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73	Ltr Capt Stone	11 Aug 44	Pol & Army	Ltr fr Sec For Aff re Ital Corps of Liberation Incl 1 - Ltr Venosta I/201 10 Aug
73a	PRB/R17 ACC	10 Aug 44		Organization Public Relations Branch duties officers & EMs
74	Ltr Capt Stone A/CC 000.1	14 Aug 44	Bonomi	Appointment Vinciguerra full approval ACC 3 Appendicies Memos for approval
75	Ltr Capt Stone	15 Aug 44	B onomi	Suspension publication newspaper "Il Corriere" sent to APB with there answer as Incl - App a
75a	Ltr Fielden R/27	15 Aug 44	Secy Gen	Monthly Report for July 1944
76	Memo Stone	15 Aug 44	Pol Sect	Italian Press ref situation of Ital armed force in Albania Incl 1 - Ltr Exintaris 1237 14th
76a	Ltr Fielden	17 Aug 44	A/CC	Regional Commissioners Conference
77	Ltr Slaughter SG 000.7	18 Aug 44	AAI	Re furnishing Capt Stone with copy press release re Ital Army
78	Ltr Capt Stone A/CC 000.7	18 Aug 44	Bonomi	Italian press problems brought to attention appropriate authoritie
79	Ltr Capt Stone A/CC 000.7	18 Aug 44	Noel Charles	Thanks ltr 17 Aug sending copy "l'Unita" 11 Aug deal with matter App a - Ltr Charles 282/9/44 17th
79a	PRB/R9/1 Fielden	19 Aug 44	Caccia & A/CC	Correspondence news dissemination with PWB
80	Ltr Bergin	18 Aug 44	Chief Comm	Attd Correspondence re unfavorable reflection by Italia Nuova
80a	Ltr Fielden R9 (Correspondence with PWB)	19 Aug 44	Mr Caccia	on Greek arms or Greek nation Incl 1 - Leacacos 16 Aug
81	Ltr Capt Stone	20 Aug 44	Vice Presidents	Points re officers re journalistic & literary activity Italy
82	Ltr Bonomi	20 Aug 44	Capt Stone	Tegliatti's article in 'Unite' re limited forces Italian front
83	Ltr Stone 000.7	21 Aug 44	Bonomi	Thanks ltr 20 Aug taking care o
83a	Ltr Fielden	21 Aug 44	A/CC	Political Correspondents to ACC
84	Ltr Stone 000.7	21 Aug 44	Charles	Togliatti article Unita 11 Aug question taken up with Bonomi

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59	Ltr British High Commissioner 1/226/44 (Charles)	16 Jun 44	MacFarlane	Copy of Foreign Office Telegram re undesirability Togliatti's speeches behalf Communist Party
60	Ltr Densmore	28 Jun 44	Pub Rel Bra	Propaganda railway employees in German-occupied Italy Incl 1 - Ltr Rayner 22 Jun to ACC Incl 2 - Ltr Beggs 17 Jun to PWB
61	Ltr Densmore A/CC 250	4 Jul 44	Exec Comm	Release to press names people arrested by AMG App a - Ltr Fiske 29 Jun Chief Comm
62	Ltr Brig Lush 314/166/CA	6 Jul 44	RC Rome Region	Arrest and Release of Civilians list releases for press 27 Jun
63				Release for press re move of Ital Govt & ACC to Rome
63a	Ltr Tidsley G/103	9 Jul 44	A/CC (Press Rel)	
64	Ltr Densmore A/CC 000.7	13 Jul 44	AF Mil Rail Ser	Interference propaganda railway employees with operations
65	1st Ind Col Tully	18 Jul 44	ACC (Chief Comm)	Release propaganda will not interfere with operations
66	1st Ind Densmore A/CC 000.7	21 Jul 44	PWB 8 (Rayner)	A/CC desires to know who is intended by the word "we" in para 1
67	Ltr Upjohn ACC/14760/49/PS	21 Jul 44	A/CC	No objection Rossi if doing intelligence job part security agency Incl 1 - Ltr Rayner 19 Jul to EWS Incl 2 - Ltr Upjohn 17 Jul to EWS
67a	Cbl Troopers 63794(CA2)	28 Jul 44	Fargo & Freedom	Communications to Ital correspondents to be held for reference
68	Memo Capt Stone	30 Jul 44	Maj Fielden	Send Col Spofford daily report re Trend of correspondent's copy
69	Ltr Capt Stone A/CC 000.7	1 Aug 44	Pol Sect	Ref PRB/R10 30 Jul "Trend of Copy Filed by Correspondents" prepare draft ltr to AFHQ re release POW
70	Memo Maj Doe	4 Aug 44	Maj Fielden	Forwarding 2 ltrs to note, initial & return for file.
71	Ltr Bonomi	4 Aug 44	Capt Stone	Appointment Vinciguerra commissioner Society authors & editors
71a	Ltr Caccia 243	8 Aug 44	AFHQ G-5	Ital Govt Broadcasts Ital POW
71b	Ltr Bonomi 2125/13	9 Aug 44	Capt Stone	Press Problems
72	Memo Quayle	11 Aug 44	Admin & Pol Sect	Appointment of Dr. Mario Vinciguerra

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46	Ltr CC/P/269 Gen MacFarlane	2 Apr 44	Badoglio	Enclose for your info copy of PWB news & monitoring plan for Lt. theatre. Will be useful to you. ENCLOSURE: as above.
47	Ltr to All PWB 9 Pub. Pol. Branch	3 Apr 44	All Concerned	Setting up of PPE. ENCLOSURE: ltr ACC/4009/L of 20 Mar 44 fr Col Upjohn to Regions re "Publicity & Propaganda"
48	Ltr MacFarlane CC/G/269	5 May 44	Exec Comm	Talk with Badoglio on subject Ital Govt's press & publicity
49	Maj Fielden PRB 9	9 May 44	See Dist PRB 9 3 Apr	Organization of PRB.
50	Ltr Capt Stone ACC/12A/INT	14 May 44	Min of Int Aldisio	Violation Ital war communiques press releases to be submitted to Field Press Censors Naples
51	Ltr Capt Stone	14 May 44	PRB Main HQ ACC	Ital Govt communiques transmitted ACC Salerno-Naples teletype App a - PRB 6 12 May on same subj
52	AFHQ Memo PrR/05	11 May 44	See Dist	Details rearrangement of censorship in Italy
53	Ltr Aldisio 10-837/1t	16 May 44	Capt Stone	Military Censorship ref ACC 12a/Int 14 May
54	Ltr Badoglio 5036/Pres. Cons.	16 May 44	Gen MacFarlane	Need of daily press organ in regards political necessity Sicily
55	Ltr Capt Stone ACC/12A/INT	19 May 44	Aldisio	Adding of clauses to censorship regulations issued by Min Int
56	Ltr MacFarlane CC/P/315	21 May 44	Badoglio	Publishing newspaper Sicily reflect sentiments Committee Liberation
57	Ltr Capt Stone ACC/12A/INT (000.7)	26 May 44	Aldisio	Further consideration by Allied Publications Board re military press censorship
58	Ltr Capt Stone DCC 000.7	2 June 44	PRB HQ ACC	Assistance in Salerno PWB Broadcasts re ACC App a - Buck slip 30 May to HQ COMMDT fr DSG App a Incl - Ltr Edman to DCC 30 May same subject App b - Ltr Densmore 31 to Capt Stone same

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39	Gen MacFarlane Lttr CC/G/143	20 Mar 44	Col Munro Exec Sec All Pub Board	Receipt lttr 15 Mar re reorganisation Allied Publications Board Pol Sect will be rep & please ask Admin Sect approach Ital Govt re rep on Board
40	Lttr Capt Stone C/6/2/77 DCC000.7	24 Mar 44	H.E. Vito Reale	No.of breaches of mil censorship come to notice All Mil Aut such as Il Corriere 16 Mar article Ital back in lines after rest & at fron. Nembo Parachutist Div etc. all violations instructions to Prefect N. 74/S/T 26 Jan explanation pleas
41	Gen MacFarlane Lttr CC/P/151	24 Mar 44	Marshal Badoglio	Ref 1342 DP 17 Mar issue of Italia Libera brought to my notice steps taken bring publication unde control & repetition of incident
42	Marshal Badoglio 913	27 Mar 44	Gen MacFarlane	Copy of Il Corriere published both in Bari & Salerno prohibited by PWB why is it censored ENCLOSURE: Edition of Civilta Proletaria article Voci del Popolo containing incitations to hatred & revolt
42a	Executive Memo 47 MacFarlane	1 Apr 44		Ref/385/1/CA: Establishment of a Public Relations Branch.
43	Memo DCC 000.7 Captain Stone	1 Apr 44	Chief PWB (Italy) Maj Alexander, Maj Colville, Capt Squair.	Note enclosing trans of Ltr Min. of Interior 342 CAB-RA, 29 Mar 44. ENCLOSURE: Ltr 342 CAB-RA from Ministry of Int, 29 Mar 44: in answer to Captain Stone's ltr of 24 Mar (#40 s/m).Most of alleged violations involved news already released by Allies. Everything square
44	Ltr DCC 000.7 Captain Stone	3 Apr 44	Prof Reale	Ref your splendid reply to my DCC 000.7 of 24 Mar, your 342 CAB of 29 Mar: Evident our evidence was incomplete. Copies of yr ltr have been fwd'd to all concerned.
45	Ltr PRO Gen MacFarlane	31 Mar 44	Badolgio	Ref your #913 of 27 Mar 44: fact show that permission to publish Bari edition of Salerno "Corriere" was denied twice by Allied Public. Board. Everything has been square. Previous action upheld.

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32	Lttr Capt Stone 000.7	29 Feb 44	Marshal Messe	Receipt lttr 16 Feb inclosing excerpts newspaper articles handled in accordance suggested ENCLOSURE: Route sheet to Political Section to follow thru on this seen by them
33	Gen Gammel AFHQ Oper Memo No 47	1 Mar 44	All Concerned	Transmission of Press Material Oper Memo No 47 rescinded - instructions within & fr theater responsibility PRO AFHQ
34	Gen MacFerlane Lttr 124(000.1)	5 Mar 44	Marshal Badoglio	Question newspapers in Italy under consideration ENCLOSURE: Press plan for Italy of AFHQ - Info & Censorship Sect PWB 4 Mar
35	Gen Gammel AFHQ	9 Mar 44	Gen MacFarlane	Allied Publications Board - Ref CC/G/104 26 Feb 44 PWB concurs proposed composition of Allied Publications Board as indicated.
36	Col Roberts AFHQ Admin Memo No 12	12 Mar 44	All Concerned	Allied Publications Board & Granting of interview to the Press Admin Memo No 89 rescinded
37	Capt Stone Lttr 000.7	16 Mar 44	H.E. Vito Reale	Press Censorship Ref your instructions to Prefects under "Notizie da Fonte Estere" confirm agreement conversation Mar 13th Dott Galenga & Maj Colville ENCLOSURE: Conversation referred to by JWC
38	Marshal Badoglio Lttr 1342	17 Mar 44	Gen MacFurlane	Issue Mar 15 Italia Libera published presumptuous account meeting Malta Sept 29 full lies inaccuracie please impart views on subject ENCLOSURE: Publication ref to above The Pathetic Figure of Badoglio at the Meeting at Malta hides behind the Majesty of the King He does not mind if the Italian Soldiers will be executed

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24	Cbl Fargo 1075	18 Feb 44	AFHQ for INC	Ref PBS 8620 18 Feb service 22-35 17/2 RCA Press Ass New York /s/ Kennedy - Massocks 1700 series now releaseable with cuts Peras 1 & 2 21730 & 317300 3rd & last paras
25	Maj Fielden PRO Lttr	18 Feb 44	Gen MacFarlane	Release Associated Press 6-party declaration consideration of point facts & comments
26	Gen MacFarlane Lttr CC/G/73	19 Feb 44	Maj Fielden PRO	Ref lttr 18 Feb no intention imposing political censorship only concerned cases give rise disorders such as declaration 6-parties
27	Gen MacFarlane Lttr CC/P/79	20 Feb 44	Col Landers PWB Bari	Thanks use of cars during visit Bari glad meeting PWB people keep out of party politics neutrality
28	Gen MacFarlane Lttr CC/G/104	26 Feb 44	C of S AFHQ	Allied Publications Board create by AFHQ Admin Memo No 89 11 Dec 43 Rep ACC, PWB, Censorship, G-2 issue necessary instructions
30	Gen MacFarlane Lttr CC/P/107	26 Feb 44	S.E. V. Reale Min of Int	Feb 5 weekly Brindisi newspaper "Unione" published matter consider appropriate Allied authorities require careful investigation in 10 Feb PWB lttr suspend publication but published anyway
31	Under-Secretary of State of Interior 91 Cab His	28 Feb 44	Gen MacFarlane	Receipt lttr 26 Feb communicated with Reale in position give reply re publication of newspaper Unione although suspended by PWB paper wil not be published until Mar 13th - ENCLOSURE: Cbl confirming Prefect Brindisi supervise paper not published until date set by Allied Authorities Paper "L'Italia del Popolo" also suspended by PWB for article offensive to Marshal Badoglio

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17	Lttr Gen Pence	10 Feb 44	Gen MacFarlane	Att 3 items publicity credit to AMG/ACC acccomplishment certain projects 3 ENCLOSURES: 1 News Week AMG open port Naples 2 Stars & Stripes AMG open Vesuvius venture for soldiers 3 Time AMG declare Naples off-limits troops anti-typhus campaign Control AMG/ACC publicity taking credit for other units work
18		14 Feb 44		Notes publicity made Minister Ind, Com, Labor Food Question ENCLOSURE: Notes publicity made Minister Interior Food Question
19	Lttr Gen MacFarlane CC/P/61	16 Feb 44	Gen Wilson	Difficulty Ital Govt thru activities of PWB ENCLOSURE: Badoglio note enclosing Lttr received from lawyer Taranto re free press broadcasts Radio Bari
20	Lttr Gen MacFarlane CC/P/59	16 Feb 44	Marshal Badoglio	Receipt Badoglio note 14 Feb & incl lttr fr lawyer Taranto well aware difficulties of situation
21	Marshal Messe 1011660/AV	16 Feb 44	ACC	Press Articles attack against military leaders & Institutions of Ital Armed Forces ENCLOSURE: List of examples of articles against fundamental Ital Institution appearing in newspapers Lib Italy
22	Lttr Gen MacFarlane CC/G/64	17 Feb 44	Maj Fielden IRO	Ref Lttr 9 Feb go ahead with production monthly paper & make articl in Union Jack & Stars Stripes on functions of ACC/AMG
23	Lttr Gen MacFarlane CC/P/67	17 Feb 44	Gen Pence	Ref lttr 10 Feb tightening up control publicity this nature they result of personal interview

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8	Lttr Gen Joyce	17 Dec 44	Marshal Badoglio	Ref note No. 1364 14 Dec 44 - ACC taken action re art communist newspaper & att Bari censorship authorities denial in Gazzette del Mezzogiorno rptd Radio Bari
9	Cbl Freedom 3063.2	18 Jan 44	Fatima	Report London Liberza Publishing Firm Bari closed by AMG & publication Croces La Critica suspended - Reasons demanded in Commons
10	Lttr George Edmen CC: PWB: BARI	18 Jan 44	Gen MacFarlane	Welcome back to Italy request visit PWB Bari accomplished much by Radio Bari in your absence
11	Lttr Capt Stone 000.77	23 Jan 44	AMG, PWB, Bari	Transmission of Messages - Itrd Lia Off this HQ approached you re broadcast 2 messages attached no objection kindly arrange
12	Lttr Gen MacFarlane DF/F/9	27 Jan 44	George Edmen CC: PWB: BARI	Thanks note of welcome 1st Jan 44 Hope to visit PWB Bari & am in close touch with your valuable activities
13	Cbl Fatima 2198	27 Jan 44	Freedom rptd Fargo	Receipt Lttr 24 Jan draft press announcements & documents forward to HQ ACC Naples request comments suggest in future Lttrs sent both Headquarters
14	Lttr Capt Stone 000.77	29 Jan 44	Memo for Mr Caccia & Mr Reber	Re attached find cross ref between program Jan 21 & protest from Catholics of Ruvo & Bitonto 3 ENCLOSURES: 1 PWB Report Bari Radio 2 Protest from Catholics 3 Ltr fr Committee of Liberation
15	Lttr Maj Fielden PRO ACC	9 Feb 44	Gen MacFarlane	Press Conference Thursday Feb 10 Announcement of to Sub-Coms, circulate papers for info, draw up explanatory statement of material
16	Lttr Maj Fielden PRO ACC	9 Feb 44	Gen MacFarlane	Approval of idea publishing ACC monthly journal circulate Army unit describe work ACC/AMG, Ital pol, conduct, war & post-war policy, etc

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1	~~AFHQ Mil Govt Sec 27 Nov 43~~ ~~MGS-334-34~~ Col Jackling		~~HQ ACC Brindisi~~ Att: Maj Cain	Allied Publications Board - Procedure with App "A" PWB Team Leaders in Italy, Sicily & Sardinia; App "B" Operational procedure for Allied Publications Board; App "C" Censorship of Authorized Publications ~~in Italy, Sicily & Sardinia~~
1a	IS Moscow Conference - Declaration Italy 30 Oct			
2	AFHQ Mil Govt Sec 1 Dec 43 MGS-322-1 Gen Holmes		HQ ACC Brindisi Gen Joyce	Ref to relationship of ~~PWB~~ with AMG & its application to ACC ENCLOSURES: Ltr AG 321(PWB)INC-AMG, 7 Oct 43 ~~PWB ACTIVITIES IN ITALY~~ (propaganda Plan for PWB Operation in Occupied Territory, 24 Jul 43 AFHQ Staff Memorandum No. 56, 1 Jul 43 ~~ORGANIZATION & ACTIVITIES PS CHOLOGICAL WARFARE~~
3	Ltr Gen Joyce	5 Dec 43	Mil Govt Sec AFHQ Gen Holmes	Ref above ltr MGS-322-1 of 1 Dec 44 concur completely concernin relations with & control of PWB
4	~~AFHQ Adm Memo 59~~ ~~Gen Devie AG~~	11 Dec 43	All Concerned	Allied Publications Board comprised of 5 members representative PWB, All Mil Govt, INC, G-2 Sect, ACC and functions performed
5	Ltr Badoglio No. 136/ of Prot.	14 Dec 43	Gen Joyce	Ref No. 11 weekly paper Bari - Civilta Proletaria contains article insulting to our generals beg this kind propaganda stopped
6	Art La Gazzetta del Mezzogiorno No. 348 56th year	15 Dec 43	AG Trans Dept/LM3	Ital soldiers working for the Allies - no foundation for statement Ital Govt receives 45 lire per day for each Ital soldier working for Allies ~~x~~ retraction statement appearing next issue
7	Ltr Gen Taylor	16 Dec 43	Col Woodhouse 71st Sub Area	Receipt memo on morale of Ital Army - Denial charges in communist newspaper published by Gazzette Mezzogiorno - Fin Sub-Com arrange pay scale of Ital Army & Navy

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My dear Sir Noel:

With reference to the Togliatti article in the "Unita" of Friday, August 11th, I made representations on this question to the Prime Minister and have today received a letter from him on the subject, copy of which I am enclosing.

Very truly yours,

ELLERY W. STONE,
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

Encl.

Sir Noel Charles, Bt., K.C.M.G.
British High Commissioner in Italy
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Political Correspondents accredited to ACC PR

1. Hitherto correspondents in the Italian theatre have been accredited to AFHQ PR (Colonel Astley) who has permitted a limited number of war correspondents to each press or radio organization.

2. Accreditation means that the PR office concerned accepts the responsibility (a) for good behaviour of correspondents (i.e. it has the right of expulsion and they cannot leave the theatre without its permission) (b) for mations and accommodation (c) for transport (d) for the arrangement of interviews, conferences and releases of information and (e) for the provision of office space and signal services.

3. Owing to the advance of the armies, and the extension of war theatres, the war correspondents cannot now cover both the war fronts and the Rome political news, which is assuming increasing importance. The Allied Press has therefore asked that political correspondents be permitted.

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

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

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

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accommodated ad ho in present overcrowded hot ls they will be difficult to get at, they will not be pleased, and they will make insistent demands for telephones, messengers etc.

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

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

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

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EWS/

A/CC 000.7

21 August 1944

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My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

Thank you for your letter of 20 August, concerning Minister Togliatti's article in the "Unita" of Friday, 11 August, which I appreciate and shall pass to those concerned.

Sincerely,

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

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

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TRANSLATION

THE PRESIDENT OF THE
COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Rome, 20 August 1944

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A 2244
21 AUG 1944

Dear Admiral,

I read again Minister Togliatti's article in the 'Unita' of Friday, August 11, in which he deplores that the Allies should array 'limited forces' on the Italian front while the Italians themselves might offer 'all the forces which might be necessary to displace quickly the centre of gravity of a battle'.

I admit that the expressions of this article bearing the signature of a Minister in office might be considered an inopportune criticism of the conduct of war in Italy by the Allies, and might have caused your kindly intervention. If the impression made by such terms is that which you so vividly described to me, I sincerely deplore that it could disturb, however so slightly, the good understanding which exists and will exist between the United Nations and Italy, which fights now with ardour with the anglo-american troops under the wise direction of General Alexander.

A more attentive perusal of Togliatti's article, and an exact knowledge of his way of thinking and of his feelings lead me to believe that he meant no reproof to the Allies' military action, but that he only wanted to convince his readers that if the Allies allowed that - I quote the very words of the article - 'Italy's sons should go in mass to fight and die for the salvation of their country', the liberation of our cities would be more rapid. I leave it to the military technicians, expert in the requirements of modern warfare, to judge of the truth or fancifulness of the hoped for might of a mass intervention of citizens who are often badly armed. But I want to remind you, dear Admiral, that we belong to the land that saw the miracles of Garibaldi and his volunteers and that the Garibaldian tradition swells and kindles our hopes.

I want you to be certain that, whenever it will be possible for me to intervene in time, I will take care that no criticism will come from my Ministers, which might be considered inopportune at a time when full solidarity is the supreme condition of victory.

I remain,

Yours sincerely

/s/ I. Bonomi

(82)

Captain ELLERY W. STONE
Chief Commissioner of
Allied Control Commission
ROME

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salvezza del loro paese "" la liberazione delle nostre città potrebbe farsi più rapidamente. Quanto ci sia di vero o di illusorio in questa sperata efficacia di un intervento in massa di cittadini spesso male armati, lascio ai tecnici militari, esperti delle esigenze della guerra moderna, di giudicare. Ma voglio ricordare a Lei, caro Ammiraglio, che noi apparteniamo alla terra che ha visto i miracoli di Garibaldi e dei suoi volontari e che la tradizione garibaldina gonfia e accende le nostre speranze.

Desidero comunque assicurarla che, se mi sarà sempre possibile di intervenire tempestivamente, eviterò, da parte dei miei Ministri, ogni critica che possa apparire inopportuna in una ora in cui la solidarietà piena è condizione suprema della vittoria.

Mi creda con i migliori saluti,

Ivanoe Bonomi

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HQ ACC, APO 394
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Il Presidente del Consiglio dei Ministri

Roma 20 agosto 1944

Caro Ammiraglio,

Ho riletto l'articolo del Ministro Togliatti sulla Unità di venerdì 11 agosto, e nel quale si lamenta che gli Alleati schierino "forze ridotte" sul fronte italiano, mentre gli stessi italiani potrebbero offrire "tutte quelle forze che possono essere necessarie per spostare rapidamente il centro di gravità d'una battaglia".

Riconosco che le espressioni di questo articolo che porta la firma di un Ministro in carica, possano essere considerate come una critica inopportuna alla condotta di guerra degli Alleati in Italia, e possano aver suggerito il passo che Ella, così amicamente, ha fatto presso di me. Che se l'impressione suscitata da tali espressioni è quella ch'Ella mi ha così vivamente descritta, io deploro che essa possa anche in piccola parte turbare quella concordia di spiriti che esiste e che esisterà fra le Nazioni Unite e l'Italia, la quale combatte con fervore accanto alle truppe anglo-americane e sotto la guida sapiente del Generale Alexander.

