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17	AFHQ Staff Memorandum #13	5 Feb 45		Psychological Warfare Responsibilities in the Mediterranean Theater
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10	Ltr Bancroft/Joe King	20 Jan 45	Edman	New activities of PWB 12, Monitoring Division
11	Ltr PWB Passaglia	22 Jan 45	Edman, Barnes	Enclosed is draft I mentioned.
12	Ltr Edman	24 Jan 45	Stone	INCL: Draft: "Reorganization of PWB"
12a	Memo PWB Fielden	24 Jan 45	CC	Results of mtgs held on Barnes Paper
13	PsWSC (45) 1st Meeting	24 Jan 45		Minutes of mtg of 20 Jan 45: Liquidation of PWB Functions in Italy; & Propaganda directed to the Balkans
14	Ltr PWD S/PWB Fielden	26 Jan 45	Stone	Re-organization of PWB - Comments on Edman's draft

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THE OBJECTIVE: It is generally agreed that all units of PWB should be dissolved as rapidly as possible, consistent with the requirements of AMG.

THE PROBLEMS: Some seven units of PWB seem to present special problems. To AMG (1)News; (2) Press; (3) Radio; and (4) Films will continue to require some guidance and AMG is not prepared to take over.

PWB itself is concerned with (5) Intelligence.

The British and American Embassies have a stake in (6) Intelligence Files now held by PWB, and in (7) the distribution of Publications.

SUGGESTED SOLUTIONS: Since the Allied Publications Board cannot give way to the Italian Press Commission until AMG authority is also transferred, a simple solution would be to charge APB with reasonable supervision of both Press and Radio in Northern Italy.

Incumbent PWB press officers could be attached to APB in the various cities, and work as follows:

(a) under threat of withdrawal of license to publish, they would exercise strong influence on the handling by any publication of news and commentaries.

(b) while transferring existing PWB papers into independent information papers, they could also see that these papers carried AMG proclamations and news.

(c) in cooperation with AMG officials, they could temper radio news and commentaries by some such right as "withdrawal of power", restriction on size of transmitter, etc.

(d) they also could serve as official distributing officers for MOI and OWI publications which AMG wanted in the area.

Thus, News, Press, Radio and Publications could be properly supervised.

Film distribution can carry on as at present.

The Intelligence suggestions attached seem to be logical.

The Intelligence Files could be taken over by OSS and PID, and then made available to the Italian as well as other governments. (They are essential to epuration.)

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17 May 1945

SUBJECT: P.W.B. Functions in North Italy

TO : Chief of Staff
AFHQ.

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1. Reference is to the paper of May 10 on the above subject submitted to the Chief of Staff by P.W.B.

2. In the opinion of the Allied Commission and its political advisers the proposed cessation of P.W.B. control of news and radio in north Italy should not take effect unless and until P.W.B. has set up a system to exercise some control on what the newspapers may publish and the radio may broadcast. The reasons are:

a) The Allied Commission and AMG are responsible for the administration of north Italy until it is turned over to the Italian Government. Administration and control of this territory will be made more difficult if private agencies, both Allied and Italian, are permitted completely uncontrolled distribution of news and information in this territory;

b) AMG is not organized to exercise this control of news and information which is a responsibility of P.W.B. operating under directives from AFHQ.

(40) See

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

Ellery W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

copy to: Asst. Deputy Dir. P.W.B.
P.W.B. 15th Army Group
P.W.B. Rome
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15 May 45

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SUBJECT: P.W.B. Functions in Northern Italy

TO : Executive Commissioner

1. Your attention is called to the attached letter from the Assistant Deputy Director, P.W.B., enclosing two papers submitted to the Chief of Staff, AFHQ, on P.W.B. functions in northern Italy.

2. Although AFHQ has not yet issued instructions based on the recommendations from P.W.B., I believe it would be advisable for the Communications Sub-Commission to study and prepare recommendations as to the date by which normal communications can be established with northern cities. Once this date is established and instructions have been received from AFHQ we can meet with private Italian agencies and with P.W.B. to determine the formal date on which P.W.B. will cease furnishing news in northern Italy.

3. Particular study should be given to para 4 under chapter II "Recommendations".

G. STEWART BROWN
Director,
Public Relations Branch

Copy to: Chief Commissioner
Communications Sub-Commission

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH

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10th May, 1945

TO : AC, (Attention of the Director of Public Relations), Copy to PWB 15th Army Group.

FROM : Assistant Deputy Director, PWB-AFHQ

SUBJECT : PWB Functions in North Italy.

1. I herewith forward five copies of the Staff paper which is being submitted to the Chief of Staff, AFHQ, for his decision as to future procedure and approval.

2. I am addressing this letter and the copies to the Director of Public Relations as it was with that office that I discussed the matter while I was in Rome last week.

3. If liquidation of PWB responsibilities as proposed in the attached paper is to take place at an early date, it is necessary that steps be taken as soon as possible to secure the smooth transfer in the fields of Radio, Press and News.

4. PWB is already in close touch with the General Directorate of RAI to ensure that the PWB Radio arrangements in the north will be such as RAI eventually desires to take over, and that PWB actions in this field are confined to what is strictly necessary for the operational control of the programmes in the interim period.

