper line. Stress Germany must either withdrew attempting to save armies at cost of Crimea or engage in series pitched battles risking annihilation armies and subsequent route.

4. For air war upplay German claims increased defences in West outpointing Allied aim in reduction German airforce strength Russia and Mediterranean.

5. Without speculation on agenda or decisions upplay Moscow conference as evidence United Nations unity and strategy.

6. For France, sepcial attention Tunis, primary task this and following week is to temper French expectation victorious conclusion Allied operations Western Front by end of year, continuing counsel prudence, patience, discipline. Stress retribution to war c riminals. Treat reports clashes between patriots and German Vichy troops in ??

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?? Could be "occupied lands" "France".

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Draft of directive for week beginning Oct. 18th 1943.

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1. Italy

Is the duty of all Italians to perticipate to the fullest possible extent in the fight against Germany. We must stress that the fate of Italy depends on the extent to which the Italians will have contributed effectively to Germany's defeat. Emphasise the allied assurance that the armistice term will be modified if the Italians play a full part in the fight. By maintaining a vigor ous resistance to the German forces, the Italian nation, through its armed forces and its civilians population may hasten the redemption of Italy.
We must fully exploit for the Italians the positive aspects of Italy's dec laration of war.

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SITUATION ITALY OCTOBER 25, 1943.

1. Fascist Government has appointed new heads provinc es throughout Central Italy, thus securing control state and local administration. Resistance Northern Italy seems temporar ily ceased, possibly because patriots desire conserve forces pending approach Allied ar..es.

2. Recent Press interview Badoglio reiterates primary intention Italian Government expulsion Germans. Confirms pledge retire in favour popular government representative Italian parties as soon as conditions permit. Renounces Fascist territorial claims against France, Yugoslavia, Greece, expressing hope Italian people love in friendship with these countries.

3. Repetition Fascist decrees mobilisation suggests ill success Fascist call up. Local figures available confirm this impression. Emphasis Fascist propaganda suggests Graziani, NOT Mussolini, regarded vital leader rec onstituted Fascist part. Diplomatic missions ac credited Fascist government withdrawing Venice.

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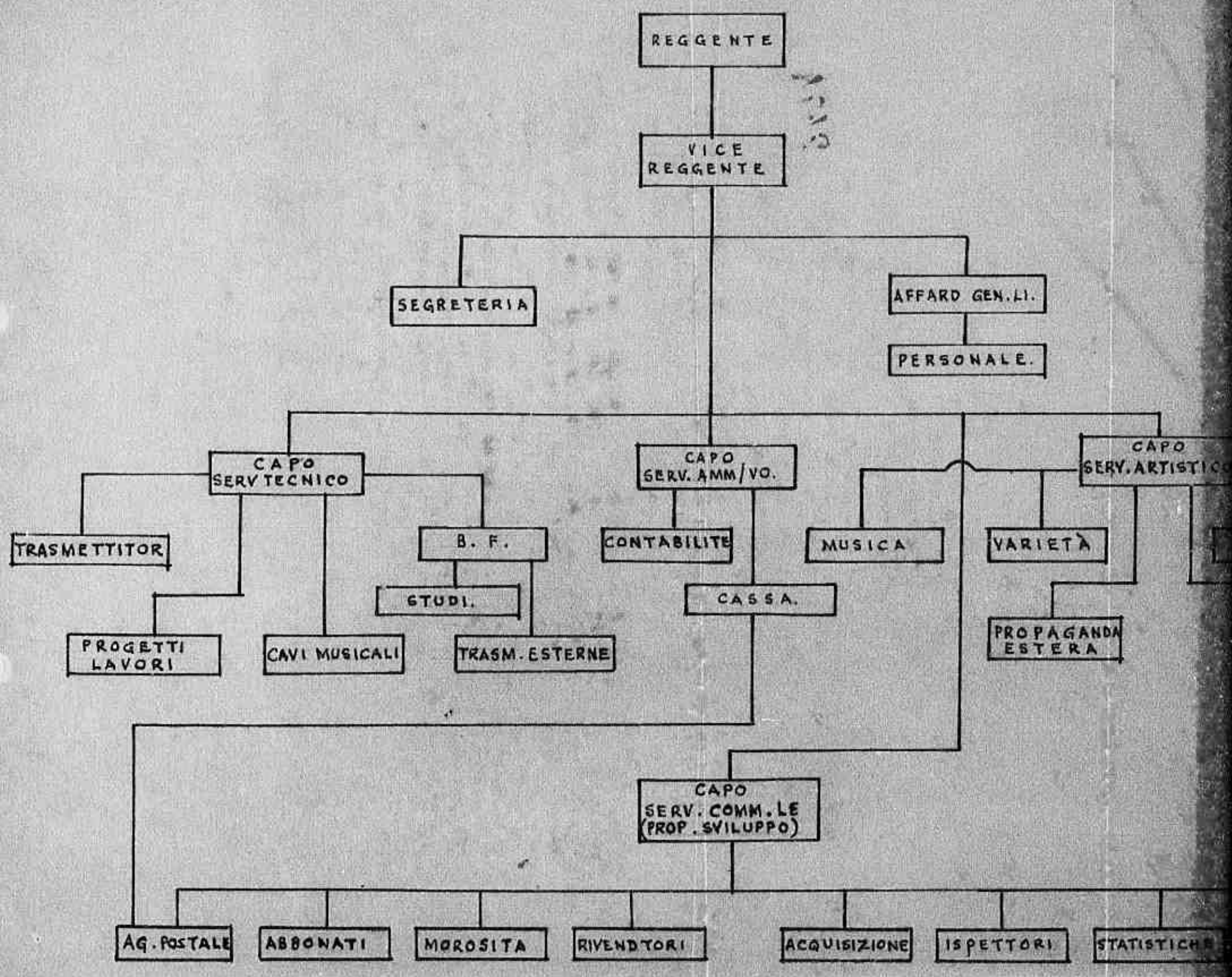