Ma un più attento esame dell'articolo del Togliatti, e la conoscenza esatta del pensiero e dei sentimenti di lui, mi fanno credere che egli non abbia inteso affatto di muovere un rimprovero all'azione militare degli Alleati, ma abbia voluto soltanto persuadere il suo pubblico che qualora gli Alleati lasciassero che - trascrivo le parole dell'articolo - "" i figli d'Italia vadano in massa al combattimento e alla morte per la

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner
APO 394

20 August 1944

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

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

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

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ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR,
Acting Chief Commissioner.

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P.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/385/1/CA

1 April 1944

EXECUTIVE MEMORANDUM)
:
NUMBER 47)

ESTABLISHMENT OF A
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

1. A Public Relations Branch of the Allied Control Commission, is established as of this date. It shall consist of one Director, two Deputy Directors and an establishment of Public Relations Officers, Conducting Officer and EM/OR's, of which a table of personnel will shortly be published.

2. The appointments of Regional and Army A.M.G. Public Relations Officers are abolished. Personnel hitherto holding these appointments are hereby transferred to the Public Relations Branch at Headquarters, A.C.C.

3. The Director of Public Relations will report directly to the Chief Commissioner through the Secretary-General.

4. The Public Relations Branch will be responsible for providing all facilities required by the Press in connection with the work of the A.C.C. They will be responsible for providing transportation and making all arrangements for members of the Press who desire to study the work of A.C.C. in the field.

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6. The Director of Public Relations will be a member of the Allied Publications Board.

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Noel Mason-MacFarlane

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

19 August 1944.

PRB/RD

Subject: Correspondence with PWB.

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

A 76
30 AUG 1944

The correspondence which has passed between the PWB and yourself on the subject of films and which you send for my comments, suggests the following:-

(1) The two PWB letters, both dated Aug 14 and both signed by Minifie, are mutually contradictory. In the one the PWB "believes that the time has come" for restoring to Italians the responsibility for film-making "the Allies acting only in an advisory capacity." In the other, the PWB states its intention to make documentary films of the Italian Navy, Air Force, and Corps of Liberation (in the latter case, it must be admitted, the financial responsibility - only - is handed to the Italians!)

(2) I think that the first letter is the correct interpretation, and I know that Stephen Pallos, Head of the PWB Film Division, agrees with this view.

(3) I think it an excellent idea that documentary films should be made of the Italian armed forces but I think they would be better made by Italian technicians than by PWB amateurs. I am not alluding to Pallos, who has just arrived here. As to their timeliness that is a question on a high political level. If we want to keep down the Italians we cannot of course exalt their combat performance. I myself think that a self-respecting Italy would be better than the present one for everybody concerned, and a mead of praise might now be permitted.

(Sgd)

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

Copy to: Acting Chief Commissioner.

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18 August

(2)

Subject: Attached Correspondence

To: Chief Commissioner

A 2247
21 AUG 1944

1. Copy of a letter sent from this Branch to M. George Exideris is attached.

2. ITALIA NUOVA also wrote a letter to the Director of the Branch, explaining that there was certainly no intention to reflect unfavorably on Greek arms or the Greek nation. This letter has been forwarded to M. Exidaris.

3. It would seem that no further action is necessary.

J.G. Bergin, Maj
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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

16 August, 1944

M. George Exidaris,
Greek Delegate to Advisory Council for Italy
Via Romagna, 42.

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21 AUG 1944

Your Excellency:

The substance of the protest lodged by your office with us for relay to the "Italia Nuova" has been handled satisfactorily as follows:

Major Fielden, Director of the Public Relations Branch, went personally to see the editor of the "Italia Nuova" and pointed out to him the error of his ways and the inappropriateness of his remarks.

The editor assured us that no intention whatsoever was meant to cast any reflection of any kind on the valor of Greek arms but only to criticize Ciano and the alleged excuses he gave for his failures.

Your statement was also handed to this newspaper which again gave assurances it would not happen again.

With the kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

For the Director

(Sgd)

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

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

A 229

PRB/R9/1

19 August 1944.

Pol. Sec.

HQ ACC, APO 394
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Subject: Corr on.

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

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major, Public Relations Director

Copy to: Acting Chief Commissioner.

I would be glad to see this idea pushed

Ian Gray
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A 229

PRB/R9/1

19 August 1944.

HQ ACC, APO 394
906 Sec'y Gen.
Rec'd 20 Aug
By DRR

Subject: Correspondence with PWB on news dissemination.

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

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

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

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PRB/RS/1

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HQ ACC, APO 394
706 Sec'y Gen.
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By BHR

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18 August 1944

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My dear Sir Noel:

Thank you for your letter of 17 August 1944 sending me the copy of "l'Unita" of 11 August.

I will deal with the matter along the lines we discussed.

Yours sincerely,

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

Sir Noel Charles, Bt., K.C.M.G.
British High Commissioner in Italy,
British Embassy,
84 Via Venti Settembre,
Rome.

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Office of the British High Commissioner
in Italy,
R O M E.

17th August, 1944

Dear Acting High Commissioner,

A 2226
20 AUG 1944

I am sending, as we agreed, a copy of "l'Unità" of 11th August, which gives the article signed by Signor Togliatti, expressing surprise that the Allies are employing reduced forces on the Italian front, when the forces which Italy could supply if called upon, would turn the balance. It seems to me that such statements are chiefly calculated to turn Italians against the Allies, and should not be made by Cabinet Ministers in responsible positions.

Yours very
sincerely,
A/C Clark

Captain Ellery W. Stone, USN.,
Acting Chief Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission

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AFHQ/hd

AGC 000.7 18 August 1944

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My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

This is to acknowledge your communication of August 9, 1944, with its enclosed note regarding Italian press problems and the obtaining for use by the Italian Government of a transmitting radio station.

These questions are in study and will be brought to the attention of the appropriate Allied authorities. I shall not fail to advise you of their views in the matters immediately upon their receipt by me.

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USN
Acting Chief Commissioner

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

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cc: Political Sec.

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18 August 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Hq Allied Armies in Italy

With reference to the conversation between Captain Ellery W. Stone, USNR, Acting Chief Commissioner, Allied Control Commission and Brigadier Mainwaring of your Headquarters yesterday, in regards to the press release concerning the Italian Army, please furnish Captain Stone a copy of the statement when completed.

FRANK J. SLAUGHTER
Captain, A.G.D.
Deputy Secretary General

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FRANK J. SLAUGHTER
Captain, A.G.D.
Deputy Secretary General

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

17 August 1944.

PRB/RCC

Subject: Regional Commissioners Conference.

1 2250
21 AUG 1944

To: Acting Chief Commissioner.

1. I gather from the directive on the Regional Commissioners Conference that the Press will be present. Under present conditions would it perhaps be a wise thing for you to draw the attention of all speakers to the fact. In spite of directives they often fail to be aware of it and I think it is important that we should not on this occasion wash too much dirty linen in public.

2. If the Press is to be admitted I do not think that, this being Italian Government territory, we can in justice exclude the Italian Press - that is to say, a representative from each authorized paper. It is tricky of course but if they are excluded there will be ill-feeling, and they will get garbled stuff from the Allied correspondents, the PWB and our own people.

3. The same really applies to the nine neutral correspondents, who have all been screened, and have so far given no cause for complaint in their despatches.

4. These correspondents being present may I be excused from speaking myself on the first day, because (a) I shall have all I can do in looking after the correspondents present and (b) it is extremely difficult for a PRO to speak in front of correspondents on matters of internal policy. I would prefer to talk to RCs on the second day.

5. I regret to say that we are having great difficulty with our correspondents copy. I was a good deal nettled by what you said about Jordan's story and spoke to him about it (incidentally he is quite prepared to assure you, if need be, that nothing came from me). As a result we are getting an obstinate refusal, at the moment, to give us access to the copy. You must remember that to see the copy is a PRO's privilege, but not necessarily everybody's privilege: for that reason I would demur at a larger distribution.

6. I notice that l'Unita has now got a special correspondent in Florence who is a patriot living there. As I said at the meeting yesterday, we cannot stop these activities and the sooner we allow newspapers to have accredited correspondents whom we can control the better.

/Lionel Fielden

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

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Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner

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Italian Press

15 August 4

Political Section

1. Reference is made to letter Ref 1237 from the Greek Delegation to the Advisory Council for Italy, dated 14 August 44, relative to an article in "La Voce Dei Giovani" of the 7 August issue of "Italia Nuova" having reference to situation of Italian armed force in Albania.

2. No acknowledgement or reply has been made to the letter.

3. Please may I have your recommendation as to appropriate reply and what action, if any, we should take in this matter.

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Incl -
Ltr fr Mr. Evinteris, dtd 14 Aug.

Hq ACC Sec'y Gen.
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GREEK DELEGATION TO THE
ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY.

A 2199
16 AUG 1944

Ref: 1237

Rome, the 14th August 1944

My dear Captain,

I have the honour to bring to your knowledge that in the paper "La Voce dei Giovani" - weekly edition of the "Italia Nuova" - of the 7th inst. among other comments on the italian aggression against Greece it has also been published and signed by UNO that in Albania there were not Italian armies but only four divisions badly equipped and almost without supply services, machine-guns and guns. Moreover, UNO says that Chiano paid enormous sums of money to Greek Army Commanders in order to betray their country.

You relaise, my dear Captain, how such publications, falsifying the reality in order to minimize the value of the Greek efforts and to dim the glory of the Greek armies in Albania, may hurt the feelings of the Greek people and irritate the Greek public opinion in such a point as to jeopardize all our efforts in creating an atmosphere of appeasement.

I therefore would be grateful to you if you would kindly give orders that such publications which might have rather unpleasant consequences be avoided in future.

Yours very sincerely,

/s/ G. Exintaris
/t/ G. EXINTARIS
Ambassador

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Captain Ellery Stone,
Acting Chief Commissioner of A.C. C.
Rome.

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Captain Stone:

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By

PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB/R/27

15 August, 1944

Monthly Report

A 3
25 AUG 1944

SUBJECT: MONTHLY REPORT FOR JULY, 1944

TO : SECRETARY GENERAL

1. Personnel. Major Bergin, DDPR (A), and Lieut. Caprio(A) PRO, arrived from Naples 12 July. Lieut. Caprio left Branch to take another post. Capt. Owen continued his duties in Sicily in connection with Granai del Popolo publicity except for a brief visit to headquarters. Lieut. Atkinson (A) PRO acted as conducting officer for a tour of the battlefields south of Rome to Naples for a group of Italian journalists. Maj. Bullock(B), DDPR, continued on duties with the 8th Army AMG.

2. News production. More than 100 releases in both English and Italian were written or serviced to nearly 30 outlets for ACC Headquarters and for Region IV and Rome Region in connection with essential operations as well as important matters of policy such as transfer of territory to the Italian Government; treatment of Patriots, rules on civilian movement. A full investigation and report of alleged German brutalitiesto prisoners, with documents and 18 photographs, in Via Tasso was made.Releases were made on behalf of the Allied Advisory Council.

3. Press. a. Italian Journalists. Close and daily contact was maintained with Italian journalists in an effort to acquaint them with Allied objectives and to learn at first-hand their reactions to ACC activities. Schede Personali were filled for several scores of journalists and sent to Security Branch for vetting. Cards were printed and prepared for issue to screened Italian journalists accrediting them to function. Coordination was made with Italian epuration agencies in this field. Curfew and travel passes were obtained for several hundred of Rome newspapers.

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b. Neutral Correspondents. Journalists of neutral nations were accepted as an ACC PRB responsibility. Accrediting cards were issued to nine such journalists. Weekly guidance meetings of the neutral correspondents were held.

c. Allied Correspondents. Interviews and information were arranged for representatives of British and American press and radio. Action was initiated through G-5 toward early acceptance by ACC PRB of accrediting responsibilities for political correspondents from the Allied press.

4. Relations with Italian Government. Daily talks were held with the office of the Undersecretary for the Press in the Ministery of the Interior toward better and more responsible services toward correspondents by the Italian Government. Quarters for the Italian press office were obtained in the former ministry of Popular Culture Building.

5. Allied Publications Board. Regular and special meetings of the APB were attended preparatory to turning over operations of the Board to the Italian Government and in regularizing and controlling the somewhat disorganized but free Rome press.

6. Publications. Distribution of the Weekly Bulletin and daily trend of Copy of Correspondents and Digest of Rome Press continued and considerably expanded due to demand from readers; including the Allied Advisory Council, War Department and War Office.

Lionel Fielden

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Director of Public Relations

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M E M O R A N D U M

The Acting Chief Commissioner of the Allied Control Commission has passed to the Allied Publications Board His Excellency's memorandum of the 7th August. The Board regrets if any step taken by it towards solving the complex problem of newspapers and newsprint should inadvertently have seemed to reflect any neglect of the Government's position and interests, of which the Board has always been most respectfully solicitous.

The decision of the Communist and Socialist Parties in Naples to merge their weeklies into a single daily raised questions considered so urgent by the remaining Parties of the National Front of Liberation that they pressed the Naples Local Allied Publications Board to find a speedy re-arrangement under which every Party could enjoy an increased outlet satisfactory to all.

The only way in which the Central Allied Publications Board could accomplish this, in view of the newsprint situation, was to make a drastic cut in the circulation of RISORGIMENTO and add the newsprint of the CORRIERE di SALERNO which had been granted a temporary permit to print in Naples.

As the demand of the CORRIERE for a temporary permit to publish in Naples had been made and granted on the grounds that for all practical reasons it was no longer feasible to continue in Salerno, it was considered that to consign it back there would have been either to reflect on the editors' original request for the change to Naples or else be an empty, if not offensive, solution.

The information that the Government was on the point of establishing its organ in the Capital led the Board to believe that the disappearance of the CORRIERE from Naples, where it could not get paper, or from Salerno, where it could not get news, could in no way be interpreted as prejudicial. In repeating the regrets expressed at the opening of this note, the Board trusts that the cooperation and confidence hitherto enjoyed between the Government and the Board will soon be enforced by the establishment of the Government organ in Rome as soon as ever possible.

I. S. MURRO
Lieutenant Colonel
Executive Secretary, APB

14 August 1944

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A/CC 000.7

15 August 1944

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My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

With reference to your memorandum of August 7th with respect to suspension of the publication of the daily newspaper, "Il Corriere." I referred this matter to the Allied Publications Board, which considered it at its meeting yesterday. The Board has forwarded me its memorandum on the subject, which I have the honor to forward you herewith.

Yours very truly,

KILLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

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

A 836

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Via Courier 0945
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1 Encl.
Memorandum from Allied
Publications Board

cc: Political Sec. (with encl.)
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Memorandum

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14 August 44.

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7.8.44

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16 AUG 1944

FOR THE PERSONAL ATTENTION OF ADMIRAL STONE

1.

The President of the Council of Ministers wishes to draw the kind attention of the A.C.C. on a sudden order issued by the A.P.B. of Naples for the suspension of the publication of the daily newspaper "Il Corriere". This paper had been, since 4.3.1944, authorized by the P.W.B. as the "newspaper of the Italian Government."

On August 24th, the A.P.B. had the following statement published on the "Risorgimento" of Naples:

"The Government, when at Salerno, asked for a paper of their own: "Il Corriere". With the transfer of the Government to Rome, the news service indispensable for the publishing of the paper was removed from Salerno. "Il Corriere" applied and obtained a permit for temporary publication in Naples.

There is in Rome a certain quantity of paper at the Government's disposal, and the Government can use it as they deem fit. Here in Naples there is not sufficient paper for all".

The statement continued informing that three new party newspapers, duly authorized by the Allied Authorities were to be published.

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Apart from the fact that the Italian Government, in view of the particular nature of the newspaper, would have much appreciated to have been consulted on the matter, it is to be pointed out that "Il Corriere", al-

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though in the last days had been temporarily printed, for technical reasons, in Naples, was, in reality, still using the Salerno license. Even the heading on the newspaper said that it was edited in Salerno.

As the said province is under the administration of the Italian Government, it is from the Italian Press Commission that such an order to cease publication should have been issued.

The A.P.B. should have only intervened for the ratification of the said order.

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The Italian Government, therefore, trust that "Il Corriere" will be permitted to restart its publication with the least possible delay, except different decision on the future fate of the paper be reached through the competent channels of the Allied and Italian Governments, in view also of the possibility of publishing another Government's newspaper in Rome.

Rome, August 6th, 1944.

F.O.G.

cc: Political Sec.
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AGO 000.1 (Unofiled)

14 August 1944

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My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

Thank you for your letter 11154/3/2.6 of 4 August, informing the Allied Control Commission of the appointment of Dr. Mario Vinciguerra as Commissioner of the Society of Authors and Editors. This appointment meets with the full approval of the Allied Control Commission.

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

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

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

INTER OFFICE MEMO

From: Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner

SUBJECT: Appointment of Dr. Mario Vinciguerra. FILE No. A/CC 000.7

TO: Administrative Section ✓ 11 August 1944

Political Section

PRO (12 AUG)

Reference attached letter, your comments are requested.

For the Acting Chief Commissioner:

J. A. Quayle.

J. A. QUAYLE,
Major, R. A.
PA to A/C. C.

1 Incl-
Ltr fr Bonomi dtd 4 Aug. 44.

PA to A/CC.

Admin Sec has no comments - Should not the views of PRO be ascertained

Admin
12 Aug. 1944

Attached Lt. Col. R.A.C.C.

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TO: Administrative Section
Political Section
FRO (12 Aug 44, dispatched)

Reference attached letter, your comments are requested this afternoon.

For the Acting Chief Commissioner:

J. A. QUAYLE,
Major, R.A.
PA to A/CC

I know this man very well personally and think very highly of him. The appointment should be our ideal one.

1 Incl
Ltr fr Bonomi dtd 4 Aug 44

Major DPR

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We think he is now [illegible]

Mr Minute

Not Possible

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB/R17

10 August 1944.

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12 SEP 1944

OFFICERS

Major L. FIELDEN(B)

General supervision of Branch. Liaison with Italian Government Press and Information Secretariat and with Italian press. Work of Allied Publications Board. Weekly Bulletin. Allied Correspondents and AFHQ PRO. Political correspondents. (Italian-French speaking).

Major T.G. BERGIN (A)

Daily Digest of Rome Press (4 hours per day). Neutral correspondents. Laison with Italian Government departments other than Ufficio Stampa. Political side of Weekly Bulletin. Translation of documents. (Italian, French, Spanish, German speaking).

Major J.P. LEACACOS (A)

General supervision of all news releases and drafting of news stories. Collection of news from ACC Sub-Commissions. Responsibility for accurate output and checking. General administration of office files, transport and personnel. (Italian, French speaking).

Lieut A.F. Braydon (B)

Trend of correspondents' copy (4 hours per day). Supervision and arrangement of photography and press cuttings, graphs, maps and statistical information. Special study of wage and labour questions. (German, French speaking).

Lieut J.W. ATKINSON (A)

Conducting officer and responsible for screening of journalists. Liaison with Federazione Stampa and Comitato d' Epurazione. Responsible for arrangements for tours, journeys, passes, etc. Also available for news story collection under direction of Major Leacacos. (Italian speaking).

Detached

Major T.L. BULLOCK (Canadian)

Detached on service with 8th Army AMG. Not very suitable for office work. Wishes to remain in the field if possible. (French speaking).

Captain C.H. OWEN (B)

Detached on service with Regional Commissioner No 1 at latter's request for help in publicity of grain collection in [illegible] of very little value to this Branch.

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FE/OR

S Sjt A. CASH (B)

Chief Clerk. General supervision of clerical staff, and drivers. Production of Weekly Bulletin. Supervision of issue of Daily Digest, Trend of Copy and Press Releases. Confidential typing. Preliminary interviewing of visitors. (German, French, Italian speaking).

Pte T. Devine (A)

Assistant clerk. Typing, filing, distribution of Weekly Bulletin, Daily Digest and Trend of Copy. General office duties.

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* The above should not be taken to suggest that Major Bullock is not an extremely capable and experienced Public Relations Officer. He is however temperamentally fitted for field rather than office work.

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EWS/hjp

Acting Chief Commissioner

Letter from Undersecretary of Foreign Affairs proposing statement re Italian Corps of Liberation

11 August 4

Political Section
Army Sub-Commission (In turn)

May I have your views please with return of attached.

WILBUR W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:
Ltr, Undersec of State for Foreign Affairs, N. I/203, 10 August 1944

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ROUGH TRANSLATION

N. I/201

Rome, August 10th, 1944

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13 AUG 1944

Dear Admiral,

As I mentioned to you some time ago, the Italian Government consider it necessary to give publicity to the news, already explicitly mentioned by Prime Minister Churchill in his last speech and by President Bonomi in his statement on foreign policy, concerning the greater efficiency in number and equipment, to be given to the Italian Corps of liberation.

I would perhaps be sufficient to issue a short statement, more or less on the following lines :

"Measures and provisions are in course to give greater efficiency in number and equipment, with the cordial aid of the United Nations, to the Italian Corps of liberation. These measures and provisions are being carried out as speedily as possible, so that in every short time the Italian Corps will be doubled in number and war equipment. It will thus represent, on the battlefields and in the most adequate manner, the will and fighting spirit of the Nation. To this work of reorganization of the Italian Corps of liberation have contributed, and still continue to contribute, in a spirit of true comradeship, the Italian Commands and the Allied High Commands".

I shall be glad, dear Admiral, if you will kindly submit the above draft statement to the competent Allied Authorities emphasising the advisability of its publication.

With my kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

sgd. VISCONTI VENOSTA.

Admiral Ellery W.Stone, U.S.N.
Acting Chief Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission,
A.F.H.Q.

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Il Sottosegretario di Stato
per gli Affari Esteri

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Roma, 10 AGO. 1944

Caro Ammiraglio,

Il Governo Italiano riterrebbe necessario, come Le dissi tempo fa, dar diffusione alla notizia ormai esplicitamente accennata sia nell'ultimo discorso del Primo Ministro Churchill, sia dallo stesso Presidente Bonomi nelle sue recenti dichiarazioni di politica estera, relativa al potenziamento del Corpo Italiano di Liberazione.

Basterebbe pubblicare un breve comunicato che potrebbe press'a poco essere concepito in questi termini:

"Sono in corso le misure ed i provvedimenti destinati a potenziare, con la cordiale assistenza delle Nazioni Unite, il Corpo Italiano di Liberazione. L'esecuzione di tali misure e l'applicazione di tali provvedimenti sono condotti con la maggiore alacrità e sollecitudine possibile, in modo che entro brevissimo tempo il Corpo Italiano ne risulterà raddoppiato in numero e potenza di mezzi. Esso raffigurerà così in modo più adeguato, sui campi di battaglia, la volontà e lo spirito guerriero della Nazione. Al potenziamento del Corpo

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Acting Chief Commissioner
Allied Control Commission

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Italiano di Spedizione hanno lavorato e lavorano in camerat
esca collaborazione i Comandi italiani e gli Alti Co_
mandi Alleati".

Le sarò grato, caro Ammiraglio, se Ella vorrà sottoporre tale comunicato alle competenti Autorità Al_
leate, insistendo sull'utilità della sua pubblicazione immediata.

Mi creda, molto cordialmente

Vilmoti Vannutelli

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UNITED STATES POLITICAL ADV ER
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

No. 655

August 7, 1944

CONFIDENTIAL

Subject: Psychological Warfare Sub-Committee of Supreme Allied Commander's Political Committee.

The Honorable
The Secretary of State,
Washington

A-2237
20 AUG 1944

Sir:

I have the honor to inform the Department that the Supreme Allied Commander's Political Committee has created a Psychological Warfare Sub-Committee to act on behalf of the Political Committee in all Psychological Warfare matters not involving major political decisions.