5. PWB will also take the necessary steps to see that that part of the Press Plan covering the pre-Fascist papers is put into operation as soon as possible so that these papers will have revived as information newspapers before the date fixed for the transfer and the consequent liquidation of PWB papers.

6. The smooth transfer of the news organization depends on the possibility of representatives of the private news agencies, including the Italian agencies, ANSA, ORBIS, and SI, being able to visit North Italy at an early date in order to make arrangements for the link up. In forwarding these copies of this proposal, PWB desires to draw attention to this point, as permission for the representatives of the Italian agencies to visit North Italy is a matter for the Public Relations Branch of AC, and not for PWB.

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10th May, 1945

SUBJECT: PWB Functions in North Italy.

TO : Chief of Staff.

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1. The Combined Chiefs of Staff have directed in FAN538 that informational activities in Liberated Italy should be separated on national lines when integration ceases to serve in direct support of military operations, and that public informational facilities should be released to civilian agencies as soon after liberation as military conditions allow.

It is the opinion of PWB that the unconditional surrender of the German forces has brought about conditions in Italy in which allied control, other than censorship for security reasons, of the informational services, is no longer necessary. It is also felt by PWB that the Italian patriot contribution to victory has been such that any attempt to prolong this control beyond the minimum period necessary for the re-establishment of communications, would arouse Italian hostility and excite non-cooperation to an extent which would embarrass allied administration more seriously than the inconveniences which might arise from the uncontrolled entry and dissemination of news, including comments critical of allied policy and administration.

2. Geographical Considerations.

These considerations apply to the whole of North Italy, but the matter is most urgent in the industrial areas of the North West, where the patriots, especially the Left elements, most critical of allied control, are strongest. It would therefore be logical to suggest that measures should apply in the first place to Lombardy, Piedmont, Liguria and Emilia, that they should be extended as soon as possible to the Veneto and if circumstances permit to Venezia Tridentina. Venezia Giulia is a special case which is not considered in this paper.

3. News

The first step in the release of public informational facilities in the admission of the private news agencies. On a previous occasion, the agencies requested one months notice of intention to transfer responsibility in a given area. It is thought that this would be sufficient. An equally essential pre-requisite to transfer is the restoration of civilian communications, a technical problem which can be most easily studied by a tehhnical sub-committee similar to that appointed to arrange the detailed transfer of facilities in Rome and Southern Italy.

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4. Radio

In Southern Italy the admission of the private news agencies was accompanied by the return of the radio network to Italian control. PWB feels that this should also happen in North Italy, but it is felt desirable to draw attention to the fact that Liberated North Italy

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contains powerful transmitters which, added to those already available at Romo, would place in the hands of RAI and so indirectly of the Italian Government, a propaganda weapon more powerful than that available to neighbouring allied countries, which might well raise grave objections. This would appear to be a political matter outside the competence of PWB, which will not require these transmitters for operational reasons, except to a very limited extent.

5. Press

With the entry of the private news agencies, it is not felt desirable to retain PWB controlled papers. It is however, considered essential that non-political information papers be set up as provided for in the North Italian Press Plan, and it would therefore appear essential that the pre-Fascist papers be re-started before PWB papers are suspended.

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Transfer of information services to OWI and MOI should take place at the time of the entry of the private news agencies in accordance with the detailed plans laid down in respect of South Italy.

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3. That PWB put into force as quickly as possible the provisions of the press plan concerning pre-Fascist Italian newspapers in order to ensure that non-political information papers exist in the Northern cities and that PWB cease publication of its own papers when the private news agencies are admitted.

4. That control, other than censorship, of the Italian radio network in the North be returned to RAI at the date fixed for the admission of the private news agencies and that should the retention of political control be considered desirable for the reasons cited above, the AC be invited in conjunction with the US and British Embassies and PWB to examine the problem and set up the necessary machinery.

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TAB A

10th May, 1945

DETAILED PLAN

SUBJECT: PWB RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE COLLECTION OF INTELLIGENCE IN ITALY.

1. On 31st March 1945, the Chief of Staff directed Psychological Warfare Sub-Committee to examine the possibility of reducing the activities of PWB in regard to the collection of intelligence in Italy.

2. Since that date, lack of personnel and the necessity of freeing officers for work in North Italy has already caused the cessation of PWB activities in the field of economic intelligence and in the reporting of press and publications in Liberated Italy. In addition, the work of the Italian Documents Section has been temporarily suspended.

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a) the growth and doctrines of Italian political parties.

b) Italian public opinion, more particularly in its reaction to current events.

c) Reactions to allied propaganda.

d) Information about Italian press, publications, etc.

It is further felt that a daily cable of press extracts for the use of G.I and PID should continue until such time as other arrangements can be made.

5. The personalities section located in Rome should continue to function until such time as information available from North Italy can be incorporated in the card index. Arrangements have been made for micro-filming of this card index so that copies may be available to the American and British Embassies in Rome and for dispatch to Washington and London.