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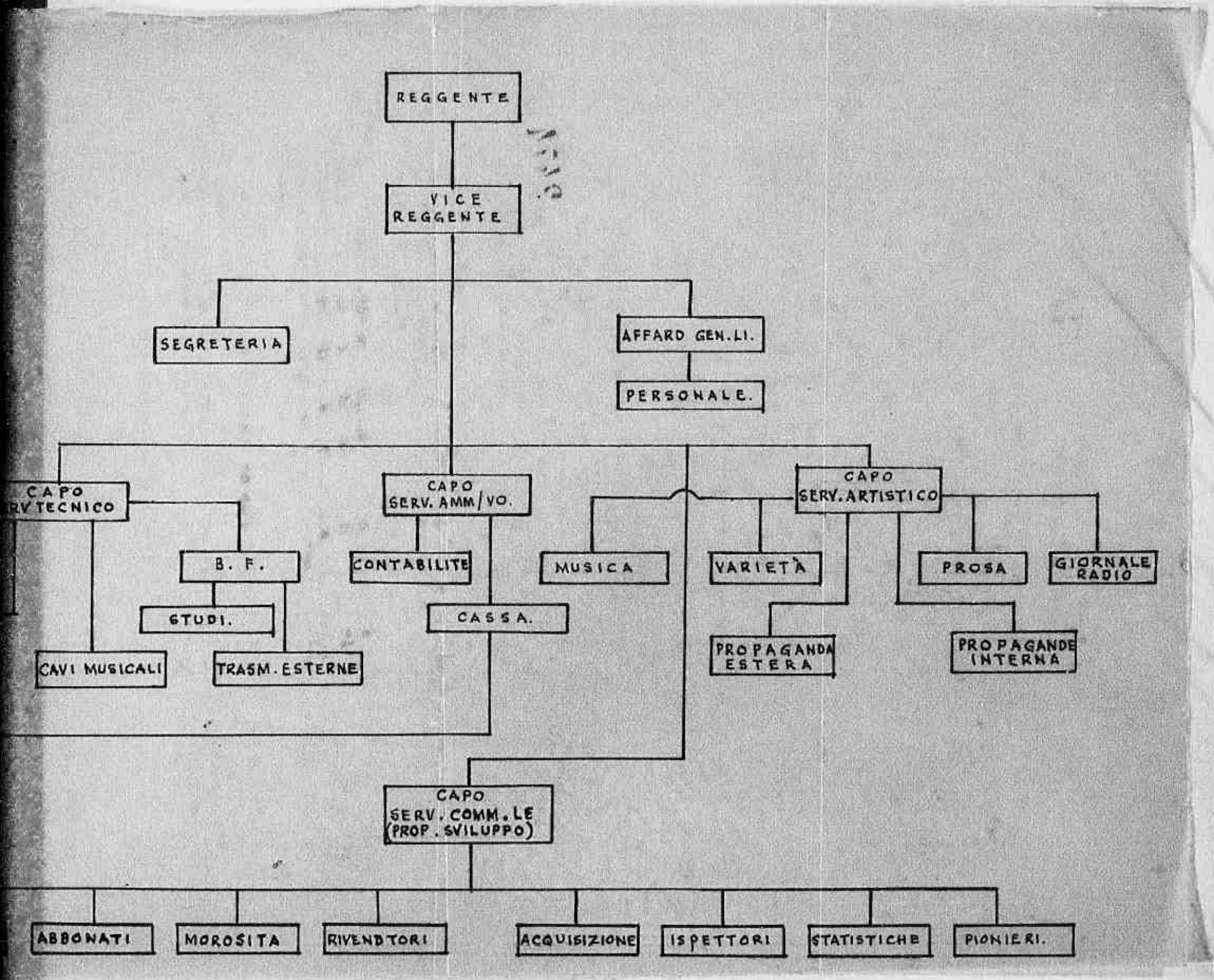

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BRINDISI WIRELESS STATION

1. GENERAL. - The transmitting station is a concrete building about 15 feet below ground, the cover including 8 feet of concrete, and is approached by a tunnel about 150 yards long.
It contains two transmitter rooms, one containing sets operated by the Navy keyed from a receiving site near MESAGNE, the other containing sets operated by the Air Force keyed from a receiving site at BRINDISI airfield.