The Psychological Warfare Sub-Committee consists of Brigadier General A. J. MCChrystal, Chief of the Information and Censorship Section of AFHQ, Chairman; Mr. Russell Barnes, Director of the Psychological Warfare Branch; Mr. T. Harman, Deputy Director of the Psychological Warfare Branch; the British Resident Minister, and myself.

The new sub-committee held its first meeting on August 4. A copy of the minutes of this meeting is enclosed. Discussion of possible interest to the Department included:

1. ECONOMIC SITUATION IN ITALY. The British Resident Minister initiated this discussion, pointing out that it is likely that the economic situation in Italy will deteriorate further and inflationary symptons become worse and that the Italians will make propaganda to the effect that the Allies are responsible for the conditions from which they are suffering. He suggested that PWB undertake propaganda measures to make clear to the Italian people, as well as to the British and American publics, that the Italians themselves are responsible for whatever economic difficulties they may face because of their entrance into the war against the Allies. He emphasized that the Allied Armies only entered Italy because Italy declared war against the Allies and that any unfavorable economic consequences of the presence of Allied troops in Italy are the ultimate responsibility of the Italian people and not of the Allies. He suggested that it be made clear to the Italian people that while the Allies are doing and will do everything they can to assist Italian economy it is up to the Italians themselves to bear their share of the burdens of war and accept their responsibility for doing all they can to work out their own salvation without whining. I pointed out that this might become a rather delicate matter in view of the large Italian-American population in the States and suggested that the necessary propaganda measures to be taken should avoid giving offense to this group It was agreed that PWB would prepare plans, for later approval by the Sub-Committee, for a booklet and articles in the Italian press along

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2. INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES OF PWB. Mr. Macmillan enquired about the extent of political intelligence activities carried on by PWB which he feels duplicate those being performed by the American and British members of the Advisory Council for Italy, the Political Section of the Allied Control Commission and the American and British Consulates in liberated Italy. Mr. Barnes and Mr. Harman said that OWI and PWE offices in Washington and London are pressing them for more instead of less such political reporting. I strongly supported Mr. MacMillan in taking exception, in particular, to interviewing of officials of the Italian Government by PWB officers. (PWB issues a weekly political intelligence report, much of which is made up of accounts of interviews with Italian Government officials by anonymous PWB officers). We pointed out that contacts with members of the Italian Government so far as the Allies are concerned are the function of the Allied Control Commission and American and British representatives on the Advisory Council, and that uncoordinated interviews by PWB officers with Italian officials might very well make more difficult the work of our authorized representatives. On the other hand, the PWB Political Intelligence reports frequently include accounts of political party meetings and other events in parts of Italy in which there are no State Department or Foreign Office representatives, and these reports are useful to all concerned. It was agreed that PWB would submit to the next meeting of the Sub-Committee certain information on which to base plans for continuing the useful functions of its Political Intelligence Report without duplicating the work of State Department and Foreign Office representatives. The latter could be asked to furnish PWB from their contacts political intelligence required for propaganda planning.

3. PRESS, RADIO AND MOVIES IN ITALY. Mr. Barnes said that PWB was anxious to turn back to Italian responsibility as soon as possible the control of press, radio and movies now exercised by PWB. The Allied Publications Board, set up some months ago to regulate the publication of newspapers in Italy, particularly in view of the necessity for rationing newsprint, now licenses the publication of newspapers and it is illegal for newspapers to appear without such a license. Mr. Barnes said that PWB was very reluctant to turn over such machinery to the Italian Government since it would amount to encouraging the Government to continue a control of the press that might become little different from that exercised by the Fascist regime. The Sub-Committee agreed that before the Allied Control Machinery is turned over to the Italian Government in territory under the Government's jurisdiction it should be modified to eliminate licensing requirements in order to encourage the principle of a free press, but retain such measures as are necessary for the time being to ration newsprint.

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In connection with the immediately foregoing paragraph, I suggest that the Department take advantage of any opportunity to encourage the American press associations to send appropriate representatives to Italy to investigate

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the field and make whatever plans are possible for selling their services to the Italian newspapers and radio stations. It obviously will take some time to work out a program for resumption of private enterprise in this field, but I believe that it is important for the American agencies concerned to begin making their plans as soon as possible if they have any long range insterest in establishing their services in Italy. I am informed that Reuters already is prepared to start its service into Italy on very short notice whenever this field is opened to private enterprise and I would like to see our American press services in as good a competitive position as possible.

Respectfully yours,

Robert D. Murphy

Enclosure:

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In triplicate to Department

Copies to:

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Ambassador Kirk, Advisory Council for Italy, Rome.
William W. Schott, Esquire, Political Section, ACC, Rome.

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Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner

A/CC 000.7

Appointment of Dr. Mario Vinciguerra.

Administrative Section 11 August 4

Political Section

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Reference attached letter, your comments are requested.

For the Acting Chief Commissioner:

J. A. QUAYLE,
Major, R.A.
PA to A/C. C.

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Ltr fr Bonomi dtd 4 Aug. 44.

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TRANSLATION

THE PRESIDENT OFFICE

COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

N. 212/GAVIII-13

A 2138
3 AUG 1944

Rome, 9 August 1944

HQ ACC, APO 394
570 Sec'y Gen.
Rec'd 12 aug 1944
By ....

Dear Captain Stone,

I send you the enclosed note dealing with some of the press problems, and also:

1a) the need for the newspapers which are printed in the provinces to have correspondents in Rome who could send by telephone their correspondence to the papers.

2a) the need to create a telegraphic information agency under the control of the Allied Commission;

3a) the handing over to the Government of one of the transmitting radios.

I should be very grateful if you would give your personal attention to these questions, the solution of which is especially important for the Italiangovernment.

I remain,

yours truly

/s/ I. Bonomi

Admiral ELLERY STONE
President of the
Allied Control Commission

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TO THE ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

Inorder to guarantee a wider freedom for the Italian Press, and, from a general point of view, to increase the diffusion of news and propaganda, the three following measures are deemed necessary on which I wish to draw the attention of the Allied Control Commission:

1) - With the progressive liberation of the Italian territory, the number of the newspapers published out of the bounds of the Capital, is daily increasing. And it is presumable that in the newly liberated Italian territories too, as is already happening in southern Italy, the publishing of political parties newspapers and of independent information newspapers will be granted tenfold that of the F. W. B. newspapers. These newspapers have not so far been allowed to have their own Rome-Correspondents, and can, therefore, avail themselves only of the U. M. N.bulletin, which does not appear regularly everywhere, and of official communiques released by this Italian Under-Secretariat for the Services of the Press and Information.

It is therefore deemed necessary that the Rome Correspondents of provincial newspapers should be authorized to forward their dispatches to their newspapers by telephone; and that the same authorization should be granted to the provincial Correspondents in respect to their Rome newspapers; the latter have hitherto been lacking an information-service of their own from the various Italian provinces.

The above said measures should, of course, be granted in compliance with the requirements of the telephone service.

2) - In order to integrate the information service of every newspaper, the constitution of a telegraphic News Agency under the control of the Allied Commission is thought advisable. This Agency should limit its service within the territory under the jurisdiction of the Italian Government, and should supply only news concerning Italian events, and items which would be released exclusively by the competent Allied Agents, relating to foreign and war events.

3) - Excepting the Wireless transmitting Station of Cagliari, ("Radio-Sardegna"), which has only a local importance, all the other existing Italian W. T. S. in this country are at the moment entrusted to the F. W. B.. No W. T. S. is under an Italian direction, according to the necessities of Italian kate and culture. In spite of all efforts made by the Italian Government, it has not even been possible to obtain from the F. W. B. the integral broadcasting of the official communiques released by the Italian Government, nor that of special programmes entrusted to persons officially deputed by the Italian Government, under the control of the Allies.

This situation is bound to become particularly serious, after the 15th of August when the Administration of the Capital will be transferred to the Italian Government; the latter in spite of the existence of the W. T. S. in Rome will not be in a condition to make their voice directly heard neither by people living in the liberated Provinces, nor by Italian citizens living in the territories occupied by the enemy.

It is therefore necessary that from the 15th of August onwards, the Italian Government should be granted to avail themselves at least of the use of the minor of the two W. T. S. existing in Rome; the other

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one, the most powerful, would, therefore, remain at the disposal of the P. W. B. The control of programmes on the part of the P. W. B. deputies would guarantee, in all cases, the rights and interests of the United Nations; while the use of even a small W. T. S. on the part of the Italian Government would make possible the formation of a new national nucleus of experts, to whom the resumption of a national broadcasting activity could later and gradually be committed.

The importance of the aforesaid requirements is plain. They aim at facilitating the resuming of the intercourse between the provinces and the capital; at restoring the feeling of national unity among Italians; at spreading somewhere the sentiment of political and moral revival; at last, in a word, at making the most rapid reconstruction of our country possible.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
POLITICAL SECTION
APO 394

HQ ACC. APO 394
513 Sec'y Gen.
Rec'd 9 Aug 1944
By DRR

Ref 243

A 2156
13 AUG 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: G-5, Allied Force Headquarters
Copies to: British Resident Minister, U.S. Political Advisor.

SUBJECT: Italian Government Broadcasts to Italian Prisoners of War.

The Italian Government have approached P.W.B. with a request that facilities should be given to them to make weekly broadcasts to Italian prisoners of war in Germany, the United States and the various territories of the British Commonwealth and India where they are held. The purpose of these broadcasts will be to maintain the morale of the Italian prisoners, to eradicate the feeling that they have been forgotten by the Italian Government and to let them know of the changes which have been going on in Italy. It is proposed that the broadcasts should be made by leading personalities beginning with the High Commissioner for Prisoners, General Gazzera, and including the Prime Minister and other members of the Cabinet.

From the point of view of the Allied Control Commission there is obviously advantage in this proposal politically provided that satisfactory arrangements can be made for vetting the speeches before they are broadcast. There are some one to two million Italian prisoners abroad and the question of their assimilation after the war will in any case be a difficult problem. These Italian prisoners are likely to be all the more embittered and hard to handle if they return with the feeling that they have been abandoned by the present Italian Government during their confinement. In addition the fate of these prisoners is one which is closely followed by a large section of the Italian public. The Italian Government would therefore gain in standing in Italy should it become known that they were making this effort to show their interest in Italian prisoners.

At the same time it is fully realized that each individual broadcast must be more carefully vetted before it is made and in the event of the Italian request being authorized, it is proposed that a committee should be formed for the purpose of scrutinizing each broadcast consisting of representatives of the following organizations: P.W.B. Censorship, Allied Control Commission (Political Section, Prisoners of War Subcommission, and P.R.O.). A sample of the kind of messages which the Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War would wish to send to Italian prisoners interned in Germany, as the first broadcast in this series, is included.

It will be appreciated if an early decision can be reached whether the Italian request and our proposed method of scrutiny of speeches is approved.

(Via)

Copies of this Memorandum have been sent to Mr. Alexander Kirkand

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Sir Noel Charles, as well as to P.W.B.

Harold Caccia
Vice President

(Translation)

OUTLINE OF RADIO MESSAGE
TO BE SENT TO PRISONERS OF WAR INTERNED IN GERMANY

In this hour full of hope for total victory but in which you are still because of German barberity cut off from all contact, the voice of your Italian Fatherland, wishing to speak to you openly, tries to reach you if only in a faint echo.

Your situation is known to us. This says everything without need of adding that it wrings our hearts and lines our faces. We are trying everything to have recognized on your behalf the rights of prisoners, or at least the most elementary rights of man.

The goal has not yet been reached but we shall not on this count cease insisting with all the means at our command so that you, condemned by catastrophic events to an undeserved imprisonment after having been confronted with an agonizing dilemma, should cling desperately to the weapons of the spirit which you never laid down.

For your desperate resistance your native land will always consider you among its finest sons, fighting in the worst trenches.

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MINISTERO DELLE CORPORAZIONI

Memorandum per

Make copies for files
and for Col. Campbell
of W.M.D & I.P.O.W. S/c

Return original to
C.A. Devanna.

Done
DFC

Il Ministro

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A 2094

10 AUG 1944

TRANSLATION

THE PRESIDENT

OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

No. 11458/3/246

Rome, August 4th 1944

HQ ACC, APO 394
508 Mil. Gov.
Rec'd 9 Aug 1500
By 12th R.

Dear Admiral Stone,

I intend to appoint Dr. Mario VENTURINI commissioner of the society of authors and editors.

I shall be most grateful to you if you will let me know whether you have any objection against this nomination.

I remain, my dear Admiral,

Yours truly

/s/ I. Bonomi

Admiral HAROLD R. STONE

President of the

Allied Control Commission

ROME

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IL PRESIDENTE
DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI

Roma, 4 Agosto 1944.-

Mio caro Ammiraglio Stone,

sarebbe mio propo
sito nominare il dott. Mario VINCIGUERRA com
missario alla Società autori ed editori.-

Le sarei molto grato se Ella volesse co
municarmi, con cortese sollecitudine, se nul
la osti a tale nomina.-

Gradisca, mio caro Ammiraglio, i miei
cordiali saluti

Bonomi

Al Sig. Ammiraglio
ELLERY W. STONE
ff. Presidente Commissione
Alleata di Controllo

= ROMA =

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4 Aug 44

MINISTERO DELLE CORPORAZIONI

Memorandum per Maj Fielden

Please note, initial, and return for file.

Howard

(10) Fielden

4 Aug 44

Il Ministro

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

HQ ACC, APO 394
339
1 Aug 17
By

PRB/R2G

31 July 1944.

Subject: Paragraph in ACC Bulletin No 16.

To: ~~Acting Chief Commissioner.~~

2008
5 AUG 1944

The report to which our bulletin refers has not yet reached ACC. If it was sent to Fifth Army PRO (as is obvious) before July 20 the inference is most certainly that, had General Hume so intended, it could have reached ACC PRO (as such a report should have done) on the same day. Clearly there was no effort or intention to send it. AFHQ, which also has not received it, has been asking for it. In my own defense I must add that I should not have presumed to state the facts had not the Executive Commissioner suggested and approved it. That does not absolve me and I don't want to be absolved; because I certainly think that some attention needs to be drawn to the graceless slap in the face which General Hume administered to the ACC and to this Branch in particular.

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

You are most welcome
Several copies have
been rec'd, but probably
not the one you wrote your bulletin
& do not figure that deliberate
effort was made to withhold—
Time of poor mail svc. I am
(1) not passing an opinion on the report
itself — (2) in any case two wrongs
never made a right. Pls do not publicize
your criticism of others.
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Major Fidler -
Please
Give

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
FIFTH ARMY
APO 464

HQ ACC, APO 394
314 Secty Gen.
Rec'd 31 July 1530
By DRM

29 July 1944.

SUBJECT: Objectionable Paragraph in ACC Bulletin

TO : Acting Chief Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission,
APO 394, U. S. Army.

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5 AUG 1944

1. Allied Control Commission, Public Relations Branch Weekly Bulletin No. 16 (16 July to 22 July 1944) page 3, contains the following paragraph:

> In a "published report" of July 20 General Hume (according to the "Stars and Stripes") "disclosed that AMG planned the occupation of Rome for five and a half months, and reviewed the accomplishments of all AMG divisions." The report should be interesting, but since the ACC has not received it, we are at a disadvantage.

The punctuation is above given just as in the original.

2. Objection is made to the publication of an item of this kind. While the purpose is not known, the tone and implication are that the report has not been sent to ACC, or at least was delayed for some unstated reason.

3. The title of this report is: "Allied Military Government of Rome under the Fifth Army, 5-15 June 1944: Report to the Army Commander". Copies were sent to ACC on the day they were received from the printer. The undersigned is not responsible for postal delays. Even the ACC Bulletin above mentioned took a week to reach this Headquarters. The publication of flippant items such as this are productive of ill-will. The writer thereof could have asked this office for a copy of the report, if interested, since he might have known about delays in transmission of mail. It is unfortunate

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to send to all personnel of ACC and AMG this statement which would imply negligence or wilful fault on the part of the undersigned. The information used by Stars and Stripes was released by the Fifth Army Public Relations Officer.

Edgar Erskine Hume

EDGAR ERSKINE HUME
Brigadier General, GSC
Senior Civil Affairs Officer

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

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1 August 1944

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2 AUG 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Political Section

1. Reference following extract from PEB/R10, July 30, subject: "Trend of Copy Filed by Correspondents."

> "Chincigo (NNS) The Italian and Russian Governments are negotiating for the release of Italian prisoners of war. Moscow is said to be "receptive" for "certain conditions" which are now under discussion."

2. I suggest you draft letter to AFHQ for my signature, informing them of the possibility of such an agreement in order that it will not come as a surprise and in order that they will be informed of the situation.

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

Hq ACC Sec'y Gen.
DISPATCHED
Date-Time 2 AUG 0900
VIA SG Messenger
Initials DFE

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTER OFFICE MEMO

From: Acting Chief Commissioner

SUBJECT:

FILE No. 30 JUL 1944

TO: Major Fielden, PRB, Hq ACC

30 July 1944

If you are not already doing so, will you kindly mail to Col. Spofford, G-5 at AFHQ, copies of your daily report on trend of correspondents' copy and the daily summary of comments appearing in Rome newspapers.

HENRY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

Acting Chief Commissioner

The trend of copy has been sent to Col Spofford since 3 July and the daily digest of the Rome press since 1 July.

Lionel Fielden

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE

1 AUG 1944

TO: FARGO (ADNAP PASS) RPTD FREEDOM

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: 86/28

FROM: TROOPERS

CLASSIFICATION: TOP SECRET

REFERENCE No: 63794(CA2)

PRECEDENCE: MOST IMMEDIATE

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: JULY 28/1940

OFFICE OF ORIGIN:

CITE: NONE

HQ ACC, APO 394
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By

REFERENCE MY 60577 16TH JULY AND YOUR 891 24TH JULY (NOT RPTD AFHQ). ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO GLIATTI AND ITALIAN CORRESPONDENTS TO AND FROM DAILY WORKER TO BE HELD AND REFERENCE TO BE MADE HERE FOR INSTRUCTIONS AS TO FUTURE ACTION. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT

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DATE and Time of RECEIPT JULY 29/0715

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

AC/14760/49/PS. 21 Jul 44.

A 1829
25 JUL 1944

SUBJECT : ROSSI, Cesare.

TO : Acting Chief Commissioner.

Reference attached.

If they are really doing an intelligence job as part of the security agencies I could not object.

G.R. Hyde

G.R. HYDE Col,
A/Hd Admin Sec.

Ext 525
GHU/ger

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Col. Upjohn

Do you still desire to prevent interrogation of prisoners by PWB? Apparently, they have recommended as done an intelligence function. Ex

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Information and Censorship Section
PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH

HQ ACC, APO 394
Secty, G2 Sec
105
19 July
DCR.

19 July 1944

Dear Captain Stone

I am most concerned to learn of the highly improper suggestions made by P.W.B. officers to Cesare Rossi while he was under arrest. I am grateful to you for bringing the matter to my attention.

Proper action will, of course, be taken to prevent similar occurrences in the future. May I take the opportunity, however, of stressing the importance to our Intelligence Service of retaining the possibility of using this type of intelligence. P.W.B.'s intelligence branch - "D" Section - works in close collaboration with C.I.C., G2 and other security organizations; intelligence from all these sources is exchanged at weekly meetings, and we have frequently received from the other services requests for intelligence of a type in which we specialize, and such as we had hoped might have been furnished by the interview with Rossi.

I hope that we can rely upon your support in keeping open this channel of intelligence.

Yours sincerely

John Rayner

Capt. Ellory Stone, U.S.N.R.
Acting Chief Commissioner, A.C.C. D.P.W.O.

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Major Manley
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HQ ACC, APO 394
76 Sec'y Gen
Rec'd 18 Jul 1100
By [illegible]

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

17 Jul 44.

ACC/AA760/49/PS.

SUBJECT : ROSSI, Cesare.

TO : Acting Chief Commissioner.

1 My attention has been called to an interview by PWB officials with the s/m on the 29 Jun 44. It is reported in PWB Report on Conditions in Liberated Italy No.25, Part II dated 8 Jul 44; see para 2 of Appx I.

2 I think it is most undesirable that members of PWB should take part in such interviews with persons against whom proceedings are or may be contemplated.

3 You will observe that the ostensible reason for the interview was "to obtain secret information about Mussolini" a matter surely within the purview of the security agencies and not PWB. In any event I cannot see that the interview served any useful purpose.

4 You will also observe that these officers promised that should he give valuable information"some steps might be taken to alleviate the conditions of his wife", a most improper promise on which to extract information about matters some of which may be debated later on in Court.

5 May the matter be taken up with PWB please.

6 If you agree I will also take the matter up with the Italian Government and ask them to issue instructions to refuse even to Allied officers - interviews with persons in prison except by the Security agencies.

G. R. Lyon

G.R. LYON Col,
A/Hd. Admin Sec.

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Letter 22 June from Raynor

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HQ ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION, APO 394. 21 July 1944.

To: PWB Unit No. 8, APO 512. (Attention Mr. John Raynor, DPWO).

1. Reference to inclosure to basic letter.

2. The Acting Chief Commissioner desires to know who is intended by the word "we" in para 1.

3. No action will be taken until this is clarified.

For the Acting Chief Commissioner:

L. D. LENSMORE
Colonel, Sig C
Chief Staff Officer

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1st Ind
21 Jul 44

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1st Ind.
Hq Mil Ry Serv (Adv Ech) APO 400, USArmy. 18 July 1944.

To: Hq A.C.C., APO 394, USArmy. (Attn: Chief Commissioner)

Returned. The release of the suggested propaganda will in no way interfere with our operations.

For the Director General:

(65) 1st Ind 16 Jul 44

J. K. TULLY
Colonel, TC
Ass't to Director General

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SECRET & IMMEDIATE

Army Sub Commission MMIA (ADV)
R O M E.

Capt STONE
(USNR)
A/Chief Commissioner A.C.C.
NAPLES

G/103
9. Jul 44

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Attached press notice is the best I could get Public Relations Branch to agree to. - It is not quite what I wanted but with your approval, I will have it released on evening 10th July so as it can appear on 11th (the day the hand-over becomes effective).

Will you please signal approval or otherwise to MCC (Adv) FOR PIDSLEY. I have a copy for reference

RAYNER (P.W.B.) is anxious to follow up with personal touch in Allied controlled press and radio if General B agrees and he will interview him on Monday if you approve.

Attached life history for your information.

The calling up proclemation for men of military age in ROME district will also appear on 11th July.

The demobilisation of surplus (to all rear area) has been agreed by A.A.I.

W. Pidsley
Colonel
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.
MMIA (Adv)

ABC

G/103
9 Jul 44

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

For release Tuesday, 11 July

1. Another step in the reorganisation of the Italian Army is being taken today when selected officers and men from among those who have been in ROME since September will be incorporated into the Army of ITALY which is now fighting and working with the Allied Army in ITALY.

2. Since 4 June these and other patriots have been temporarily under the control of General BENCIVENGA who, with the agreement of the Allied Command was appointed Italian military authority in ROME.

3. The Italian Ministry of War thus now assumes responsibility for those of Military age in ROME.

4. "The Allied Command and all friends of ITALY express their thanks and appreciation for the services of General BENCIVENGA as he now relinquishes the honourable post he has held so fearlessly and efficiently in his country's hour of need", an Allied spokesman said.

5. It is expected that General BENCIVENGA's services will not be lost to ITALY and that a post will be offered him in which his experience and position will be used for the welfare of the men of the Italian armed forces and their families.

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ACTION TAKE: 1700 hours, 9 July 44

Captain Stone talked to Col. Pidsley on the telephone, instructed him to make changes in the above as indicated and to submit to Caccia and Reber for their approval. Not to publish unless approved by Caccia and Reber and if any changes made, to submit changes to Captain Stone for approval prior to release.

L.D.D.

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TRANSLATION

General ROBERTO BENCIVENGA was born in ROME in 1872. After a brilliant initial military carreer he served under General CADORNA during the ELEVEN ISONZO battles. In 1917 he was promoted General. As commander of the famous SASSARI Brigade he strongly defenced the Monte Grappa, and gave an important contribution to the victory of the PIAVE.

After the war he was entrusted with important diplomatic missions which he carried out with full success.

In the political turmoil of the after-war period, he played a distinguished role both as a military and political writer.

As a member of Parliament, he resolutely engaged in the struggle against Fascism. As a consequence of his attitude, he suffered persecution of all kinds, and, finally was arrested and sent for five years to political confinement.

Even after his eventual release he was ostracised and was the object of continuous persecution. In spite of this, General BENCIVENGA never ceased to fight for the principles of democracy and freedom.

On the 25th of July 1943, as a consequence of the overthrowing of MUSSOLINI's dictatorship, General BENCIVENGA was at last allowed to resume his political activity and openly advocated a policy of collaboration with the Allies. As a consequence of the developments of Sept 8, 1943, Gen BENCIVENGA was again forced to work in hiding. A group of fervent patriots, mostly high ranking officers of the army gathered around him and formed his psecial staff.

During the German occupation, the Allied and Italian Government vested the Civil and Military authority of the whole ROME area upon General BENCIVENGA, granting him full powers.

In this capacity, he secretly organised the Resistance Front, the co-operation of the various political parties, and the hidden groups of the Royal Army, Navy and Air Force. Under his leadership, acts of sabotage were planned and successfully carried out, and important military information was transmitted to the 5th Army command by his clandestine radio stations, concerning the strength of German units, their movements, and location of supply and ammunition stores, and of objectives for Allied bombardment.

Particularly important was the work accomplished by the General in organising the resistance, both active and passive, of all sectors of civil life in ROME; of the Civil Administration; of the Police; of the armed bands, in spite of the vigilance of the German and Republican police; in spite of the arrests, the torturing and executions.

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he carried out with full success.

In the political turmoil of the after-war period, he played a distinguished role both as a military and political writer.

As a member of Parliament, he resolutely engaged in the struggle against Fascism. As a consequence of his attitude, he suffered persecution of all kinds, and, finally was arrested and sent for five years to political confinement.

Even after his eventual release he was ostracised and was the object of continuous persecution. In spite of this, General BENCIVENGA never ceased to fight for the principles of democracy and freedom.

On the 25th of July 1943, as a consequence of the overthrowing of MUSSOLINI's dictatorship, General BENCIVENGA was at last allowed to resume his political activity and openly advocated a policy of collaboration with the Allies. As a consequence of the developments of Sept 8, 1943, Gen BENCIVENGA was again forced to work in hiding. A group of fervent patriots, mostly high ranking officers of the army gathered around him and formed his special staff.

During the German occupation, the Allied and Italian Government vested the Civil and Military authority of the whole ROME area upon General BENCIVENGA, granting him full powers.

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LED/hjp

13 July 1944

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14 JUL 1944

SUBJECT: Propaganda

To : Director General, Allied Force Military Railway Service, APO 400

(60) Incl I

1. Reference is made to attached letter from PWB Italian Theatre Headquarters, PWB Unit No. B, APO 512, of 22 June, attached to which is copy of letter dated 17 June from your headquarters.

(60) Incl II

2. In referring to the "we" in paragraph 1 of letter 17 June from your headquarters, it is not clear who is meant by the term "we". However, we did check the matter with Mr. Raynor who says that Headquarters A.A.I. approved the quotation and Raynor is of the opinion that the C-in-C gave it his personal approval.

3. The Acting Chief Commissioner requests that you indicate whether or not release of the suggested propaganda will in any way interfere with your operation.

For the Acting Chief Commissioner

L. D. DENSMORE
Colonel, Sig C
Chief Staff Officer

2 Incls:
As per para 1 above

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ACTION

Mayor Doc

Re attached letter 22 Jan from PLAB

1. Ask John Rayner "who is WE" para 1

17 June Letter

2. Give me answer and file in sec Exec

Secty General Gray

Herewith 13 July

Mr. Rayner says that Hq. AAI approved the quotation given in letter 17 June. He says he thinks the C-in-C gave it his personal approval.

[illegible]

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Copy for Major BERGIN.

Dr Montanari will confirm time of release in the morning.

Bring up Item.

Q.

O.K. Major.

Let it go.

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OVER ↘

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Confirmed O.K. by
17th Rebw.

Given to Major Dargin for
release at 1700 hrs 10.7.44

Filed.

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Political Section — To This O.N.?

Ends

Folders

Oggi tutti i ministri si sono riuniti a Salerno al fine di prendere i necessari accordi per il trasferimento del governo a Roma.

Nel momento di lasciare Salerno e le altre città sedi di Dicasteri, il governo rivolge il suo saluto al mezzogiorno e alle isole nelle cui operose popolazioni lo Stato Italiano ha trovato così valido sostegno per la restaurazione della sua autorità e per l'efficacia della sua opera.

I mesi trascorsi in mezzo a queste popolazioni, mentre hanno giovato a far conoscere i particolari bisogni del mezzogiorno, hanno rinsaldato la concorde volontà del governo di ricreare una amministrazione rapida e decentrata che si alimenti dell'efficace concorso di tutte le forze locali.

Pres

For Rome 5 PM Monday Filed SECRET

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

8 JUL 1944

Ref/JU/166/CA

6 July 1944

SUBJECT: Arrest and Release of Civilians.

TO : R.C. Rome Region.

1. The list of names of people arrested by the Allied Military Government released for the press on 27 June was, as you know, in part erroneous in that it included the names of five generals who had not been arrested.

2. A correction was published on the following day, 28 June, but meanwhile much embarrassment was caused to those whose names appeared in the list by mistake, especially to General Cerica who felt it was a deliberate attempt to discredit him.

3. Executive Memorandum No. 47 which calls for reference to the Public Relations Branch on such matters was drawn up to avoid unfortunate incidents like this.

4. Would you please check into the matter of procedure that is being followed and ensure that everything is done to avoid a re-occurrence.

M.S. LUSH
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Copy to:
Acting Chief Commissioner. (Your A/CC 250 of 4 July refers.)

314/166/CA
6 Jul 44

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner
APO 394

A/CC 250

LHD/hjp

4 July 1944

4 JUL 1944

SUBJECT:

To: Executive Commissioner, Hq ACC

1. Reference to attached memo of 29 June from the Deputy Executive Commissioner, relative to release to the press of names of people arrested by AMG.

2. The Acting Chief Commissioner suggests that a letter along the following lines under signature of the Executive Commissioner be sent to the Regional Commissioner, Land Hessen:

"1. The list of names of people arrested by the Allied Military Government released for the press on 27 June was, as you know, in part erroneous in that it included the names of five generals who had not been arrested.

"2. A correction was published on the following day, 28 June, but meanwhile much embarrassment was caused to those whose names appeared in the list by mistake, especially to General Eisenhower who felt it was a deliberate attempt to discredit him.

"3. Executive Headquarters No. 47 which calls for reference to the Public Relations Branch on such matters was drawn up to avoid unfortunate incidents like this.

"4. Would you please check into the matter of procedure that is being followed and ensure that everything is done to avoid a reoccurrence."

3. Will you please handle this matter.

For the Acting Chief Commissioner:

L. D. DENSLOW
Colonel, Sig C
Chief Staff Officer

1 Encl:
Ltr, Adv Hq ACC, Econ Dep
Ex C, 29 June 1944

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4 July 44

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HEADQUARTERS
(ADV.)
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

29 June 1944

OSS 1579
4 JUL 1944

Rome

To : Chief Commissioner, Allied Control Commission

1. A very unfortunate situation has arisen due to the fact that Rome Region released to the press a list of names of people who had been arrested by the Allied Military Government. This list included the names of five generals who in fact have not been arrested, among them General Carboni who has been appointed by General Badoglio as head of the Carabinieri.

2. I have released a retraction to the press and have asked Rome Region to explain inclusion of these men. General Carboni feels that it was a deliberate attempt to discredit him vis-a-vis Rome in order to be sure that the latter supersede him when the Italian Government moves to Rome.

3. The release of these names was made without reference to the Public Relations Branch, in violation of Executive Memorandum No. 47.

/s/ Norman E. Fiske
/s/ NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive Commissioner

Encl. 1 clipping

(1) Incl I

24 Jun 44

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTER OFFICE MEMO

From: Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner

SUBJECT: Propaganda to railway employees in German-occupied Italy

FILE No. _____

TO: Public Relations Branch, Hq ACC

28 June 1944

28 JUN 1944

Re attached. May your comments be given for the benefit of the Acting Chief Commissioner. Upon receipt of your comments, this will be passed to Acting Chief Commissioner for decision.

L. D. DENSMORE
Colonel, Sig C
PA to A/CC

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Ia/Pols

(60) 28 June 44

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PWB ITALIAN THEATRE HEADQUARTERS

PWB UNIT NO. 8, APO 512

22nd June, 1944

Subject: Propaganda to railway employees in German-occupied Italy.

To: The Chief Commissioner, Allied Control Commission

The attached letter has been received from the Military Railway Service.

Your agreement is requested to the general principle of giving such a broadcast as that outlined in the memorandum.

From the propaganda point of view we consider that such a broadcast would be of value and suggest that the matter is of some urgency and should be done at the earliest possible moment.

/s/ John Reyner
D.P.W.O.

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(60) Inc/I
22 Jun 44

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Allied Force
MILITARY RILWAY SERVICE
Office of Director General

A.P.O. 400
17th June, 1944

Subject: Propaganda

To: Commanding Officer - P.W.B.

1. It has been suggested to this headquarters by a group of railway workers that for the purpose of disrupting the German military railway transportation system in occupied Italy and thereby aiding the Allied cause, the following be broadcast by radio to civilian employees of the Italian State Railways in German occupied Italy:

> "We will guarantee to all Italian railroad employees in German occupied Italy at present working on the railway and who may be imprisoned, fined or discharged from their positions for acts of sabotage, such as the delay of trains, accidents, absence from duty or other such acts that would tend to delay or otherwise hamper the movement of supplies and equipment to the German army:
>
> a. Full pardon from prison
>
> b. Reimbursement of any fine imposed.
>
> c. Reinstatement to their former position with full seniority rights.
>
> d. Back pay for all time lost as a result of being discharged due to acts of sabotage.
>
> Also we will not look with favour on those employees who have distinguished themselves by excellent service to the railroads under German control.

2. The above information is given for such use as you may see fit and in the manner you deem best.

Sgd. S. R. Beggs

Major T.C.
Adjutant.

(60) ENCL I II

17 Jan 44

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COPY

Office of the British High Commissioner
in Italy
Via Agostino de Pretis, Naples

Secret and Personal

16th June 1944

(1/226/44)

28 JUN 1944

Dear Mac

As promised, I enclose a copy of the Foreign Office Telegram about the undesirability of Togliatti's making speeches on behalf of and in the name of the Communist Party.

2. I shall be grateful if you will raise the matter with the Italian authorities.

Yours,

Noel (Charles)

SECRET

Copy of Telegram:

According to B.B.C. monitoring service a message was broadcast to German occupied Italy on June 9th from Togliatti in his own name and in that of the Italian communist party, the gist of which is no doubt known to you. The substance of the broadcast was well chosen and will doubtless carry weight in the north. It would however have been preferable if Togliatti had spoken in the name of the Italian Government and not stolen the limelight for his party.

2. If there are to be future broadcasts from Allied controlled stations therefore, I suggest that they should be made either by the head of the Government or on behalf of the Government as a whole, and that they should not be allowed to serve sectional interests. I shall be glad if you will discuss this with your U.S. colleague and competent Allied Military authorities.

P.W.B. informed. No further action. Badoglio is taking care of this. NMM 21/6.

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EMS/hjp

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2 June 1944

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3 JUN 1944

SUBJECT: Assistance in Palermo for PWB Broadcasts re Allied Control Commission

TO : Public Relations Branch, Main Hq ACC

1. Reference is made to attached letter from PWB, dated 30 May 1944, above subject, which has not been acknowledged.

2. This matter is being referred to your Branch for acknowledgement and necessary action as the subject matter comes within your activities.

3. It is suggested that the authority of the Chief Commissioner should be obtained prior to inauguration of programs.

4. Since various Sub-Commissions may be involved in providing officers and in suggesting projects, the matter should be coordinated through appropriate Sections.

5. The matter of transport and feeding should be cleared with G-4, Main Hq ACC, who will arrange with Hq Comdt, Near Hq ACC, for any necessary action.

KELSEY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:
As per para 1 above

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2 June 44

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSIO
APO 394

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ROUTING AND WORK SHEET

Each note must be numbered and each space completely filled in. THIS WORK SHEET MUST NOT BE REMOVED FROM THE CORRESPONDENCE TO WHICH ATTACHED UNTIL ACTION IS COMPLETED AND THEN FILED WITH FILE COPIES OF COMMUNICATION TO WHICH IT PERTAINS. A line will be the full width of the page under each note.

SUBJECT: Letter PWB 30 May 1944, attached.

NO	DATE	FROM	TO	REMARKS
1	30/5/44	D.S.G.	Hq Commdt.	May this office please have your comments on paragraphs b, c, and d, of the attached letter, as soon as possible. FRANK J. SLAUGHTER Captain, AGD Deputy Secretary General
2	30/5/44	Hq. Commdt.	D.S. G.	Re. para. b: ~~Suggest Capt. Drago be corrected~~ There is no authority for the feeding of Italians in American Mess or from American rations. Re. para. c: All available 6 by 6 now being used for rations and for general cleanup. Re. para. d: Impossible. ELICT J. BOCCHINO Major, Infantry Asst. Hq. Commdt.

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PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH
UNIT NO. 8 - APO 512

GE/arm

30 May 1944

SUBJECT: Assistance in Salerno for PWB Broadcasts re Allied Control Commission.

TO: Deputy Chief Commissioner, Allied Control Commission, APO 394.

1. The Psychological Warfare Branch is contemplating presenting in Italian over radio Bari and Naples weekly programs each devoted to some outstanding accomplishment of the Allied Control Commission. To do this effectively we need from you certain help as outlined below.

a. Limited number of interviews from your officials who can give first hand information, and who can conduct our representative to locations of action, as for example a morning spent looking at typhus control activities.

b. Lunch furnished by ACC to three civilians, (Salerno Italian participants in rehearsals under way at Salerno) five days per week each week program is presented on radio.

c. Transportation from Salerno twice each week by truck to Naples PWB Studio and return for all Salerno participants in program (16 persons including orchestra) "six by six" sufficient).

d. Use of Jeep and driver in and about Salerno each morning five days per week when program is being presented.

2. Your assistance and cooperation in the above will both be greatly appreciated and should make possible a program highlighting some of the Allied Control Commission accomplishments.

GEORGE EDGAR
A.D., PWB (Lib) Italy

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(58) HPP & INCL
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31 May 1944

TO : Captain Stone

MEMORANDUM FOR BASIS OF DISCUSSION

SUBJECT : PWB programs devoted to outstanding accomplishments of ACC

REFERENCE: Letter from PWB, Unit 8, to DCC, above subject, dated 10 May 1944

1. Has PWB coordinated this matter with Public Relations Branch ACC and has authority been given by ACC for such programs?

2. If not, such authority would seem to be required. In view of the fact that CG of PBS sometime ago complained to General MacFarlane that ACC/AMG officers were taking credit for accomplishments not of their own doing, bad relations can be created unless the matter is a 100% ACC/AMG project.

No— 3. In view of the unfavorable publicity received by ACC/AMG in the U.S. and U.K., would such programs indicate that ACC is on the defensive and must take to the air to prove to the Italians that a great job is being done in Civil Affairs work? It is possible that ACC will not want attention to be drawn to itself.

Not on Brit. 4. Is PWB prepared to devote programs to the outstanding accomplishments of PBS, the Military Districts, and other service organizations that have relations with the civilians? If not, ACC may be charged with being an "advertising Political organization".

NO 5. If it is desirable that the accomplishments be broadcast~~ed~~, it is suggested the accomplishments be credited to the "Allies" rather than ACC.

OK 6. It is suggested that some ACC official would have to be charged with the responsibility of arranging for interviews and officers to conduct PWB representatives to locations. The P.R. Branch would appear to be the logical office for such responsibility. Sub-Commissions and Sections may not feel that time of officers can be spared for this purpose.

7. With respect to transportation request, a 6 x 6 truck, jeep and drivers can not be furnished from the Salerno ACC Motor Pool without interfering with the regular services required of the Pool.

7 8. At present we are "stretching" a point in providing regular rations for Italian military personnel assigned to this Hq and in furnishing Appendix "A" rations to certain civilian employees. If food is to be provided for the three civilians mentioned in para 1 b of reference, authority therefore must be obtained.

L. D. DENSMORE
Colonel, G.C.

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L. D. DENEBORE
Colonel, G.S.C.

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In reply refer to:
ACC/12A/INT
DCC 000.7

26 May 1944

Dear Sig. Aldisio:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter N. 10/837/1t dated 16 May 1944 and is also in reply to letter from the Undersecretary of State, H.E. Nicola Salerno, dated 17 May, both relative to military press censorship. The Allied Publications Board and the Chief Press Censor, in light of the Undersecretary's letter (17 May), have given the matter further consideration.

It is pointed out that our letter, ACC/62/Int of 16 April 1944 covers specifically articles, etc., dealing with military operations and matters connected with military security.

The Field Press Censorship office in Naples is the only censorship centre where sufficient current operational guidance is available to carry out censorship of this kind of material. All military material for whatever nation it is intended is censored by that office.

The Allied Censors, mentioned in paragraph (c) of the Undersecretary's letter of 17 May 1944, do receive a certain number of the guidances received by the Field Press Censors but they are not up to the minute or sufficiently complete to enable those censors to deal with current operational military matters.

In practice the Italian newspapers should suffer little inconvenience from the ruling. There is an abundance of operational news, already censored by the Field Press Censors, available to those papers through the usual news service channels. There is no suggestion that this type of material must be resubmitted to Naples before publication.

While operations are in progress the need for security is paramount and it is regarded as important that the necessary steps be taken immediately to ensure that the arrangements outlined in our letter (ACC/63/Int) of 16 April 1944 will be observed.

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MILLARY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Signor Aldisio
Minister of the Interior
Italian Government

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26 May 1944

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COPY

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

CC/P/313

May 21, 1944.

I received your letter of 16 May, No. 3036, concerning the possibility of publishing a daily newspaper in Sicily which will truly reflect the thought and sentiments of all Parties adhering to the Committee of Liberation and represented in the present Government. If the Parties adhering to the Committee of Liberation in Sicily are prepared to combine in the publication of a daily newspaper, it would seem entirely advantageous to do so, and the Allied Authorities would welcome such an initiative.

Because of the shortage of newsprint, this would mean, however, the elimination of the weekly now published by each Party in Palermo. In order to effect this combination, the Parties which intend to produce one daily newspaper in place of their existing weeklies should make the necessary application through the local authorities in Palermo to the Allied Publications Board together with a request to cancel the present permits for Party newspapers. As soon as this is done, authorization to publish the daily paper will be expedited.

Insofar as SICILIA LIBERATA is concerned, special measures have been taken to insure that any outside influences are eliminated from the newspaper so that it shall remain a publication carrying straight news, maintaining a neutral attitude towards all Parties, and publishing official communications.

MARK MASON MACFARLANE
Lieutenant General
Chief Commissioner.

H. E. Marshal Pietro Badoglio,
Il Presidente del Consiglio dei Ministri.

CC/P/315
21 May 44

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DS.d 2-17
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19 May 1944

ACC/12A/IST
DCC 000.7

Subject: Military Censorship

Dear Sig. Aldisio:

Upon the request of the Press and Radio Censorship Branch, IMC, AFHQ, through the officer-in-charge, Press and Radio Censorship, Italy, this Commission requests that the following clauses be added to Censorship regulations issued by the Italian Ministry of Interior by letter No. 74/St of 26 January 1944:

"[redacted]."

1. No mention must be made of Allied or Italian preparations for future operations.

2. No speculation or prognostication whatsoever may be published on future operations, nor on the outcome of operations at present in course.

3. No discussion is permitted of the intentions of neither the Allies or the enemy.

4. These clauses (1, 2 and 3 above) do not affect the instructions laid down in the paragraph entitled "BATTLE DA PORTE ESTERE."

Will Your Excellency kindly convey to the appropriate Departments of your Government the addition of these clauses for embodiment in the standing instructions for Italian Military Press Censors.

[redacted]

HILERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Signor Aldisio
Minister of the Interior
Italian Government

cc: Lt. Col. J. L. Hayden, Chief Press Censor, Naples
P.R.O., Main Hq ACC
Interior Sub-Commission

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19 May 44

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Trans - 18 May 11 00 AFE

THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Salerno, 16 May 1944

No. 5036/Pres. Cons.

DSB 874 8F

20 MAG 1944

My dear General MacFarlane,

From Sicily there has been pointed out to me the necessity of allowing the publication of a daily which will truly reflect the thought and sentiments of all the Parties adhering to the Committee of Liberation and represented in the present Government.

Such a need to which I already had occasion to call your attention, assumes constantly greater importance as the political awakening of the Island gradually affects larger strata of the population; while the daily which is now being published at Palermo, far from satisfying this need, tends to monopolize the direction of public opinion in favor of only one party which has never had a strong following and which at any rate has lost credit of late, and which is continuing to lose ground.

I would therefore be truly grateful to you, dear General, if you would carefully reconsider this necessity and arrange so that the appropriate agencies will enable the political parties of the Sicilian Committee of Liberation to make heard their voice daily through a press organ not serving this or that faction.

In addition, I will be grateful if you will kindly give me your agreement in the matter.

Cordially.

/s/ BADOGLIO

TO: General
Sir Noel Mason MacFarlane
President of the Allied Control Commission
Palermo

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Administrative Section:

Necessary Action

DCC

20 May

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TRANSLATION

Ministry of the Interior

File No. 10-837/1t

Salerno, 16 May 1944

Subject: Military Censorship

To: Sir Ellery W. Stone
Capt. U. S. N. R.
Deputy Chief Commissioner,
Sq. A.C.C.
APO 394.

PSW 893
20 MAG 1944

In reference to letter ACC 12a/Int. OOO 0007 of the 14th of this month, I am pleased to communicate that the Administrative Section of the ACC and this Ministry have already exchanged letters on the subject.

Evidently our letter No. 10/608/8t of the 12th of this month, which was sent in reply to letter ACC/12/a Int. of 18th April 1944, must have crossed with your last letter, and this Ministry awaits your courteous reply to it.

At any rate, the communique to which the note refers has been transmitted, as usual, to the P.W.B., and Allied body under the control of the Commission.

The Minister

/s/ S. Aldisio.

Translation No. 486/Pfc. Bonanni/19-5-44/ajp.

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16 MAG 44

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Information and Censorship Section
Press & Radio Censorship Branch
APO 512

PrR/05

11 May 1944.

MEMORANDUM FOR : Chief, Information and Censorship Section.

1. The following details of the rearrangement of censorship in Italy are passed to you for information.

2. All forms of Press Censorship still remain under the direct control of the Press and Radio Censorship Branch, A.F.H.Q.

3. The following officers have been nominated as responsible to the Chief of the Branch for censorship in Italy:

Lt. Colonel John L. Haydon - Officer in Charge Press and Radio Censorship, ITALY.

Major Henry Meyer - Senior Field Press Censor, ITALY.

Major Ian C. Alexander - Senior Local Press and Radio Censorship Officer, ITALY.

4. The Chief of the Press and Radio Censorship Branch is held responsible by the Chief, Information and Censorship Section for all matters of press censorship, whether Navy, Army, or Air Force. The Officer in Charge of Press and Radio Censorship, Italy will similarly be held responsible for all censorship matters in Italy by the Chief of this Branch.

W. E. SCOTT BAILEY,
Lt. Col., G.S.,
Chief, Press & Radio Censorship Branch.

cc. AC/S G-2, AFHQ
Brig. Airey
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Chief, PWB, Italy
Chief, PWD, N.Africa

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1. The following details of the rearrangement of censorship in Italy are passed to you for information.

2. All forms of Press Censorship still remain under the direct control of the Press and Radio Censorship Branch, A.F.H.Q.