2. SITE. - Approximately 17° 52' E, 40° 39' N; that is, on the south side of the BRINDISI-BARI road about four miles from BRINDISI.

3. AERIALS. - There are four lattice steel masts about 200 feet high carrying the medium-wave aerials and triatics for the short-wave aerials.

4. POWER SUPPLY. - Mains power supply is normally used and is functioning; there is a reserve power plant consisting of two 18 kva Diesel-driven 45 cycle alternators, in working order.

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5. SET DETAILS.

No.	Type No.	Frequency Range.	Aerial Power	Notes.
NAVY SETS				
1	-	26 - 85 metres	1000 watts	All sets are c.w. or i.c.w.
2	-	600 - 3100 "	" "	Hand speed telegraph sets.
3	-	26 - 85 "	" "	All sets are in working
4	-	600 - 3100 "	" "	order.
AIR FORCE SETS				
1	A T 800	205 - 2800 "	1000 watts	In working order, used as radio beacon
2	"	(24 - 130 "	280 "	In working order
		(205 - 2800 "	1000 "	
3	"	as for 2	as for 2	In working order
4	"	24 - 130 "	280 watts	Not in working order on band 24-37 metres.
5	A 310	(35 -280 "	280 watts	In working order
		(680 - 1280 "		
6	"	As for 5	280 watts	In working order
7	"	As for 5	280 watts	" "
8	"	As for 5	" "	Not in working order
9	A 300	(35 - 140 metres	" "	In working order
		(700 - 1100 "		
10	"	As for 9 "	" "	Temporarily unserviceable.

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(Air Force Sets

Two AT 800 complete, short [illegible]

One AT 800 short wave only

One AT 800 medium wave only

Two A 310 short & medium waves

Two A 300 short & medium waves)

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ALLIED MILITARY MISSION - INCOMING MESSAGE

SVC/RELAY NO.

CLASS: SECRET

PREC : ROUTINE

FROM : FREEDOM

TO : FATIMA

M/C NO: 9/28

REF NO: 3067

FILED : 271954A

REC'D : 280300A

All Frequency allocations (your 574 of 24 October) must be made in conjunction with chief signal officer AFHQ. To Fatima from CinC cite F-SIG.

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MARSHAL BADOGLIO HAS SUBMITTED FORMAL REQUEST THAT THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT SUPPLY FOR immediate
INSTALLATION ~~AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE~~ ONE HIGH POWER BROADCAST TRANSMITTER TO BE ERECTED
AT A PLACE ~~TO BE MUTUALLY AGREED PAREN~~ such as NAPLES CMA CASERTA OR POTENZA ~~PAREN~~ FOR DAILY
PROPAGANDA PROGRAMS ~~AND PERSONAL SPEECHES BY HIM~~ AGAINST FASCIST REGIME TO REACH ALL
POINTS IN CENTRAL AND NORTHERN ITALY PD TO FREEDOM FROM FATIMA FOR EISENHOWER RPT
ADVANCE COMMAND POST AT AMILCAR SIGNED TAYLOR PD He ALSO REQUESTS ADDITIONAL TRANSMITTER
BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR INSTALLATION AT ROME ~~SOON AS ALLIES OCCUPY~~ PD BOTH TRANSMITTERS
TO BE NOT LESS THAN FIVE ZERO KW REPEAT KING WILLIAM AND MEDIUM WAVE TO SECURE MAXIMUM
LISTENER RESPONSE PD ITALIAN BROADCASTING COMPANY FIAR RPT EASY ITEM ABLE ROGER WOULD
BE PREPARED TO ASSUME ALL GUARANTEES WHICH THE ~~UNITED STATES~~ Allied GOVERNMENTS AND SUPPLY
FIRMS MIGHT CONSIDER NECESSARY AND THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT IS READY TO GUARANTEE ANY
FINANCIAL PAYMENTS REQUIRED AND IN THE MANNER DESIRED PD BADOGLIO APOSTROPHE S RPT
SUGAR LETTER SUGGESTS USE OF EXISTING SPARE EQUIPMENT TO AVOID DELAY PD SEE CAPTAIN
STONE APOSTROPHE S RPT SUGAR LETTER TO CSO RPT CHARLIE SUGAR OBOE AFHQ DATED ONE
SEVEN OCTOBER CMA PARA SEVEN PD ~~I ASSUME THAT BADOGLIO PREPARED TO SUBSTITUTE QUOTE~~
~~ALLIED GOVERNMENTS UNQUOTE FOR QUOTE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT UNQUOTE AS USED IN HIS~~
~~LETTER PD~~ WE CONCUR URGENT NECESSITY OF PROVIDING BETTER COVERAGE THAN NOW POSSIBLE
THROUGH BARI RADIO PD ADVISE WHAT CAN BE DONE TO MEET BADOGLIO APOSTROPHE S RPT SUGAR

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16) CC/G/50	Gen MacF	13 Feb	Col Upjohn	Fwdg signed copies of trans.of docs. and request about return of Pant., Lamp. & Linosa to It. Juris.
17) RT/220	Region II	16 Feb	Brig. Lush	Info copy reporting to local reaction to Transfer of Territory
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