3. The following officers have been nominated as responsible to the Chief of the Branch for censorship in Italy:

Lt. Colonel John L. Hayden - Officer in Charge Press and Radio Censorship, ITALY.

Major Henry Meyer - Senior Field Press Censor, ITALY.

Major Ian C. Alexander - Senior Local Press and Radio Censorship Officer, ITALY.

4. The Chief of the Press and Radio Censorship Branch is held responsible by the Chief, Information and Censorship Section for all matters of press censorship, whether Navy, Army, or Air Force. The Officer in Charge of Press and Radio Censorship, Italy will similarly be held responsible for all censorship matters in Italy by the Chief of this Branch.

W. E. SCOTT BAILEY,
Lt. Col., G.S.,
Chief, Press & Radio Censorship Branch.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Deputy Chief Commissioner
APO 394

14 MAY 1944

14 May 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Government communiques

TO : Public Relations Branch, Main Hq ACC

1. Reference is made to your letter PRB 6 of 12 May 44, relative to above subject.

2. Arrangements have been made with the Communications Sub-Commission whereby the Italian Government communiques may be transmitted by way of ACC Salerno-Naples teletype. Major Bergin of your office was present when the arrangements were made and is familiar with the procedure and requirements.

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

14 May 44

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Deputy C.C.

PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

HQ ACC, APO 394
Sec'y Gen.
Rec'd 12 May 44
By DFE

PRB 6.

12 May 1944.

Subject: Italian Government communiqués.

To: Secretary-General.

Great difficulty is being experienced in getting the Italian Government's communiqués through to Naples. Last night we had a bad delay and in spite of all we could do the Cabinet Meeting communique for which the CC was waiting did not get through until 8.30 p.m. although the meeting was over at 6.15. Salerno, the Under-Secretary for the Interior, who is in charge of the Press Bureau, came in during the evening and asked whether the Italian Government might use our teletype for such messages. I asked the CC about this last night and he agreed that this should be done for cabinet communiqués and messages of special urgency only. I am not sure how this should be lined up, but I presume it is a matter which the Deputy Chief Commissioner would handle. Such messages should come to this office and we will be responsible for their distribution to the proper quarters.

Lionel Fielden

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

SD AGPA

PRB 6
12 May 44

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In reply refer to:
ACC/12A/INT —
DCC 000.7

14 May 1944

Dear Sig. Aldisio:

In letter reference ACC/12A/INT dated 18 April 1944, addressed to the Minister of the Interior, it was requested that any Italian war communiques, press releases, etc., should be submitted to the Field Press Censors, Naples.

On 8 May 1944, the attached communique on the return from the Front of the Minister of War was telephoned direct by the Officio Stampa to the office of Notizie Nazioni Unite, Psychological Warfare Branch, Singer Building, Naples.

Fortunately the communique was quite innocent, and no harm was done. The method of announcing it, however, constituted a violation of the request made in my letter of 18 April, and might have led to serious breaches of military security.

I shall be glad to hear in due course from Your Excellency that the necessary measures have been taken to prevent any recurrence of such incidents.

HILARY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

Encl.

His Excellency Signor Aldisio
Minister of the Interior
Italian Government

cc: P.W.B., A.C.C.
Lt. Col. J. L. Hayden, Chief Press Censor, 8 Via San Felice, Naples
Interior Sub-Commission, A.C.C.

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IL MINISTRO DELLA GUERRA FRA I COMBATTENTI ITALIANI

SEDE DEL GOVERNO ITALIANO, 8 Maggio (NAU) --- Nei giorni scorsi il Ministro della Guerra si e' recato fra le truppe dislocate nel settore italiano.

Il suo primo pensiero e' stato per i feriti nelle recenti brillanti azioni. In due ospedali da campo egli si e' indugiato al capezzale di ognuno di essi, si e' interessato delle loro gesta e condizioni di famiglia ed ha avuto espressioni di elogio e di affettuoso conforto.

Nella sede del Comando del "Corpo Italiano di Liberazione" il Ministro ha ricevuto successivamente i maggiorenti dei centri abitati compresi nella zona di operazioni. Egli ha portato ad essi il saluto del Governo Nazionale ed ha espresso l'effettuosa solidarieta' per coloro che dalla barbarie tedesca piu' hanno avuto a soffrire. A tangibile pegno di questa solidarieta' egli ha fatto delle elargizioni di denaro e viveri.

Ieri in un'atmosfera di vibrante tensione patriottica e di suggestiva austerita' militare, il Ministro della Guerra - anche a nome del Capo di Stato Maggiore Generale - ha proceduto alla consegna di numerose decorazioni al valore. Egli ha rivolto agli intervenuti, fra cui notavansi rappresentanze alleate e civili, fiere parole di compiacimento per i prodigi che i nostri combattenti hanno compiuto ed ha formulato i piu' fervidi auguri per quelli che certamente saranno ancora compiere in un prossimo domani.

Dopo un cordiale rancio, consumato con i comandanti le varie unita', il Ministro ha chiuso la sua terza giornata recandosi fin sulle posizioni avanzate, dove ha sostato a lungo tra fanti, artiglieri, alpini, bersaglieri, i quali hanno dimostrato tutti indistintamente di possedere un magnifico spirito combattivo ed una fermissima fede nella vittoria.

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(dall'Ufficio Stampa
Min. Interni)

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Deputy Chief Commissioner

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB 9. 9 May 1944.

Subject: Organization of PR Branch.

1. The following should be substituted for the existing paras 2 and 3 in PRB 9 dated 3 April.

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

Public Relations Director	- Major Lionel Fielden (B)
Deputy Director of Public Relations	- Major Theodore L. Bullock (Can)
Deputy Director of Public Relations	- Major Thomas G. Bergin (A)
Public Relations Officers	- Captain John P. Leacacos (A) Captain C. Howard Owen (B) Lieut Gene F. Caprio (A)

3. Location of the Public Relations Branch is Room 25, First Floor, Provincia Building, Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, Naples. Telephone numbers during office hours are Naples 54209 and Vapor (10050) Extension 172. After office hours Major Fielden may be reached in Naples on 53807, Major Bullock on 52547, Major Bergin on 15505, Captain Leacacos on 16441 and Lieut Caprio on 52584.

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

Distribution as for PRB 9 dated 3 April.

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4 May 44

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DSH 751
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Ref. CC/G/269.

5th. May, 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Executive Commissioner.

1. I talked strongly today to Badoglio on the subject of the Italian Government's press and publicity set-up. He assured me that Salerno, Under-Secretary of the Interior, who would be in charge of this Department, was going to get down to the job really thoroughly.

2. I told Badoglio that I hoped to establish a small P.R. office in Salerno to work in closest contact with Salerno's office. Badoglio welcomed the idea and hoped that we would be able to find a good man with whom Salerno could cooperate closely. I assured him that we would do so.

3. I took the opportunity to tell Badoglio that I hoped that when issuing communiques, or propaganda, or information of any kind that was not 100% straightforward or open to doubt in any respect, he would have it referred to my Salerno press office who would obtain the necessary ruling either from A.C.C. or from A.A.I. (through P.W.B.).

4. Will you please speak about the above.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

DISTRIBUTION:
Major L. Fielden,
Director, P.R. Branch, A.C.C..

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB 9. 3 April 1944.

Subject: Public Relations Branch.

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

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

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

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

3. Location of the Public Relations Branch is Room 26, First Floor, Provincia Building, Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, Naples. Telephone numbers during office hours are Naples 542 8 and Vapor (19080) 172. After office hours Major Fielden may be reached in Naples at 53807, Major Bullock at 52547 and Captain Leacacos at 16491.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

LIONEL ~~TILDEN~~,
Major,
Director of Public Relations.

Distribution:

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Deputy Chief Commissioner
Executive Commissioner
Deputy Executive Commissioner
Vice President, Administrative Section
Vice President, Economic Section
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For information: Mr George W. Edman, PWB, Naples (5)

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REAR HEAD QARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Legal Subcommission
APO 394

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20 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Publicity and Propaganda.

TO : RLOs (thru RC) Regions 3, 4, 5.
SLOs (thru SCAO) 5th & 8th Armies.

1. The Legal Subcommission is anxious to arrange for a systematic supply of information to the Public Relations Officer to form a basis on which the PRO can launch a campaign of deterrent publicity against black market activities through the newspapers and PWB. For this purpose the PRO asked for the following returns from all Regional legal divisions:

(a) Weekly summaries of the number of cases tried for black market violations, the number of convictions and the length of the average sentence and amount of goods confiscated;

(b) Particulars of outstanding cases of big violators whose crimes are more sensational and whose capture and subsequent conviction reflects credit on the law enforcement machinery of the Allied Control Commission.

2. While I am anxious to give all possible assistance to the PRO on this important matter, it is not my wish to add to the work of legal divisions by calling for additional returns, but I ask you to treat this matter as important and to make from time to time such returns as may be possible without placing an undue strain on your existing facilities and staff. If you cannot make the returns under (a) please at any rate do so under (b).

3. Please send the returns direct to Major L. Fielden, Public Relations Officer, ACC, Naples, as from the week ending 1 April 1944, who will arrange for their dissemination in Allied and Italian newspapers and through PWB.

4. Apart from the special class of black market cases, any trials of interest and importance, with particulars containing the name of the accused, ~~short description~~ of the facts, verdict and sentence should from time to time be communicated to Major Fielden for publication in the most suitable manner. Please bear in mind the following principles:

(a) It is a good plan from the point of view of publicising the fairness and impartiality of Anglo-American justice to ask the PRO from time to time to insert an account of a trial which ends in acquittal, showing why the accused was acquitted.

(b) While there is no objection to publicising a forthcoming trial, it is on the whole better to concentrate on trials which have been held. In this connection publicity should not be withheld until the case has been reviewed. If, for instance, a death sentence is imposed, this might be reported ~~first at the conclusion of the trial and secondly when the accused is executed.~~

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5. P.W.B. has at its disposal a mobile loudspeaking unit in addition of course to broadcast facilities and they are anxious to arrange for propaganda to combat crime and disorder in various parts of Italy. Will RLOs and SLOs Army please transmit to the PRO particulars of any special crime problems with which they are faced in any particular areas (e.g. Black Market in Naples, wire cutting in army areas, breach of permit regulations in Foggia) so that P.W.B. can arrange for suitable propaganda to combat the most prevalent crimes in particular localities. The P.R.O. will then arrange with P.W.B. for appropriate propaganda in the particular locality.

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6. Generally, in publicity matters, RIOs & SIOs Army will deal direct with the P.R.O., but on no account will cinematograph or sound recordings of actual court proceedings be permitted.

G. H. UPJOHN
Colonel
Chief Legal Officer.

Copy to: RLO (thru RC) Regions 1, 2, 6 (to note para 5)
2 Copies PRO (1 for Col. Durren PWB)
Your PWB 16 dated 18 March is acknowledged.

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31 March 1944.

I have caused an investigation to be made of the situation as regards the publication of "Il Corriere" in Bari and the other matters described in your letter of 27 March 1944. The following facts have emerged:

The request to publish a Bari edition of "Il Corriere" of Salerno was presented to the Naples Regional Allied Publications Board on March 20, and was rejected by the Board inasmuch as the Government had asked for permission to publish not the identical newspaper which appears in Salerno, but to use the political articles of the Salerno paper together with war news from the Bari radio station, thus making in fact a new newspaper. Even though the Bari edition were to be identic with the Salerno paper, the Allied Publications Board decided that if this facility were granted to the Government, which already had a newspaper in that area, similar facilities would be requested by other newspapers in Naples. The Central Allied Publications Board was informed of the decision taken at its meeting on the same day when it was pointed out that "Il Coriere" had been denied a license to publish a Bari edition because the Board wished to avoid a dangerous precedent.

The reason behind the Board's refusal was communicated to Major Bolla, Chief Press Officer of the Italian Government in Bari who had made the original application. A copy of this letter was sent to Mr. Picard at Bari for information. The latter had nothing to do with the refusal of the application.

An additional request from the Minister of the Interior was placed before the Naples Regional Board on Monday, March 27. The minutes of the meeting which took place that day state that the subject was again reviewed and it was decided to uphold the previous decision. This decision was communicated to the Minister of the Interior by letter on March 28.

As regards censorship in the political field by the Prefect of Bari, P.W.B. agreed with the Minister of the Interior on March 8 that copies of all newspapers were to be submitted in page proof both to the Italian Press Officer and the P.W.B. representative for their observations, and would then be forwarded to the Military Censor who would have the final word. The sole censorship is that of the Military Censor. Allied military censorship in this connection acts in an advisory or supervisory capacity to the Italian censor.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE
Lieutenant General
Chief Commissioner

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S. E. Marshal Pietro Badoglio
Capo del Governo.

(This letter originated by PRO)

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FNMM/rj.

2nd. April, 1944.

I enclose herewith a copy of the P.W.B. news and monitoring plan for the Italian theatre. I think it will be useful to you to know what has been arranged in this respect and I am naturally desirous of keeping you in touch with these activities so that you may be kept in touch with developments.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

S.E. Marshal Pietro Badoglio,
Capo del Governo.

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PWB NEWS AND MONITORING PLAN FOR THE ITALIAN THEATRE.

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AIMS

The aim of the P.W.B.'s news and monitoring service is to provide material for the output of the various Allied propaganda media, the Italian Radio and Press and to service the many scattered outposts, both Allied and Italian with a reliable news flow, without setting up a large staff and organization at each point.

PLAN AND METHOD.

The plan calls for one highly efficient listening post and news centre, equipped to supply multiple outlets. The present centre is in Naples and will eventually move to Rome.

The central post will desseminate world news to the Italian press and public and to all P.W.B. units and teams operating in this theatre. It will also gather Italian Home News and distribute it to all the above and in addition to Psychological Warfare bases in Algiers, London, New York and Cairo.

Under this plan, the only monitoring set ups needed at most P.W.B. posts will be small crews to listen to nearby medium wave transmissions and to act as news gatherers in case of the temporary breakdown of P.W.B.'s centralized news distributing facilities.

Dissemination of news will be governed by whatever landline and communications facilities are available through military channels.

Army publications and Radio stations are not affected by this plan. Many of them, however, at present avail themselves of this news service and may of course continue to do so.

All news disseminated by P.W.B. will carry the date line "United Nations News Service" (UNNS).

POLICY

The policy governing the editing of news is laid down in directives received from A.F.H.Q. and periodical supplementary directives and guidance received either from A.F.H.Q. or drawn up by P.W.B. Italy, in consultation with the Allied Control Commission.

INDEPENDENT NEWS SERVICES.

At present all British, American and other news agencies are excluded from selling news to the press or other agencies within Italy. In accordance with existing agreement with the various news agencies affected, their news is distributed by P.W.B.

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The plan calls for one highly efficient listening post and news centre, equipped to supply multiple outlets. The present centre is in Naples and will eventually move to Rome.

The central post will desseminate world news to the Italian press and public and to all P.W.B. units and teams operating in this theatre. It will also gather Italian Home News and distribute it to all the above and in addition to Psychological Warfare bases in Algiers, London, New York and Cairo.

Under this plan, the only monitoring set ups needed at most P.W.B. posts will be small crews to listen to nearby medium wave transmissions and to act as news gatherers in case of the temporary breakdown of P.W.B.'s centralized news distributing facilities.

Dissemination of news will be governed by whatever landline and communications facilities are available through military channels.

Army publications and Radio stations are not affected by this plan. Many of them, however, at present avail themselves of this news service and may of course continue to do so.

All news disseminated by P.W.B. will carry the date line "United Nations News Service" (UNN).

POLICY

The policy governing the editing of news is laid down in directives received from A.F.H.Q. and periodical supplementary directives and guidance received either from A.F.H.Q. or drawn up by P.W.B. Italy, in consultation with the Allied Control Commission.

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24th. March, 1944.

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In reply refer to:
DCC 000.7

3 April 1944

Dear Professor Scelba:

This is to acknowledge receipt of and thank you for your splendid letter 342 GAB-3CA of 29 March 1944 in reply to my letter 000.7 dated 24 March relative to military censorship.

It is evident from the facts set forth in your letter that information which prompted my letter was incomplete and not accurate. Copies of your reply have been sent to all interested Allied military authorities in order that any unwarranted impression will be corrected. I regret very much having caused you the inconvenience of having to obtain the facts in this matter.

Yours very truly,

EMERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Professor Vito Scelba
The Under-Secretary of State for the Interior
Italian Government

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Headquarters NATO Base Section
Office of the Deputy Chief Commissioner
APO 374

1 April 1944

DCC 000.7

SUBJECT: Military Censorship

TO : CinC of FAB (Italy), 167 Corso Umberto, Naples
Major I. Alexander, c/o FAB, 167 Corso Umberto, Naples
Captain Squair
Major Colville, Censorship Officer, Base No 374

The attached is translation of reply received from the Minister of the Interior to our letter of 24 March 1944, File No. DCC 000.7, above subject, copy of which was furnished you.

For the Deputy Chief Commissioner:

L. D. [illegible]
Lt. Col., A.C.
Ex to DCC

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Ltr, Ministry of the Interior
File No. 342 GAB - 2A, 28 Mar 44

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TRANSLATION

Ministry of the Interior

File No. 3/2 CAB- RA

Palermo, 29 March 1944

Refer to File No. 000.7 DCC of 24 March 1944

Subject: Military Censorship

Dear Captain Stone:

I have received your letter of the 24 inst.

The study on this matter reveals the following details:

1) The news that Italian troops were in the line and that a battalion of the Parachute Division "NEMBO" and of the 10th Regiment of Arditi were among them at the front, was broadcast by Radio-Bari one month ago. Therefore, the "Corriere" did not violate military censorship, since that item of news had already passed the military censor of Radio Bari.

2) Second Lieutenant Federico Francani was authorised by the S.M.R.E on 3 December 1943 as war correspondent, and attached to the 1st Motorized Group.

I inform you, however, that Second Lt. Francani, by order of S.M.R.E., has been notified to stop this work and report to his unit of origin.

3) Precise agreements have already been made with Capt. Squair for a cautious military censorship in regard to the "Corriere". Another item of news published in the "Corriere" referring to the part played by the "Garibaldi" division in the campaign conducted by Marshal Tito in Jugoslavia, has already been cleared with said Allied officer. The same news had already been broadcast by the London Radio and re-broadcast by Radio-Bari, two months ago.

I am glad that with these explanations, the bad impression--as you have written--gotten by Allied Military Authorities due to alleged violations of censorship on the part of the "Corriere" is hereby erased.

I have issued orders to the effect that the Italian censor forbid publication of military news prior to agreement with Capt Squair.

Yours,

Vito Reale
Minister of the Interior

/s/ Vito Reale

Capt. Ellery W. Stone, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner
Hq. ACC-APO 394

Trans. No. 134/ Sgt. Sorisi/AJP.

Ministero dell'Interno

N. 342 Gab. 29

Risposta alla lettera

N. DCO OCO. del 24 March 1944

OGGETTO

Censura Militare.

Salerno, li 29 Marzo 1944

Caro Capitano STONE,

Ricevo la Sua lettera del 24 c.m.
Le indagini esperite in merito portano alle seguenti precisazioni:

1°) La notizia che le truppe italiane erano in linea e che al fronte si trovava pure un Battaglione della Divisione Paracadutisti "Nembo" e del 10° Reggimento Arditi, venne radiodiffusa da Radio Bari un mese addietro. Quindi, il "Corriere" non é incorso in infrazione alla censura militare perché la notizia suddetta era già passata al vaglio della censura militare di Radio Bari.

2°) Il Sottotenente Frascani Federico venne accreditato dello S.M.R.E. in data 3 dicembre 1943 presso il 1° Raggruppamento Motorizzato, quale corrispondente di guerra.
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E' stata chiarita altresì con detto ufficiale alleato l'altra notizia pubblicata nel "Corriere" relativa alla partecipazione della Divisione "Garibaldi" alla lotta condotta in Jugoslava dal Maresciallo TITO. La stessa notizia era già stata trasmessa da Radio Londra e ritrasmessa da Radio Bari due mesi fà.

Sono lieto che con i chiarimenti attuali, la penosa impressione -come Ella scrive- avuta dalle Autorità Militari Alleate per supposte infrazioni alla censura da parte del "Corriere" venga cancellata.

Ho date precise disposizioni perché il censore italiano non lasci pubblicare notizie militari senza il preventivo accordo con il

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Vito Reale
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Al Capitano Ellery Stone
U.S.N.R.
Deputy Chief Commissioner
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Deputy Secretary Gen.
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APO 394

Ref/385/1/CA

1 April 1944

EXECUTIVE MEMORANDUM)
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NUMBER 47)

ESTABLISHMENT OF A
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

1. A Public Relations Branch of the Allied Control Commission, is established as of this date. It shall consist of one Director, two Deputy Directors and an establishment of Public Relations Officers, Conducting Officer and EM/CR's, of which a table of personnel will shortly be published.

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3. The Director of Public Relations will report directly to the Chief Commissioner through the Secretary-General.

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NOEL MASON-MACFARLANE
Lieutenant General
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TRANSLATION

File No.913

CHIEF OF THE GOVERNMENT

Salerno, 27 March 1944

Dear General MacFarlane,

Because of the impossibility to effect arrival in Puglie within a reasonable length of time of the newspaper "Il Corriere" which is published at Salerno, my press office had arranged that exact copy of the newspaper be communicated by telephone to Bari, where, in our print-shop the exact copy of the Salerno newspaper was reproduced and then distributed from Bari in Puglie.

As is seen, this is not an additional newspaper but the same as is printed at Salerno and at Bari with the procedure indicated above.

Professor Picard of P.W.B. has prohibited this procedure. I turn to you because we are not violating the decisions of the Allies as to the number of permitted newspapers.

In the same way, Prof. Picard is not allowing the prefect of Bari to exercise censorship in the political field, even though the agreements made by the Minister of Interior with the Control Commission were quite different.

I enclose an edition of the "Civilta' Proletaria," in which the article "Voci del Popolo" contains evident incitations to hatred and revolt.

Naturally the P.W.B. censorship found nothing in it to be censored.

Very cordially yours,

/s/ BADOGLIO

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TRANSLATION

Editorial - "Voci del popolo" from newspaper "Civilta' Proletaria", Weekly of the Communist Party, Bari Edition, 26 March 1944

"Voices of the People"

From all the committes of Puglia the people have confirmed the justice of our policy. The cry, Out with the King and the Badoglio Government, we want a democratic government capable of making war and feeding the people has been the unanimous expression of the will of the multitudes. We did not need this confirmation as we are closely linked with the masses and we share their needs. The lesson serves instead for those who doubted that the anti-fascist parties had popular backing.

The people can no longer tolerate this, they are tired of waiting. Tired and exasperated. Exasperated because hunger is knocking at their door; a father sees with anguish that he cannot satisfy his children asking for bread. Exasperated because there still remains fascist corruption, there remain black market sharks, there remain thefts. Away with Graft! Out with the fascists and the thieves from food supply offices, from local administrations and from the government, is the other powerful cry shouted by the people at the committees.

What are they waiting for? It is not possible to delay the solution of the Italian problem. The masses cannot resist any longer, and the responsibility for all this lies with the Badoglio Government which has no authority, which is not a government and cannot be one.

For the good of the country, it is necessary to form immediately a government which is able to govern effectively. We affirm, sure that it is possible in a short time to improve the whole Italian situation, to begin the solution of all the problems provided that faith be had within the Italian people which in spontaneous popular demonstrations has everywhere shown to possess common sense and to request in the first place a bit of justice. At all costs a government backed by the people must be formed. We have faith in the strength of the people; we have faith in our people because we are part of the people. We have faith in the strength of the people for participation in the war. The Italian people have shown that they feel the necessity of war against Nazi-Fascism, their first enemy. Fighting against the neo-fascism of liberated Italy, they know that the fight against fasci-nazism of Italy under German domination and that the demonstration of Sunday and the strikes of Northern Italy are on the same level; to destroy fascism in all its rements, to free Italy from the enemy of all workers and of all free people, to hasten the victorious solution of the war. In the Sunday meetings the people of the Puglie have regained the right to participate actively in the war. The youth who are not [illegible] fied to service under the King and the Badoglio Government have everywhere declared to be ready to fight with enthusiasm to free Italy from the Germans, however under a democratic government and a purified army. It is like this and it can only be this way. The allied governments must convince themselves that if they want to gain the faith of the Italian people, if they want to hasten the victorious solution of the war, they must accept immediately the voice which is being raised by the Italian people: Out with the King and the Badoglio government! --We want a government capable of making war and feeding the people! To delay even for a short time to heed these voices means to aggravate the situation, to hinder the war effort.

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24th. March, 1944.

With reference to your No. 1342 DP of 17th. March, I desire to inform you that the offending issue of "Italia Libera" had already been brought to my notice. Steps have now been taken to bring this publication under control and a repetition of this reprehensible incident should now be impossible.

2. I have already initiated an investigation into the circumstances under which the subject matter of the offending article came into the possession of the newspaper and I am glad to note that you are pursuing simultaneously a similar investigation. I attach much importance to discovering who was responsible for giving the newspaper its information.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE.
Lieutenant-General.
Chief Commissioner.

S.E. Marshal Pietro Badoglio.
Capo del Governo.

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In reply refer to:
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c/s/2/77

24 March 1944

Subject: Military Censorship

Dear Professor Neale:

A number of serious breaches of military censorship have come to the notice of the Allied Military Authorities.

Il Corriere of 16 March announced in an article entitled Italiani in linea that:

a. Italian troops were back in the line after their recent rout.
b. That, among Italian units at the front were a battalion of the 185th Parachutist Division and of the 10th Regiments Arditi.

Il Corriere of 19 March announced, in an article entitled Una Pattuglia di Arditi, that the Italian troops were placed at the junction of the two Allied Armies. (Le schiarosette italiane congiunge e salda le ali estreme delle due grande Alleate. Esso rappresenta una cerniera che ai tedeschi sarebbe assai utili infrangere con improvviso impeto..)

Both these articles were signed under the name of Federico Fracassi who was described as "our war correspondent of the V Army Front". Information is desired as to whether this correspondent is actually writing on the V Army front, and if so, whether he has been officially accredited to the Public Relations Branch of the Allied Armies.

The above breaches of censorship are violations of section (1) under the heading "Questioni Militari" of Your Excellency's Instructions to Prefects, R. Ph/S/T dated 26 January.

It has been ascertained that the procedure laid down in these instructions, under the heading "Procedura Per la Censura", has not been followed. It would appear that the censor appointed by His Excellency the Prefect of Palermo has therefore not been carrying out his duties.

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A grave view is taken by the Allied Military Authorities at General Alexander's Headquarters of these violations which might, indeed, prejudice the safety of Italian as well as Allied troops.

While the Allied Military Authorities are in favour of all possible publicity being given to the participation of Italian troops in the Allied war effort, descriptions of war activities must be subject to the same censorship regulations as those to which the work of all Allied correspondents, including British and American, is submitted. It is the sole responsibility of the Allied Commander in Chief to authorise the publication of names of units in the line. This authorisation is only given after it is clear that such units have been identified by the enemy.

Major Colville has already explained to His Excellency the Prefect of Salerno that, in view of the failure of Italian Press Censorship to comply with the instructions issued by Your Excellency, it became immediately necessary to install an Allied Military Press Censorship Officer, Captain Squair, whose duty is to see that in future no violations of military censorship regulations appear in the Press of Salerno.

This Headquarters would appreciate a prompt explanation as to how the above mentioned violations of Your Excellency's Instructions occurred and desires to know what disciplinary action will be taken against the responsible censorship officials.

Yours very truly,

Milton R. STUMP
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Professor Vito Reale
The Under-Secretary of State for the Interior
Italian Government

cc: S.I.M., Comando Supremo
Chief PWB (Italy), 167 Corso Umberto, Naples
Major I. Alexander (3 copies),
c/o PWB, 167 Corso Umberto, Naples
Captain Squair
Major Colville, Censorship Officer, Rear Hq ACC

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TRANSLATION

File No. 1342

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF GOVERNMENT

Salerno, March 17, 1944.

My dear General,

I am enclosing the issue of March 15th of "Italia Libera", wherein, on page 2, there is published a presumptuous account of the meeting at Malta on September 29th.

This account is full of lies and inaccuracies, but is, on the other hand, certainly based on the evidence of some official document in regard to this matter.

It is superfluous for me to direct your attention to the gravity of publication during a time of war of documents destined by their very nature to remain jealously secret. Publication which furthermore even involves the Allied High Command, placing in the mouths of General Eisenhower and General Alexander phrases which they have or have not said or which they have said with different tone and intention.

I believe that "Italia Libera" is published clandestinely at Naples. However everybody knows its editors and its instigators.

It is my opinion that very severe punishment be threfore absolutely necessary against acts of this kind, which evidently spring from whatever form of political polemics and which are directly intended to sabotage your and our war effort. Naturally I do not know the course of these indiscretions. However, I have an investigation under way in this matter. I believe that perhaps also on the Allied side it would be opportune to do likewise, for obvious security reasons in matters, such as this one, of extreme secrecy and delicacy.

I will be very grateful to you if you will kindly impart to me your views on this subject and, meanwhile, my dear General, please believe in my cordial firendship.

/s/ BADOGLIO

Lieutenant General
Sir Noel F.N. Mason Mac Farlane
Chief Commissioner Allied Control Commission
Naples

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"ITALIA LIBERA"
15 March 44
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THE PATHETIC FIGURE OF BADOGLIO AT THE MEETING AT MALTA

HIDES BEHIND THE MAJESTY OF THE KING

HE DOES NOT MIND IF THE ITALIAN SOLDIERS WILL BE EXECUTED

A ranking figure, full of indignation for what is happening these days, has showed us (permitting us to take notes) an important document: The official account of Badoglio's meeting with General Eisenhower, General Alexander, and other high Allied officials at Malta on September 29th, while he was still catching his breath with his King after the ignominious flight from Rome. Naturally he was accompanied by a train of Generals, among which was Roatta, whom the Allies made him dismiss later. From the text of the interview, reproduced herein almost literally, it is seen without difficulty how the Fascist Badoglio, also impeded by the burden of the Fascist King, spoke to the Allies in a timid, uneasy and uncertain manner which made him be considered in London, Washington and Moscow only as a penitent servant, and not as a useful and proud collaborator. From that first attempt to solve the Italian-Allied problem of the relation between the Royal-Fascist government and the suspicious and chiding Democracies has come to rest up to the menacing tri-partition of the Navy and a state of war incapacitation, a political inferiority, of the moral degradation to which Italy has been reduced.

A government of loyal Fascists and ultimately of evil fascists could not and cannot give to the nation, in its internal affairs and its relations with the exterior that position of trust, of safety, of dignity and of loyalty recognized and appreciated by those who have urgent and absolute need.

With a perjured King, traitor of his people, who up to his neck in water abandoned his accomplice Mussolini, because of his love of dynastic fortune and not for love of country; with a Marshal who served fascism for 20 years and exalted its doctrine and spirit, Italy cannot re-emerge. The Allies as Churchill said, can have on our soil a government of slaves, from which collaborations are disdainful. But this, in essence, will not do for them and even less for the country.

The King and Badoglio are marked by destiny: they pay for 20 years of fascist crimes against Italy and humanity: they must suffer, by force and by justice, humiliation and offence. But Italy, that real Italy which was never fascistic, NO. Democratic and Republican Italy must regain its own dignity and trust in addition to raising its standard among those of the Allies and fighting with them for her liberty and the liberty of all.

THE DISCUSSION

(The scene takes place on board the ship Nelson at Malta on Sept 29, 1943. Interlocutors and other officers and interpreters are present).

Eisenhower: I believe that the main reason for which we are meeting is to discuss the declaration of war of Italy upon Germany.

Badoglio: His Majesty and His Government deem that this declaration may be made only after Rome has been taken. Up to then the government will have a military character. Later it will be extended on a political basis. Meanwhile, however, Italy will fight just the same against Germany, in Yugoslavia, and wherever possible.

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Eisenhower: Do the Italian rulers realize how the Germans will treat Italian soldiers taken prisoner under these circumstances? (This request apparently is not well understood--brief consultation--finally Ambrosio replies):

Ambrosio: No doubt they will be shot.

Eisenhower: And does not the Italian Government believe that it should make a gesture which will spare the fate of men of its land? After all, I am not an Italian and these are matters which concern you. I only think of what I would do if I were in your circumstances.

THE KING DOES NOT WANT WAR AGAINST THE GERMANS

Badoglio: This situation has been considered, but His Majesty and his government believe that their power is exercised on a too-limited part of the territory to permit a declaration of this kind.

Eisenhower: It occurs to me that governments which have authority over an even smaller territory have declared war against Germany; even governments which no longer have any territory.

Badoglio: I cannot reply to this. I must consult His Majesty first. Only His Majesty has the right to declare war.

Eisenhower: I respect the soldierly discipline of Marshal Badoglio; but I would like to know at least his personal opinion.

Badoglio: I repeat, I must ask his Majesty; His Majesty will decide. I can in line of principle agree with the opinion of General Eisenhower, but only His Majesty can decide.

Eisenhower: It is necessary to recall that Italy will be judged by what she will really do. Our peoples think: Now Italy can show her good will.

Badoglio: We will always do everything to meet the Allied desires; but His Majesty has the supreme decision.

Eisenhower: In regard to public opinion, we believe that something should be done to widen the basis of the government, even with little-known elements, but good technicians and above all anti-fascists. This can have a great influence on the judgment of our countries regarding Italy; it is necessary to recall that the opinions of the masses cannot change as rapidly as those of soldiers who discuss around the Table. Our peoples want to see not only the fight of Italy against the Germans, but also--and above all--against the fascists.

HE WANTS GRANDI IN THE GOVERNMENT

Badoglio: That's right. We are even more anti-fascist than anti-German. It is for this reason that His Majesty had already requested, and we ask again that Grandi be repatriated. He should participate in the government.

Eisenhower: I will communicate this request. Personally, I believe its acceptance extremely unlikely because it seems that our countries consider Grandi as the No. 2 Fascist.

Badoglio: No, this is an error. The fall of Fascism was constitutional. [redacted] as a consequence of the non-confidence voted by the Grand Council against the [redacted]. Grandi engineered all this. If the fascists had him in their hands they would have killed him. He has been anti-Mussolini for a long time and everyone knew that. It is therefore clear that his participation in the Government as Minister of Foreign Affairs would be most useful and would give an anti-fascist in the Ministerial make-up.

Eisenhower: From one soldier to another, I would like to tell you "Put into your government whomever you want." But we must also consider public opinion. Who are the other men whom you believe might enter the government?

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Badoglio: I am the head of the government for the first time in my life. I am a general. I do not know anything about politics. I do not know the politicians. But His Majesty knows them, knows how to judge them with safety, and remembers them, thanks to his prodigious memory.

Eisenhower: Therefore, do you think that you can form a Ministry?

Badoglio: Certainly. But as regards the persons called upon to form it, I assure you that it will follow political lines imposedby me. If a Minister does not do exactly what I want, I will not hesitate to dismiss him with the same energy with which I will have called him. (Signs of doubt on the part of Eisenhower and Macmillan).

Eisenhower: What do you think of Sforza?

HIS MAJESTY AGAINST SFORZA.

Badoglio: I know Sforza well; I have, therefore, a personal opinion about him. I believe, however, that His Majesty does not wish to accept him, as it seems that in the past he has expressed anti-monarchic ideas. (At this point General Smith and Alexander hand a note to Eisenhower, who reads it, and continues).

Eisenhower: It appears to me that Sforza has sent to the King and Badoglio a message in which he promised, with certain conditions, his cooperation. What do you think of it?

Badoglio: I know about this message, but I must insist on the point that His Majesty does not believe that Sforza is acceptable.

Eisenhower: Italy will need American help and cooperation. Sforza is very well viewed by public opinion in the United States.

Badoglio: I know it, and personally I think that the work of Sforza in Americahas been very valuable for Italy. It will be necessary to use him, even if not in the government.

Eisenhower: It is also the opinion of the American Government that Sforza has to be used and, at any rate, be given a final position. (Interruption. Drinks are served. When the parley is resumed the military problem is taken up)

Badoglio: I would like to know if it will be possible to send Italian troops into action on the side of the Allies, we wish to participate in the fighting.

Alexander: This is not possible. All war plans have been ready for a long time and it is not possible to change them.

Badoglio: In my quality of old general, I know how difficult it is to modify a plan, yet it seems to me that with a little good will it could be made possible. (Alexander makes gesture of impatience and disapproval).

Eisenhower: We will try to do something.

HE WELL CONCERNED ABOUT THE POPE.

Badoglio: I think that Italian troops should enter Rome together with the Allies. This would be of great value for our people. And also we cannot forget that Rome is the center of Christianity and we have a grave responsibility: we must defend the Pope. (Eisenhower energetically nods his approval). Our troops, therefore, should be brought near Rome as soon as possible.

Eisenhower: I believe that this can be done. However we cannot equip your troops. You must select your best soldiers and supply them with all they need by taking it away from other divisions. We may eventually be able to help you with our huge quantity of war booty. The rest of your troops will be used by us for behind-the-lines work and communication lines services.

Badoglio: I am the Chief of the Government, not a general any more. Your generals and mine will agree on these details.

Eisenhower: I did not mean to give advice to you. I only wanted to tell you what I think.

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Badoglio: And when do you think you will occupy Rome? If you do not believe it opportune to answer these questions, perhaps you could inform me separately about it and I would convey it only to His Majesty.

SUCCESSIVE BLUNDERS

Eisenhower: I have not yet had the time to consult the war plans prepared by General Alexander here present, but I believe I will do so soon.

Badoglio: Kesselring will give resistance and will make successive retreats. We have information that the Germans will really resist on the Spezia-Rimini line. Alexander (aside to vote to Eisenhower), We know that this is not so.

Badoglio: You will say that the old man always want to give advice, but I know my country well. The Spezia-Rimini line has a weakness: Rimini.

Alexander: We know it.

Badoglio: On my part I will always do everything possible and always give you all the information.

Alexander: And I will say all about the enemy, of which I know every unit and every man (smiles sarcastically).

Eisenhower: General MacFarlane has been charged to maintain contact with you. In regard to our meeting of today, I would like that it remain confidential. I have directed that a communique be issued to the Press merely that we met here to discuss pending questions.

Badoglio: I agree completely. I love the Press like I love the Fascists (and here tells an episode of the Ethiopian war).

Eisenhower: (smiling) I am sure that many of those present think like you.

Badoglio: Before separating, I wish to assure the Allies of our spirit of cooperation. Italy with the help of a small number of Allied Divisions, chased the invaders in 1918 and won the war. This time it will be the same.

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In reply refer to:
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16 March 1944

Subject: Press Censorship

Dear Professor Reale:

With reference to Your Excellency's Press Censorship instructions to Prefects, paragraph 2, under "Notizie da Fonte Estere".

This is to confirm agreement reached in conversation March 13th between Dott. Galenga and Major Colville that above mentioned paragraph shall be amended to read as follows:

"Brani o riferimenti a tali notizie, nel testo di articoli locali compositi sul posto dovranno portare l'indicazione della fonte da cui sono stati presi."

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KILBY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Professor Vito Reale
The Under-Secretary of State for the Interior
Italian Government

cc: Major Colville

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16 March

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Translation of Attached: ---

1. "Quotations or references to such news in the text of local articles originating in this theater must mention the source from which they are taken."

2. This refers to news from foreign sources which may be printed provided that the source is clearly shown in both the headline and at the start of the text.

3. Local editors should not quote such news without indicating the xource, for such information, without proper attribution, might appear official and allow speculation not otherwise permisseble.

4. The previous italian version of the passage did not convey the proper meaning.

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Col. Donovan
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5th. March, 1944.

I have the honour to inform you thet the whole question of newspapers in Italy has been under reconsideration.

2. A comprehensive scheme has now been produced, designed to meet the interests and, as far as possible, the requirements of all concerned and interested.

3. I enclose a summary of the scheme which is self-explanatory.

4. It is proposed to put this scheme into effect as from March 10th..

5. You will doubtless be interested to know that considerable changes have recently been made in the personnel and organisation of P.W.B.. I think that in one of your letters you referred to Lieut-Colonel Munro. This officer is now in an important appointment with P.W.B..

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE.
Lieutenant-General.
Chief Commissioner.

S.E. Marshal Pietro Badoglio,
Capo del Governo.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
INFORMATION AND CENSORSHIP SECTION
PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH

4th March, 1944

PRESS PLAN FOR ITALY

1. The following Press Plan based on the principles of the Atlantic Charter has been set up. It is based on a system of priorities designed to reconcile the freedom of the press, without discrimination, with military exigencies.

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The first priority will be the establishment in Palermo, Bari, and Naples respectively, and eventually Rome, of four page (two sheet) newspapers under the immediate editorial direction of P.W.B. and with circulations in ratio to demand. The functions of these newspapers will be to:

Carry straight news, principally based on the United Nations News Service.

Maintain a neutral and objective attitude towards all parties.

Carry official and semi-official communications duly marked as such, of the Italian Government and of the Allied authorities.

Develop Allied directives in editorials and layout.

Publish material submitted by political protagonists, when space allows, if fully signed and presented as outside viewpoints.

3. Business Safeguard

To safeguard P.W.B. interests, P.W.B. will appoint a business manager to audit and supervise the business and contractual sides of publications under the editorial direction of P.W.B.

4. Second Priority Papers

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9. The future of the seven weekly papers of the second priority will depend on their own performance. If any of them reveal after a fair trial that there is a real demand for bettering their circulation, this will be favourably considered with a view to allowing an increase in circulation and/or an increase in the number of pages.

6. Third Priority Papers

The third and last priority is for any other paper useful for social development.

7. Publication Centres

Publication of second and third priority papers, other than in Palermo, Bari, Naples and eventually Rome, must be governed largely by transport and distribution considerations.

8. Complaints

No complaints from Italian sources will be entertained unless lodged with the local P.W.B. Press Officer within four days after publication of the items complained of.

9. Contact

Acting on guidance from the P.W.B. Press Chief, the Regional P.W.B. Press Officers will keep in contact with local editors of the newspapers and with local government officials.

10. Combat Zone

The above priority plan will not apply to the A.C.M.F. zones of operations. Any Italian language publications in those areas remain the P.W.B. Combat Teams' respective responsibility under the direction and control of the Military Commander in whose areas they are operating.

/s/ I. S. Munro
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Lt. Colonel
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

1 March, 1944.

OPERATION MEMORANDUM)
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TRANSMISSION OF PRESS MATERIAL

The following is issued for the guidance of all concerned in the transmission of press material within and from the theater. Operation Memorandum No. 37 is hereby rescinded.

1. Control of Transmission of press material shall be the responsibility of the Public Relations Officer, AFHQ. He will be guided by the need to secure rapid transmission and balanced news coverage; the latter being the primary requirement.

2 . Press material may be transmitted by military means whenever this does not interefere with operational requirements, and wherever adequate commercial facilities are not available. It shall be the responsibility of the PublicaRelations Officer, AFHQ, or his representative to see that material for transmission is apportioned among the available commercial means.

3. Where commercial facilities do not exist, it is the responsibility of the American and British Signal Services to transmit press material to the extent permitted by operational necessities. Where facilities for press transmission are made available by the Armies, Air Forces, or Navies, all means of transmission shall be considered as part of a common pool, and none shall be reserved for the exclusive use of correspondents writing about the service which controls the facilities. Where commercial facilities do exist, it is the responsibility of the Public Relations Officer to see that they are used to capacity before calling on Military, Air Force or Naval communication facilities to transmit press material.

4. On all matters of policy regarding the use of military facilities, the Public Relations Officer will deal with the Chief Signal Officer, AFHQ, through the Chief of the Information and Censorship Section, or directly, if circumstances do not permit otherwise. Arrangements for transmission by Air Forces or Naval facilities will be coordinated through the above channel with the Chief Signal Officer, AFHQ.

5. In the field, Public Relations Officers are authorized to deal directly with the Chief Signal Officer of the formation to which they are attached, or with an officer designated by the Chief Signal Officer as a representative.

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6. It is the responsibility of the Public Relations Office to see that all press material is delivered to the transmission agency, whether military or commercial. Press correspondents are not authorized to deal directly with civil or military communications personnel regarding transmission of press material.

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7. a. Chief Signal Officer, AFHQ, will provide such communication facilities as can be made available to carry Press traffic from forward areas to the nearest civil communication terminals. Signal Officers of Air Force or other forward formations will cooperate in providing similar communication facilities for Press within their areas. Insofar as practicable, British terminals will be provided for predominantly British Press traffic and American terminals for American Press traffic.

b. The operation of all radio stations being used for PRO purposes, will be coordinated with the local Chief Signal Officer in whose areas such stations are operating.

8. The Chief of the Information and Censorship Branch is responsible for the censoring of all press material.

9. The Public Relations Officer, AFHQ, or his authorized representative will consult with the Chief Signal Officer of the formation concerned as to the estimated volume of press traffic which can at any given period be sent over military circuits.

10. Wherever air courier service exists and by whatever service it is controlled, it will be available to carry press material, including photographs, in accordance with existing courier schedules.

11. The Public Relations Officer will be responsible for the delivery of such material to the courier service.

12. The transmission of photos by radio, wire or cable shall be handled under the same regulations as press material.

By command of General WILSON:

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In reply refer to:
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29 February 1944

Dear Marshal Messe:

Thank you for your letter of 16 February inclosing excerpts from newspaper articles which will be handled in accordance with your suggestion in the last paragraph of your letter.

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Marshal Messe
Chief of the Supreme General Staff
Italian Government

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OFFICE OF THE UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE
OF THE INTERIOR

File No. 91 Gab. Ris.

TO: Lt. General Noel Mason MACFARLANE
Chief Commissioner
Allied Control Commission

My dear General:-

We have received your letter dated February 26th during the absence of his H.E. Reale, but since we have been able to communicate with him over the telephone, and then with our Press Office at Bari, I am in position to give a full reply to your letter.

The information which you have had, namely that the newspaper "Unione", although suspended for a month by the P.W.B. of Bari, continuedto be published, is not exact. In fact, it has been ascertained that the suspension letter sent by the P.W.B. on February 10th, reached the paper "Unione" at Brindisi on February 14th. In the meantime, the Director of the paper, Mr. Marini, had conferred with Prof. Picard, P.W.B. Director, and after pointing out that the edition of the paper, dated February 13th, was under distribution since February 10th, it was agreed that this number was to be left on sale, and that the suspension would take effect from February 13th to March 13th.

It has been confirmed to us that after the date had been set, no further issues of the paper appeared, and at any rate I enclose copy of the telegram which was sent today to the Prefect of Brindisi to supervise that the paper "Unione" will not be published until March 13th.

While on our part we are certain of always having dealt most fairly with the Press, we regret to note the clandestine publication of a paper called "Italia Libera" which identifies itself as an organ of the Action Party, and which expresses itself in a most serious and insulting manner against the Government, without intervention by either the P.W.B. or any of the many other Allied control organisms.

H.E. Reale has ordered the Police Authorities to investigate who and where this paper is published and we hope the Allied Authorities will cooperate in its suppression.

Similarly, in recent days an article particularly offensive against Marshal Badoglio has been published by the paper "L'Italia del Popolo" of Bari. The Bari P.W.B. did not censor this article and therefore we have requested suspension for one month of the paper "L'Italia del Popolo", in view of the gravity of its libellous accusations.

Trusting that a satisfactory reply to your questions has been given, I remain with best regards.

THE UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE

/s/

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TEXT OF TELEGRAM

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26th. February, 1944.

On February 5th. the weekly Brindisi newspaper "Unione" published matter which was considered by the appropriate Allied authorities to require careful investigation. Pending this investigation the paper was ordered in a letter from the Press Office, P.W.B., Bari dated February 10th. to suspend publication. Nevertheless the paper continued to publish.

Y.E. will be the first to recognize that such an open defiance of Allied authority acting in accordance with the Armistice terms cannot be allowed to pass, and I shall be grateful if you will issue immediate instructions that this newspapers should not publish its next issue, i.e., of 4th. March, pending further enquiry into the circumstances of this case. I shall be glad to receive confirmation that your order to this effect has been given.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

S.E. V. Reale,
Minister of the Interior.

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20th. February. 1944.

I had meant to write to you earlier to thank you for the loan of the cars during my recent visit to Bari. It was very good of you to provide them and I am sorry that on my final journey to the airfield one of the rear mudguards had the worst of an argument with a lorry and trailer. I am afraid it made rather a mess but I think the damage was entirely superficial.

2. I was glad of having an opportunity of meeting some of the P.W.B. people and of having a chance of discussing things with them. I cannot impress upon you too strongly the necessity for your organisation keeping out of party politics and observing the strictest neutrality. That is our directive and any departures from it, as I have often tried to explain, merely make my job more difficult and impede the smooth running of local administration, which is so essential to us. We are all entitled to our own political ideas. I have definite ones myself but if we are ordered to be strictly impartial and refrain from intervening, even indirectly, in local politics these orders have got to be obeyed.

3. Thanking you again very much for the cars and looking forward to seeing you again next time I am over your side..

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE.
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

Colonel Landers,
P. W. B.,
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19th. February 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Major Fielden,
Public Relations Officer,
Headquarters, Allied Control Commission.

Reference your memorandum of 18th. February.

1. I have not the slightest intention of imposing political censorship. The existing policy is that there should be no political censorship and I have no intention of departing from this.

2. I am only concerned with cases where the matter involved seems likely to give rise either to disorders or to the dislocation of the administration of the existing form of government. In such cases the possible repercussions on the military effort of the Allies clearly render censorship necessary for military reasons.

3. In the case of the declaration by the six parties on which I had to take action the other night. I naturally thought that the censors would exercise their discretion and cut out only those portions of the declaration which might be described as potentially inflammatory. I never intended a stop on such portions of the declaration or of Massock's message as were harmless from the military point of view.

4. I would be glad if you would communicate the above to the correspondents concerned and especially to Massock and please also tell Massock from me that I much appreciate his cooperation in a question in which there appears to have been a misunderstanding regarding my orders.

5. You may naturally release all portions of messages dealing with this declaration other than those which are held to be undesirable from the military angle.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICE

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

25 FEB 1?

To/ Lieut-General Sir N. F. Mason MacFarlane.

From/ PRO, ACC.

Subject: Release by Associated Press of six-party declaration

In case of future repercussions I submit the following points for your consideration:-

(a) Facts

1. The inflammatory declaration made by the six parties was communicated to various correspondents, and Massock of the Associated Press filed a story on it at 6.30 p.m. on February 17. His story was a very much watered down version of the original and I think it must be allowed as a perfectly legitimate action on the part of a correspondent.

2. The AFHQ censor passed the story for transmission because, as he informed me, the AFHQ Directive to censors was to allow free political expression- I asked him to trace this directive for me, but he could not do so: I do not think that it exists. It must, however, be said in his favour that a very large number of stories violently critical of the King and the Badoglio Government have been allowed to pass without comment, and a general impression has been formed that political ~~??~~ polemics are not banned. Whether in this case the message was calculated to endanger military security - in which case he should have stopped it - is a moot point.

3. The AFHQ censor, when summoned by you, understood that the whole message was to be stopped - he therefore persuaded Massock (who acted handsomely in this matter) to send a message himself to his office stopping his own previous message. The censor also sent the requisite directive to the War Department.

4. The chief of the Associated Press in Naples, on hearing of this action, cabled his office to the effect that the stop should be ignored and that the ACC was overrunning its powers in imposing "political censorship" (as it undoubtedly appeared from the suppression of the whole message).

5. You asked that this second message should also be suppressed and another directive was sent to the War Department.

6. This morning you said to me (and I think that this is what you probably also said to others who misunderstood you) that the only censorship you intended was military censorship, i.e. that all incitements to disorder and revolution should be suppressed, but that the other parts of the declaration, or comments on it, were not banned. Is this correct?

(b) Comments/

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(b) Comments

1. Retroactive censorship won't work for mechanical reasons. Once a message has been transmitted it is almost impossible to suppress it. I expect you know that, with the PCA set-up, a message is on an editor's table in New York within five minutes of leaving here. Conversely, coded messages to the War Department take considerably longer. It is certain that Massock's message received in New York at 1.30 p.m. would appear in the American evening press long before the War Department received the stop. But even if not, the message would be public property in the A.P. office in New York and the stop would arouse immediate comment and magnify the importance of the story.

2. I feel bound to say that (although it goes without saying that such an inflammatory declaration could not be published in Italy and indeed could in any case have been squashed in the usual way by PWB) I am not sure that the harm possibly done by Massock's story is greater than the harm done by suppressing it. Had I been in the censor's place, with his background, I doubt if I should have suppressed it. The press is powerful and even the Maitland-Wilsons and Alexanders can't stop a story for very long; and public opinion is apt to run high against any suppression. Moreover, is it not fair to suggest that Massock's story would in fact cause no more excitement in the Allied Press than do the frequent denunciations of the British Raj, freely and frequently published by Indian nationalists?

3. As you know, questions in parliament have been asked, and the London press has made a great to-do about censorship at the Anzio beachhead. It is a bad moment for any further example.

4. I appreciate your difficult position and want to do all I can to avoid any further trouble for you. May I take the definite view with all correspondents that the only ban was on "incitement to disorder" and that no other stop on the declaration does or did exist?

5. I am extremely sorry you could not find me last night. As I am the only PRO I cannot be on the end of the telephone always. From Tuesday next I will have another officer and a telephone in my flat and will be available at any time.

/s/ L. FIELDEN
Major,
PRO, ACC

Written note: Since writing the above I have been asked by AFHQ censors if they can send the attached telegrams. I have held them up pending your consent.

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_____ message for AGWAR follows: Signal INS 8620 of 15 February regarding service message 2259 17/2 by RCA to Press Associated New York signed Kennedy refers. Massocks 1700 series now releasable with following cuts. Paras 1 and 2 of 21730 and from 317300 third and last paragraphs

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17th. February, 1944.

Dear General Pence,

Please forgive delay in answering your letter of February 10th..

2. I plead not guilty to these articles as I had no idea that any of them had been issued.

3. I have had the question investigated and find that in each case the article was the result of a personal interview. I am endeavouring to tighten up control of publicity of this nature and trust that you will have no further grounds for complaint.

4. I agree with you that an official investigation at this time would be out of place.

5. I would like to thank you for your desire that our organisations should work together with the closest cooperation and harmony, and I would like to assure you that I much regret that incidents of this sort, which are naturally liable to cause resentment, should have occurred. I sincerely hope that you will not have cause for complaint again.

Very sincerely yours,

NOEL MASON MACFA[redacted]
Lieutenant-General.
Chief Commissioner.

Brigadier-General A.W. Pence,
Commanding,
Peninsular Base Section.

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FNMM/rj

17th. February, 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Major Fielden,
Public Relations Officer,
Headquarters, Allied Control Commission.

Reference your letter of 9th. February.

This is to confirm what I told you:

(a) Go ahead with making preparations for the production of a monthly paper on the lines you suggest. Current Italian politics barred.

(b) Prepare as soon as possible an article of up to two thousand words for simultaneous publication in "Union Jack" and "Stars and Stripes" explaining in simple language for the benefit of their public the reason for organisation of, and aims of, ACC/AMG..

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

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P.M. 151, February 16, 1944

SUPREME COMMAND
Office: Miscellaneous
File No. 1011660/AV
Enclosures: Several

TO: THE ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

SUBJECT: Press Articles

As per verbal understanding with General Duchesne, I report, enclosed herewith, some articles which appeared in newspapers of Liberated Italy, containing outrageous attacks on the Armed Forces, on persons and institutions on whom rests the moral strength and the prestige of these same Armed Forces.

It appears from these articles, that in spite of the noted circular on that point, recently issued by P.W.B., and the energetic complaints by the Allied Authorities to various newspapers, our fundamental institutions continue to be libellously attacked and placed into a false light by a partisan Press and in bad faith.

It is vital that during the war, as is the case in the great United Nations, the Press abstain from any appraisal and attack against the military Leaders and Institutions, so that the Italian Armed Forces can carry out the tasks assigned to them, maintaining a sound discipline, the moral cohesion of its Units, and confidence in its Leaders.

I would appreciate, if your Commission will bring its attention to bear on this problem and intervene with the P.W.B., so that, in agreement with the Italian Authorities assigned to preventive censorship, a brake be put on this mischievous Press campaign.

THE MARSHAL OF ITALY
HEAD OF THE GENERAL STAFF
(Giovanni Messe)
28 February 1944

TO: Deputy Chief Commissioner.

The attached letter from Comando Supremo is forwarded for the information of the Chief Commissioner. It is noted that the majority of the articles emanate from CALABRIA.

W. Quinsmith Lt. Col.

(G. W. QUINSMITH)
Army Sub-Commission

1 Incl. as above.

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LIST OF EXAMPLES OF ARTICLES AGAINST THE FUNDAMENTAL ITALIAN INSTITUTIONS WHICH APPEARED IN NEWSPAPERS OF LIBERATED ITALY

"L'Italia del Popolo" (printed in Bari) No.5, of 3 February 1944.

Article: The message of the Central Committee of Liberation.

"In this fight the Government is absent, which after the flight of the King from Rome, has not been able to organize effectively the participation of the Nation in the war, nor has contributed to the resistance of Occupied Italy. This Government must disappear!... an indispensable condition so that Italy may carry on the war with the necessary energy until Victory and assure its future".

Article : I regret

"..... selection of collaborators which the Monarchy and the Badoglio Ministry make accurately among elements of known Fascist pasts and among the most adept practicioners of lobby politics."

"L'Italia Nuova" (printed at Cosenza, No. 14 of 2 February 1944.).

The outstanding points of the speech of Count Sforza.

"Many asked themselves: but was the King always thus? And they mean: so false, so disloyal, so egotistical?"

"L'Idea" (printed at Reggio Calabria), No.4 of 31 January 1944.

For justice

"... We accuse you, Generals and Admirals of Italy. We accuse you in the name of all the dead, whose holocaust you have rendered ~~in~~ vain ... You have betrayed.... Uselessly up to now you have endeavoured to hide behind the trembling screen of the shoulders of a faint-hearted and egotistical monarch..... Poor betrayed Italian soldiers....."

"Calabria Libera" (printed at Reggio Calabria, No.22 of 25 January 1944.).

Clearness (by Edward Rodino).

"To pretend is a crime. And then why continue with the tragi~~c~~comedy of the Crown, which even now pretends, knowing to lie, to love our People.? Leaving aside the various green, red, white accounts and all the others of the rainbow; from Carlo Felice up to now there has been a growth of facts and misdeeds, which are proof not only of the uselessness of the Crown, but above all of the ill which it has inflicted on our People, which has suffered any form and art of tyranny."

"Calabria Libera" (printed at Reggio Calabria) No. 18 of 21 January 1944.

"Badoglio escaped from Rome, instead of readying and command its defense, to

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save his own skin, of the traitorous King and of the scared Prince(in heavy type frightened
at the end of the second page).

"Calabria Libera", No. 17 of 20 January 1944.

" A king who has betrayed everything and all cannot any longer remain the King. His ou$ster is a moral and non-political problem. If he should remain, all those guilty of fascist misdeeds would have the right to remain unpunished."

"Giovertu Nuova" (printed at Reggio Calabria), No.1

" Il Re Travicello" (by B.N.).

An article insulting to the King. " You can imagine how he will look when he will be pulled from the mudpuddle which serves him as refuge! "

"Calabria Libera" (printed at Reggio Calabria) No. 16 of 19 January 1944.

"Onced upon a time"

"Once upon a time there was a king who betrayed his people,his ancestors,his history, his fatherland, his dignity as a man".

"L'Idea" (printed at Reggio Calabria),No. 2 of 17 January 1944.

"Monarchy: ruin of Italy".

"The Monarchy must not be permitted today to ruin the rebirth of the Country".

"The flight of the Blue Prince".

An insulting and libellous article in regard to the Crown Prince,tending to discredit his firm attitude on the front of the Fifth Army.

"XXX "Il Lavoratore" (printed at Reggio Calabria). No.3 of 16 January 1944.

The King (manifest of the Naples Committee of Liberation). After various insults the manifest concludes: "The King, surrounded by the generals of the defeat and betrayal prepares on the ground liberated by the Allies for the benefit of himself and his House,not that of Italy, a new military and Sabaudian Fascism, to substitute for that of Mussolini."

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We are a group of soldiers

An anonymous article which threatens military discipline, implying mistrust in the officers and leaders of the Army.

"Calabria Libera" (printed at Reggio Calabria), No. 9 of 11 January 1944.

"No defense for the King who was the accomplice of all Mussolinian attempts against the Constitution;therefore the People gave him the title of the Perjurous King".

"La parola socialista" (printed at Cosenza), No.7 of 10 January 1944.

New Year's messages

The King

"..... and still dares to proclaim himself our King.

"His Majesty is truly courageous, in speaking thus to the Italians, whom he,in common with Fascism, has cheated and betrayed".

Also the subsequent articles

"Il Vero Volto(the true face) and "Il Discorso del Re"(the speech of the King) are insulting to the Monarchy and H.M. Vittorio Emanuele III.

"Il Lavoratore" (printed at Reggio Calabria)

We are a group of soldiers

Almost all of us volunteers will not fight for Vittorio Emanuele, unworthy King of Italy".

"Apoliticita delle forze di polizia

"No one can stop the march of the new proletarian Italy. Nor can the already condemned generals&the already cadaverous King,who issue from their non-existent circulars and messages".

"La Riscossa" (printed at Cosenza) No.1 of 8 January 1944.

The speech of the King

"Vittorio Emanuele III, to the disgrace of Italians, still King of Italy...

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.....So the Italians should group themselves around the Fascist and treacherous King...."

"Ordine Proletario" (printed at Cosenza) No.1 of 8 January 1944.

"Moral rebellion"

The anti-monarchical fight is " a moral revolt against the Monarchy, which, betraying, plaeed itself under Fascicm; against the perjurous and corrupt dynasty."

"Il Lavoratore" (printed at Reggio Calabria), No.1 of 4 January 1944.

The question of the King, article insulting to the Monarchy.

About the Monarchy

"The Monarchy, at least, in Europe, is ~~XX~~ the indispensable bedfellow and regular cover for Class rule".

"Calabria Libera" (printed at Reggio Calabria), No.2 of 3 January 1944.

"De Monarchia" Article and editorial comment with numerous insults and libels against the Monarchy.

"L'Idea" (printed at Reggio Calabria), Np3 of 29 December 1943.

"Use and non-use".

Libel against the House of Savoy.

"Il Lavoratore" (printed at Reggio Calabria), No.5 of 26 December 1943.

Hamletian question

Article insulting to the Church and Monarchy.

At the end of the second page:

LONG LIVE THE PERJUROUS KING".

"Calabria Libera" (printed at Reggio Calabria), Np.63 of 26 December 1943.

Badoglio

Article insulting to King and Monarchy.

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"Calabria Libera" (printed at Reggio Calabria), No. 62 of 24 December 1943.

Why we cannot collaborate with the King

After having referred to the necessity for the elimination of the King and Prince Umberto, it is added " Who collaborates with them, is a traitor to the Italian People, accomplice of the forced maintenance of the disastrous and impossible present status".

"Ordine Proletario" (printed at Cosenza), No.4 of 17 December 1943.

"Cosi vuole la giustizia"

Smearing of the Monarchy and above all of the King. "This man, it is useless to say, is Victor Emanuel and to the disgrace of the Italian People, King of Italy for over fourty years".

To free Italy

".....In three months.... the Government of the King has not been able to bring about participation of the Italian People in the war which is fought by the Allied Armies for the liberation of our Country.....

The promise of the de-fascistization of the Army, which is almost impossible, is not enough. What is needed, is the liquidation of the Army of the King. The Army of the King must be transformed into an Army of the People."

This article had already been published in the "Civilta Proletaria" (printed at Bari, No.10, of 5 December 1943.)

"L'Idea" (printed at Reggio Calabria), No. 1 of 13 December 1943.

Monarchy among the beasts.

Comparison full of vulgar insinuations against the Monarchy.

"Ordine Proletario" (printed at Cosenza), No.3 of 12 December 1943.

Let us speak clearly

Article intended to destroy all confidence in the Monarchy and Army.

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"La Nuova Calabria" (printed at Catanzaro), No. 34 of 4 December 1943.

The third badge

The King is a "useless and harmful employee".

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F.M. 151, 11/6 Febbraio 1944

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ALTA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

APO 394

Allegati : vari

OGGETTO : articoli di stampa.

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IL MINISTRO D'ITALIA
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ELENCO ESEMPLIFICATIVO DI ARTICOLI CONTRO
LE ISTITUZIONI ITALIANE FONDAMENTALI APPARSI SU GIORNALI
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"L'Italia del Popolo" (stampato a Bari) n.5, del 3 febbraio 1944.

Articolo: Il messaggio del comitato centrale di liberazione.

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"L'Italia Nuova" (stampato a Cosenza, n.14 del 2 febbraio 1944).

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"L'Idea" (stampato a Reggio Calabria),n.4 del 31 gennaio 1944.

Per la giustizia.

"...Noi vi accusiamo, generali ed ammiragli d'Italia. Vi accusiamo

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in nome di tutti i morti, il cui olocausto avete reso vano....

Voi avete tradito!.....

Inutilmente fino ad oggi avete tentato di defilarvi dietro il paravento tremolante delle spalle di un monarca imbelle ed egoista.....

Poveri traditi i soldati italiani!....."

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"Calabria Libera" (stampato a Reggio Calabria, n.22 del 25 gennaio 1944).

Chiarezza (di Edoardo Rodinò).

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"Calabria Libera" n.17 del 20 gennaio 1944.

"Un re che ha tradito tutto e tutti non può più fare il Re. Il suo allontanamento è un problema morale e non politico. Se egli doves

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se rimanere, tutti i colpevoli dei misfatti fascisti avreb
bero il diritto di rimenere impuniti."

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"Gioventù Nuova" (stampato a Reggio Calabria), n.1

"Il Re Travicello" (di B.N.)

Articolo ingiurioso per il Re. " Ve lo immaginate con quale naso resterà quando sarà sfrattato anche dal pantano che gli serve da rifugio!"

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"Calabria Libera" (stampato a Reggio Calabria) n.16 del 19 gennaio 1944.

"C'era una volta"

"C'era una volta un re che tradì il suo popolo, i suoi avi, la sua storia, la sua patria, la sua dignità di uomo."

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"L'Idea" (stampato a Reggio Calabria), n.2 del 17 gennaio 1944.

"Monarchia: rovina d'Italia"

"La Monarchia non deve rovinare oggi la rinascita della patria."

"Il volo del Principe Azzurro"

articolo ingiurioso e calunnioso nei confronti del Principe Ereditario, tendente a disconoscerne il fermo comportamento tenuto sul fronte della 5^ armata.

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"Il Lavoratore" (stampato a Reggio Calabria) n.3 del 16 gen. 1944.

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"Calabria Libera„ (stampato a Reggio Calabria) n.16 del 19 gennaio 1944.

"C'era una volta"

"C'era una volta un re che tradì il suo popolo, i suoi avi, la sua storia, la sua patria, la sua dignità di uomo.„

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"L'Idea„ (stampato a Reggio Calabria), n.2 del 17 gennaio 1944.

"Monarchia: rovina d'Italia"

"La Monarchia non deve rovinare oggi la rinascita della patria."

"Il volo del Principe Azzurro"

articolo ingiurioso e calunnioso nei confronti del Principe Ereditario, tendente a disconoscerne il fermo comportamento tenuto sul fronte della 5^ armata.

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"Il Lavoratore„(stampato a Reggio Calabria) n.3 del 16 gen. 1944.

Il Re (manifesto del Comitato di liberazione di Napoli). Dopo varie ingiurie il manifesto conclude:"Il Re, circondato dai generali della sconfitta e del tradimento, prepara in terra libe

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rata dagli alleati per il servigio suo e della sua casa, non dell'Italia, un nuovo fascismo militare e sabaudo da sostituire a quello di Mussolini."

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Siamo un gruppo di soldati

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"Calabria Libera" (stampato a Reggio Calabria) n.9 dell'11 gennaio944.

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"La parola socialista" (stampato a Cosenza) n.7 del 10 gennaio 1944.

Messaggi di Capodanno

Il Re

".....e osa proclamarsi ancora il nostro Re."

"Sua Maestà è davvero un uomo coraggioso, nel parlare così agli Italiani, che egli, in combutta col fascismo, ha ingannato e tradito."

Anche i successivi articoli

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Vittorio Emanuele, indegno Re d'Italia."

Apoliticità delle forze di polizia

Nessuno potrà fermare la marcia della nuova Italia proletaria. "Neppure i già condannati generali ed il già cadavere Re, che inviano dalla loro inesistenza circolari e messaggi."

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"La Riscossa" (stampato a Cosenza) n.1 dell'8 gennaio 1944.

Il discorso del Re

"Vittorio Emanuele III, per disgrazia degli Italiani, ancora re d'Italia.....Adunque gli Italiani dovrebbero stringersi attorno al Re fascista e fellone....."

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"Ordine Proletario" (stampato a Cosenza) n.1 dell'8 gennaio 1944

Rivolta morale

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"Il Lavoratore" (stampato a Reggio Calabria) n.1 del 4 gennaio 1944

La questione del Re, articolo ingiurioso nei confronti della Monarchia.

Della Monarchia

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"Calabria Libera" (stampato a Reggio Calabria) n.2 del 3 gen.1944

De Monarchia

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Articolo e nota della redazione con numerose ingiurie e calunnie contro la Monarchia.

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"L'Idea„ (stampato a Reggio Calabria) n.3 del 29 dicembre 1943.

L'uso ed il non uso

Calunniosa denigrazione di Casa Savoia.

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"Il Lavoratore„ (stampato a Reggio Calabria) n.5 del 26 dicembre 1943.

Questione amletica

Articolo ingiurioso per la Chiesa e per la Monarchia.

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VIVA IL RE SPERGIURO.

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"Calabria Libera„(stampato a Reggio Calabria) n.63 del 26 dicembre 943#

Badoglio

Articolo ingiurioso contro il Re e la Monarchia.

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"Ordine Proletario„ (stampato a Cosenza) n.4 del 17 dicembre 1943.

Così vuole la giustizia.

Denigrazione della Monarchia e soprattutto del Re. "Quest'uomo, è inutile dirlo, è Vittorio Emanuele per disgrazia del popolo

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italiano Re d'Italia per oltre un quarantennio."

Liberare l'Italia

"....In tre mesi...il governo del Re non ha saputo rendere partecipe il popolo italiano alla guerra che si combatte dagli eserciti alleati per la liberazione del nostro paese...

Non basta la promessa defascistizzazione dell'esercito, del resto praticamente impossibile. Occorre la liquidazione dell'esercito del Re. Occorre che l'esercito del Re si trasformi in esercito del popolo."

Tale articolo era già stato pubblicato su "Civiltà Proletaria"(stampato a Bari, n.10 del 5 dicembre 1943).

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"L'Idea" (stampato a Reggio Calabria) n.1 del 13 dicembre 1943.

Monarchia tra le bestie

Paragone pieno di volgari insinuazioni contro la monarchia.

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"Ordine Proletario" (stampato a Cosenza) n.3 del 12 dicembre 1943.

Parliamoci chiaro

Articolo diretto a far perdere ogni fiducia nella monarchia e nell'esercito.

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"La Nuova Calabria" (stampato a Catanzaro) n.34 del 4 dicembre 1943

Il terzo distintivo.

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6 December 1943

Dear Julius:-

With reference to your letter of December 1st, I concur completely with what you say concerning relations with and control of PWB.

With all warm regards, I am,

Faithfully yours,

Brigadier General J. C. Holmes
Chief, Military Government Section
Allied Force Headquarters

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TRANSLATION

CHIEF OF GOVERNMENT
No. 1364 of Prot.

14 December 1943

Dear General Joyce:

Number 11 of a weekly paper printed in Bari, "Civilta Proletaria" (Proletarian Civilization), contains an article entitled "Worker-Soldiers", in which grave insinuations, which have elements of insult toward our generals, are written.

Whereas the weight of the expressions used cannot have escaped the British censor, I beg you to see to it that propaganda of this kind be suppressed.

Thank you and cordial regards.

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(Article from La Gazzetta del Mezzogiorno, No. 348 56th year,

15 December 1943)

ITALIAN SOLDIERS WORKING FOR THE ALLIES

In its latest issue, dated December 12, Civiltà Proletaria, Communist Party weekly, publishes an article entitled "Soldier-Laborers", in which it is asserted that the Italian Government receives 45 Lire per day for every Italian soldier who contributes his work to the Allied cause.

Such a statement is absolutely without foundation in fact. The Italian Government continues to pay its dependents regularly without receiving anything from the Allied Authorities. The Allies give only food and various field equipment to the Italian soldiers who aid them in the common struggle against the Germans.

A retraction of statement will appear in the next issue of the Civiltà Proletaria.

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...azione del Consiglio Nazionale ... Parlamento.

Soldati italiani che lavorano per conto degli Alleati

Nel suo ultimo numero in data 12 dicembre, Civiltà Proletaria, il settimanale del Partito Comunista, pubblica un articolo intitolato «Soldati Lavoratori» nel quale è asserito che il Governo Italiano riceve, per ogni soldato italiano che presta il suo lavoro per conto degli Alleati, L. 45 al giorno.

Tale notizia è assolutamente priva di ogni reale fondamento. Il Governo Italiano continua regolarmente a pagare i suoi dipendenti senza nulla ricevere dalle Autorità Alleate. Gli Alleati danno solo del cibo e vettovaglie varie a quei soldati italiani che li aiutano nella comune lotta contro i tedeschi.

Una smentita alla dichiarazione di Civiltà Proletaria apparirà sul prossimo numero dello stesso giornale.

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MDT/hjp

16 December 1943

Colonel Woodhouse
Commanding 71st Sub Area
Brindisi

Dear Colonel Woodhouse:

I have just received your memo on the subject of the morale of the Italian Army, some of the points of which were discussed at our meeting yesterday. As regards your specific recommendations we have had a sound spanking administered to the editor of the communist newspaper who has been told he is personally responsible for the truth of all articles appearing in his newspaper. Also a denial of charges made in the communist newspaper has been published by the "Gazzetta Mezzogiorno".

As regards establishment of a parity of pay scale of the Italian Army and Navy, I have asked our Financial Subcommission to go into the matter with the Italians to see if some arrangement can be worked out.

I am afraid the question of boots is a strictly military one which you have to initiate through military channels.

Sincerely yours,

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, USA

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17 December 1943

To His Excellency Marshal Badoglio -

Dear Marshal Badoglio:-

With reference to your note (No. 1364) of 14 December, the Allied Control Commission has taken immediate action with regard to the article in the communist proletarian newspaper. The impropriety of publishing the article has been called to the attention of the censorship authorities in Bari and a denial has been published in the "Gazzetta del Mezzogiorno" and repeated from Radio Bari.

This incident has afforded an opportunity to bring to the attention of the editors of all newspapers their responsibility in assuring the accuracy of the articles which they publish.

Most sincerely,

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Reported in London that Laterza Publishing Firm, Bari, has been closed by AMG and publication of Croces "La Critica" suspended. Reasons demanded in Commons. Troopers requests facts. Reply should be sent here earliest possible.

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PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH
Information & Censorship
Allied Force Headquarters
APO 512

15 January, 1944

Dear General Mason MacFarlane,

Welcome back to Italy. Some time soon I hope it will be possible for you to visit the P.W.B. operation in Bari.

During your absence a great deal has been accomplished particularly by Radio Bari. Also during your absence P.W.E. out of Cairo has established itself with us and I should like very much to have you know the head of that Mission, Mr. J.D. Stewart.

If at any time we can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to call on us.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ GEORGE W. EDLAN
George W. Edman
CC: PWB: BARI

General Mason MacFarlane,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

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In reply refer to:
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23 January 1944

Subject: Transmission of Messages

To: AFHQ FWB, Bari Detachment

1. It is understood that the Italian Liaison Officer to this headquarters has already approached you regarding the broadcast of the two messages attached.

2. There is no objection from the point of view of this headquarters to the messages being broadcast, and it would be appreciated if you would kindly arrange for the transmission.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USAR
Acting Chief of Staff

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27th. January, 1944.

Many thanks for your note of welcome. I hope very much to be able to come down to Bari in the near future and to see how you are all getting along.

I am glad to see that I now have Mr. Minifie with me here as permanent liaison with P.W.B. and I am being kept well in touch with your valuable activities.

I wont bother you with any details at the moment as I hope to see you in the near future.

Yours very sincerely,

Mr. George W. Edman,
A.C.C., P.W.B.,
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AUTHENTICATED:

MARY K. STONE
Captain, USMC
Acting Chief of Staff

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29 January 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Caccia
Mr. Reber

Re the attached, you will find a cross reference between the program of January 21 and the protest from the Catholics of Ruvo and Bitonto.

HILLARY A. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief of Staff

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Incl 1 - FCB Report on Bari Radio
Incl 2 - Protest from Catholics
Incl 3 - Ltr from Committee of Liberation

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PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICE
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

February 9th 1944

To: Lieut. General Sir Noel F.N.Mason MacFarlane
From: P.R.O., A.C.C.

Subject: Press Conference: Thursday February 10th

1. Would you like an announcement of your Press Conferences to go to Heads of Sub-Commissions? (I have of course notified Press correspondents, P.R.O's, P.W.B. etc.,)

2. Would you like me to circulate any papers to correspondents at the Conference for their information e.g. the two memoranda on the reorganisation of A.C.C., or the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Council held on February 4th? These would help correspondents to get a background.

3. Would it be possible to draw up a short explanatory statement of the material for tomorrow's conference which could be given to correspondents as an aide-memoire and also sent to correspondents who cannot attend the Conference? I suggest this because I am afraid that activities on the Cassino front may prevent many correspondents from attending, and it might be useful if we could send them some sort of resume.

/s/ L. Lielden

Major,
Public Relations Officer

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(c) In Tripoli, Naples and Sicily there has been quite extensive looting and pilfering by our troops. In some cases officers and men still take the view that it is perfectly legitimate in a conquiered country: others, no doubt, treat property lightly in moments of high spirits: others again cant resist the temptation of pilfering in small ways from billets. It seems to me that scarcely anything is done to insist that our good name is at stake in these matters: and much could be done by the right sort of publicity and explanation.

(d) There is much potential interest in matters such as the Beveridge plan, post-war reconstruction, economic reform etc; I attended a small meeting here the other day on the Beveridge plan, which was well addressed by a sergeant of the Army Education Corps, but at which the wildest and most misinformed statements were made. Very few serious papers reach the troops here, and parliamentary speeches get very little notice.

(e) The Italian press is very short of good background material from the democracies, and good articles written or reproduced here would certainly be taken up and used.

(f) We have in the ACC a mass of expert opinion on almost every subject under the sun; but there is no real channel for turning it to account, at any rate as far as publicity in Italy is concerned. I think that a serious publication, edited with care and enthusiasm, would serve the ACC usefully and even probably pay its way, if that were required.

s/s/ Lionel Fielden
Major
Public Relations Officer

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PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICE

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

9 Feb 44

To: Lt. Gen. Sir N. Mason MacFarlane
From: PRO ACC

I should very much like to enlist your approval of the idea of publishing, under the auspices of the ACC, a monthly journal for circulation to Army units - and possibly for translation into Italian also - with the following aims:

1. To explain and describe the work of ACC/AMG

2. To give some background of Italian politics, history, geography and culture.

3. To carry articles of a general "conduct" nature e.g. reasons for avoiding looting and pilfering, ways of avoiding disease, contrasts in American-British-Russian-Italian customs, value and history of monuments, etc.

4. To carry some statements on war and post-war policy e.g. outstanding speeches in the House of Commons or Congress, articles of special interest appearing in well-known monthlies or weeklies.

I make this suggestion for the following reasons:

(a) Amgot is thouroughly unpopular with the fighting forces. It is generally thought to consist of elderly inefficient pro-fascist gentlemen. There is practically no channel, and scarcely any attempt has been made, to offset this opinion. The home papers, when they reach the troops at all, tend to criticize military government, usually with very little real knowledge. The Stars and Stripes, Union Jack and other such Army news sheets, are not of a bulk or character to carry articles of a serious or lengthy nature. Yet there is undoubtedly much potential interest (as may be seen even in the letters published in the news sheets) in the war and post-war aims of the Allies, and in particular in our policy towards Italy.

(b) Few soldiers have any knowledge or appreciation of the Italian background or of Italian political currents. While it may not be desirable to encourage too violent an interest in Italian politics, it seems clear that it will be important, as new leaders emerge and new parties take shape, for British and Americans to have some idea of the main political tendencies and their historical background. A speech such as that made by Croce at Bari might well be made available to English readers. Apart from this, there is much interest in Italian monuments and works of art, which it would be easy to satisfy at opportune moments - now, for instance, by authoritative articles on Montecassino and on the monuments of Rome.

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HEADQUARTERS
PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
Office of the Commanding General
APO 782

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10 February 1944

Lieutenant General Mason MacFarlane
Headquarters, Allied Control Commission
APO 394, U. S. Army

Dear General MacFarlane:

I would like to bring to your attentin three items of publicity giving credit to AMG or ACC for the accomplishment of certain projects. Copies are inclosed as follows:

Incl. 1: "NEWS WEEK" magazine, dated December 6, 1943, in which it appears that AMG opened and developed the port of Naples, repaired the water supply system, restored the electrical system and carried at many other projects which were in fact accomplished by PBS troops and in which AMG was not even remotely concerned.

Incl. 2: STARS AND STRIPES, dated January 27, 1944, in which it appears that AMG had opened Vesuvius as a sight-seeing venture for soldiers, whereas actually all arrangements were made by Special Service, PBS, whose function it is to do such work.

Incl. 3: "TIME" magazine, dated January 10, 1944, in which it appears that AMG declared Naples off limits for troops and conducted the anti-typhus campaign, whereas very little active preventative work was undertaken by AMG authorities prior to the arrival of the U. S. Typhus Commission, and an effective campaign was started only when the U. S. Typhus Commission, working under AFHQ Advanced Administrative Echelon, recognized the epidemic and inaugurated control measures.

You will, of course, recognize the natural resentment of the people who did the work when they find another organization or individual seemingly trying to take the credit fo their accomplishment. It makes it difficult for me to carry on my assigned work and I am sure that the reaction is harmful to the effectiveness of your organization. The facts are well known locally, and the publication of these articles has caused considerable ridicule and unfavorable comment. 4000

These things occurred prior to your taking over, and I am bringing them to your attention by personal letter with a request that you take steps to control AMG/ACC publicity to prevent a recurrence. I do not think an official investigation at this time would help the Allied cause, particularly if the matter can be gotten under control in the future without it.

Assuring you of my desire to have our organizations work together on all levels with the closest cooperation and harmony, I am

Sincerely yours,

/s/ A. W. Pence
/t/ A. W. PENCE
Brigadier General, USA
Commanding

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3 Incl's.
1. "News Week", Dec 6, 1943
2. "Stars and Stripes", Jan 27, 1944
3. "Time", Jan 10, 1944

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NOTES FOR ARTICLE BY MINISTER ~~OF INTERIOR~~ [illegible] ON THE FOOD QUESTION.

1. Food supplied by the Allied nations is already arriving at Italian ports. Some thousands of tons of flour have been unloaded at NAPLES and the same is true of BRINDISI and REGGIO CALABRIA. These shipments will continue to arrive regularly and the food distributed where it is most needed.

2. Italians must remember that providing food for Italy is a sacrifice on the part of the Allied Nations where severe food rationing is in force. They must remember also that Britain and the United States are pledged to relieve existing famine in all countries of EUROPE and that their allotment of foodstocks to any one country must necessarily be limited.

3. The Allies have plans to export to ITALY sufficient wheat, flour, sugar and other food articles to prevent famine or extreme privation, and to maintain the health of the population. These food exports, in addition to stocks available in the country, will be just enough, if properly distributed, to achieve these results, but there will be no abundance.

4. The question of fair distribution is vital. The Italian Government, receiving this aid from the Allies, does not intend to allow the least possible misuse or the deviation of any food supplies from their proper destination. At a time when even slight offences, if multiplied, will cause a mere sufficiency to give place to starvation and misery, the most severe methods will be taken against anyone found guilty of theft or hoarding or unlicensed selling of food.

5. The Government therefore will introduce regulations and will employ men who will enforce these regulations against the Black Market and similar crimes.

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NOTES FOR PUBLICITY TO BE MADE BY THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY, COMMERCE AND LABOUR ON THE FOOD SITUATION.

1. Since the beginning of the year food supplies from the Allies in large quantities have been arriving in liberated Italy, destined for the consumption of the civilian population. In particular, many thousands of tons of flour have been unloaded at various ports. These shipments will continue to arrive regularly and the food will be distributed where it is most needed.

2. In the midst of the great war effort of the Allied Nations, the provision of food for the population of Italy necessarily constitutes a sacrifice on their part. In the Allied Nations themselves strict food rationing is in force. Britain and the United States are pledged to relieve existing famine in all the countries of Europe, and their allotment of foodstuffs to any one country must necessarily be limited.

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Taranto, Jan. 23, 1944

I hope Your Excellency will forgive me if, among the many and important Government matters which Your Excellency has to attend to, I dare call Your Excellency's attention to two facts which many of us cannot completely understand.

1) How can it be explained that the Bari Radio broadcasting station, certainly controlled by the responsible organs of the Government, indeed calling itself "the free voice of the Italian Government" (which, until proved otherwise, is Your Excellency's Government), may find pleasure in daily broadcasts of conversations, commentaries and news reports of that current of public opinion which is headed by Croce and Sforza ? Is this perhaps the order of the Republican Interior Undersecretary ?

2) How can it be explained that the "Gazzetta del Mezzogiorno", which started again / renewed its publications as official organ of the Government, is following the same policy of Radio Bari ?

Does not Your Excellency believe that it has a bad influence ?

Free press, yes ; free speach, too . But all against Your Excellency's politics and the King's majesty ?

Very respectfully,

Lawyer Antonio De Gennaro.

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Dear General MacFarlane

I received the attached letter from a Taranto lawyer unknown to me. His letter is such a true picture of the abnormal present situation, that I would be very glad if you read it.

Very cordially,

Badoglio.

To General
Mason MacFarlane
Head of the Allied Control Commission.

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16th. February. 1944.

1. I enclose herewith a copy of a note I have just received from Badoglio enclosing a copy of a letter received by him from a lawyer in Teranto.

2. The lawyer's letter gives a fairly clear picture of the difficulty experienced by the Badoglio Government and its supporters through the activities of P.W.B..

3. It also helps to explain the difficulty of the position in which I find myself. My duty is to support and collaborate with the Government of Badoglio and the King. But neither the King, nor Badoglio nor his Government can understand how I can possibly allow P.W.B. to broadcast and give publicity to frequent statements which amount to lese majestee and others calculated to bring the King and His Government into disrepute.

4. As Badoglio always says to me himself, he has no desire to suppress freedom of speech but it should not be allowed to violate the laws of the country.

5. To my mind this particular question is yet another argument in favour of getting the present political impasse clarified.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE.
Lieutenant-General.
Chief Commissioner.

Gen. Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, G.B.E., K.C.B., D.S.O., M.C.,
Commander-in-Chief.
Allied Force Headquarters.

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16th. February, 1944.

I have received your letter of the 14th. February in which you enclose a letter to you from a lawyer in Teranto.

2. I was most interested to read it and the lawyer's remarks are very clear. I can assure you that I am very well aware of the difficulties of the situation.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE.
Lieutenant-General.
Chief Commissioner.

S.E. Marshal Pietro Badoglio,
Capo del Governo.

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Military Government Section

AGS-322-1

1 December 1943

Major General Kenyon A. Joyce,
Acting Deputy President,
A.C.C.

My dear General:

With reference to the relationship of PWB with AMG and its application to Allied Control Commission, I have reviewed the existing directives, copies of which are enclosed for your information. It will be seen that they provide in general that all propaganda activities in "occupied territory" are under control of PWB, to be exercised in close cooperation with "the local Military Governor," (Plan for PWB Operation, etc.), or "the Allied Military Mission and Senior AMGOT Officer in the area," (Letter AG 321 (PWB) INC-AMG.)

I recognize, of course, that the terms used in these earlier directives do not exactly fit the present situation. Nevertheless, the general intent is clear and Colonel McCrystal, Chief of PWB, feels that it is not worth while to go through the labor at this time of changing these directives by AFHQ action. The substance of these directives, so far as they affect ACC, is after all covered in paragraph 15 of your General Instructions, dated 1 November, 1943, where it is stated that: "The relations established between the Allied Military Government and the Psychological Warfare Branch will, in general, be perpetuated when the Allied Control Commission succeeds to the former."

Consequently, unless you see some strong reason to the contrary, I share Col. McCrystal's views that there is nothing to be gained by formal changes in the directives at this time.

With high personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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J. C. HOLMES
Brigadier General, G.S.C.
Chief, Military Government Section

Copy to HQ AMG
Inclosures:
Letter AG321(PWB)INC-AMG, 7 October 1943
Plan for PWB Operation in Occupied Territory, 24 July 1943
AFHQ Staff Memorandum No. 56, 1 July 1943

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7 October 1943

AG 321 (P.W.B.) INC-AGM

SUBJECT: P.W.B. Activities in Italy.

TO : General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, 15th Army Group,
Commanding Officer, Allied Military Mission.
Leader, P.W.B. Post, BARI.
Leader, P.W.B. Post, NAPLES.

1. For clarification and coordination of PWB activities in Italy as outlined in Staff Memorandum No. 56, this headquarters, cs, and the approved memorandum dated 24 July, outlining the relationship between PWB and AMGOT in occupied territories, copies attached, the following instructions are issued:

a. For propaganda purposes, PWB in Italy will be divided into three general groups under this headquarters.

b. These groups will be:

(1) Allied Military Mission Group.
(2) Combat Propaganda Group.
(3) Occupational Propaganda Group.

c. These three groups will operate in close liaison with each other but will be controlled by this headquarters.

2. Personnel and Duties.

a. Allied Military Mission Group

Personnel: Lt. Comdr. G.A. Martelli, Chief
Mr. G. A. Mathieu, Radio

Duties: Under the direction of the Allied Military Mission, within the policy directed by this headquarters, to assist and supervise the organization of the propaganda service of the Italian Government.

b. Combat Propaganda Group

Personnel: Lt. Col. Donald Macfarlane, Chief.
Lt. Col. John Whitaker, C.O., PWB Fifth Army
Major A. N. Galsworthy, C.O., Eighth Army PWB
All personnel of PWB at present or in the future attached to the 15th Army Group, Fifth and Eighth Armies.

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Duties: Under the direction of 15th Army Group, within the policy directed by this headquarters, the supervision, preparation and distribution of all propaganda within the zone of action of 15th Army Group.

c. Occupational Propaganda Groups. (At the present time the Bari Group, only has been set up. Others will be established at a later date.)

Bari

Leader - Mr. George W. Edman
Executive - Major J. C. Fehr
Administration - Mr. Thomas M. Carnegia
All PWB personnel at present or in the future assigned to the Bari area.

Duties: (1) Organization, preparation, distribution and control of all propaganda within the Bari area in accordance with the orders and directives of this headquarters in cooperation with the Allied Military Mission and senior AMGOT officer in the area.

(2) The operation, supervision and control of the Bari Radio station.

(3) Provision of such facilities as can be made available to the Italian Government and as are approved by the Allied Military Mission for the distribution of Italian Government propaganda.

Naples

Leader - Mr. James A. Clark
Executive - Capt. O.P. Herzig
Administration - Mr. John Wingerter
All PWB personnel at present or in the future assigned to the Naples area.

Duties: Organization, preparation and distribution of all propaganda within the Naples area and the operation of and supervision of the Naples Radio Station in accordance with the orders and directions of this headquarters in cooperation with the senior AMGOT officer in the area.

By command of General EISENHOWER:

2 Incls.
Incl. #1 - Staff Memo #56 (AFHQ)
Incl. #2 - Memo AFHQ (PWB) 24 July '43
Subj: "Plan for PWB Operation in Occupied Territory

T. J. DAVIS,
Brigadier General, USA,
Adjutant General.

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Psychological Warfare Branch

24 July 1943

SUBJECT: Plan for P.W.B. Operation in Occupied Territory.

TO : Brigadier General H. A. McClure.

1. Referring to our conference today on the above subject, the following plan for P.W.B. operation in occupied territories is submitted:

P.W.B. Task.

The task confronting P.W.B. in the expansion of HUSKY is visually described in the attached chart, and the problem can best be described in words by saying that prior to the expansion of HUSKY the personnel and equipment requirements were limited to Box 5. In other words, what had been laboriously built up to handle North African propaganda and radio and leaflet work to enemy and enemy-occupied territories has suddenly been stretched to include an eventually transplanted A.F.H.Q., and an advance A.F.H.Q., a number of occupation propaganda groups paralleling the AMGOT set up and, depending upon the number of armies operating, a number of combat groups.

In order to plan this expansion within the limitation of available personnel and transportation, each group has been skeletonized to the minimum capable of rendering the service which, on the basis of past experience, will be called for by the Commanders. Specially to be noted is the fact that unless the chain from the forward combat groups back to the Allied Governments remains unbroken, the propaganda needs of the fighting forces cannot be blended with the general propaganda directives of the Home Governments.

P.W.B. Relation to AMGOT.

A most important new element is the relationship of P.W.B. to AMGOT. From the AMGOT standpoint it would be an impossible situation if the propaganda conducted by a P.W.B. occupation group should disregard or run counter to the wishes of the local military governor. From the P.W.B. standpoint it would be an equally impossible situation if the AMGOT control of local propaganda activities meant that P.W.B. was not able to control its personnel and ensure and control the two-way flow of information and directives stretching from the forward combat group through to Washington and London and back again. In other words, if Box 2 were to be completely controlled by some organization other than P.W.B., it would create an inefficient and ineffective, if not chaotic, propaganda situation.

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One must not overlook the fact that in propaganda terms the separation between the North African base and combat or occupation groups is solely geographical. The kind of propaganda put on the air from the North African base or the type of leaflets prepared in the North African base are just as much part of front line and occupation propaganda as the propagandist with a loud speaker in the square of an occupied town. Not only do radio waves disregard geographical or military boundaries, but equally the attitudes and reactions of occupied peoples are of supreme importance in the conduct of base radio operations and leaflet preparation for the next objective.

It is, therefore, recommended that the relationship between P.W.B. and AMGOT in occupied territories be as follows:

a) P.W.B. to be the recognized propaganda agency in occupied territories.

b) P.W.B. to retain control of its personnel and equipment in occupied territories.

c) Joint planning between P.W.B. and the Military Government Section of A.F.H.Q. to be instituted.

d) P.W.B.'s areas of occupation propaganda to be the same as the AMGOT administrative areas.

e) P.W.B. local occupation propaganda to be under the general direction of and at the service of the local AMGOT Governor. It is assured that the instructions of the local AMGOT Governor will not run contrary to the joint central directive from Washington and London as modified and approved by A.F.H.Q., in particular the Military Government Section.

f) In the event of a local conflict of opinion, the matter is to be referred to the Force Commander and through him to A.F.H.Q. for a decision.

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STAFF MEMORANDUM)
:
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ORGANIZATION AND ACTIVITIES -- PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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By command of General EISENHOWER:

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