6. The activities of the Italian Documents section have been temporarily suspended in order to make the personnel available for work in North Italy. One Officer and one NCO have been attached to the 5th Army Combat Team with specific instructions to locate and report on certain Fascist archives, including the Mussolini Archives and the Archives

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would not be of immediate benefit to PWB and that such research would fall outside the proper functions of PWB. It is, however, known that such research is desired by the State Department and by the Foreign Office and it is felt that the appropriate organisation to carry out this research should be attached to the US and British Embassies, and that PWB should be relieved of all responsibility in this respect.

7. If the foregoing suggestions be accepted, it is submitted that the Intelligence Services of PWB should continue only so long as PWB is responsible for the control of the Press and Radio in Northern Italy and that PID, OWI and other organisations at present receiving PWB Intelligence reports should immediately be informed, so that alternative arrangements may be made by the organisations themselves to obtain their legitimate requirements through other channels.

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AFHQ SACMED's Political Conference

SAC (P) (45) 8th Meeting 26 April 1945

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Para 4: PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE ACTIVITIES IN ITALY

(Previous reference SAC (P) (45) 5th Meeting - Minute 4)

LIEUTENANT GENERAL ROBERTSON said that his investigation into the possibility of giving further printing facilities and supplies of paper to the Italians had now been completed, and results were not encouraging. The army could not at present free the plants it was using and even if it could the main restriction was the storage of paper and materials. He added that there was a possibility that the liberation of Northern ITALY would relieve the situation somewhat. Referring to the proposed entry of United States and British film representatives into ITALY, he stated that there was no administrative objection to approval being given this proposal.

MR KIRK stated that the Italian Government was in process of enacting legislation in regard to films, and it was his opinion that no action should be taken in connection with entry of film representatives into ITALY until the Italian Government had completed its legislation. There was the possibility that if representatives were introduced now, the Italian legislation would not eventually give such facilities to foreign interests as might otherwise be obtained.

REAR ADMIRAL STONE agreeing with Mr. Kirk observed that if the door were opened at this time to film interests, this would set an untimely precedent for representatives of other businesses.

THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

(a) Took note of the report by the Chief Administrative Officer in regard to printing facilities.

(b) Directed the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, to raise the question of entry of film representatives again in a month's time.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

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28 April 1945

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SUBJECT : Approved Press Plan for Northern Italy.

TO : Chief Commissioner, AC.

1. On instructions from the Executive Commissioner we are attaching herewith a copy of the P.W.B. Press Plan for Northern Italy which has been approved by AFHQ on recommendation from the Allied Commission and the Allied Publications Board.

G. STEWART BROWN,
Director,
Public Relations Branch.

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(2) HEADQUARTERS
PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH

20 April 1945

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PRESS PLAN FOR NORTHERN ITALY

1. This Press Plan for Northern ITALY supersedes all previous instructions. Responsibility for carrying out this Press Plan lies with P.W.B. 15th Army Group, through P.W.B. Chief Press Officer, in conformity with AFHQ directives, but subject to 15th Army Group Military Command and in strict cooperation with A.C. and Allied Publications Board.

2. Suppression of Fascist Papers. On entering a newly liberated town or area, all newspapers and other periodicals of Fascist creation or papers identified with Fascist leaders, such as Farinacci's "Regime Fascista" of Cremona, will be suppressed and not allowed to re-appear.

3. Combat Team Information Sheet. PWB Combat Teams will issue "Corriere Alleato" as an emergency news and information sheet. The conduct, allocation and duration of these Combat Team papers will be on the initiative and at the discretion of PWB Combat Teams with the respective armies, acting under general PWB 15th Army Group directions. In addition to news, they will carry AMG and Army proclamations, as required. The personnel of such papers form a part of PWB 15th Army Group.

4. Treatment of Clandestine Press. Newspapers and other periodicals favorable to the Allied cause and publishing clandestinely prior to Allied liberation may continue to publish openly, keeping their periodicity in general, subject to para. 10 in the case of Milan, on the following conditions:

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5. Non-Fascist Papers. Non-Fascist papers (if any) and papers of a technical nature may apply to continue publication on the same provisional permit conditions, subject to military needs.

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6. New Papers. Papers other than the ex-clandestine ones referred to in paragraph 4 may submit applications for provisional permits to publish.

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7. Pre-Fascist Papers. Papers with a pre-Fascist history, which had, however, been taken over and run as Fascist periodicals, will be suspended on Allied entry, pending the appointment of a Commissario by the ACC Regional Commissioner. As soon as the Commissario can show that epuration is completed, these papers will be allowed to re- appear under their own and historic titles, but as independent non-party information sheets. If the Regional Commissioner considers it necessary or if an appeal to the Regional Commissioner is made by responsible elements of the community, a committee of three will be attached to the Commissario in a consultative capacity. The papers will conform to all economic and other restrictions imposed by wartime conditions on the press as a whole.

Any profits accruing will be frozen by the Commissario who will retain control until the area is returned to Italian administration. Question of ownership and eventual political control will then be settled in accordance with procedure to be laid down by the Italian Government, which has agreed that none of these papers will be returned to the control of Fascist owners.

8. PWB Information Papers. As freedom of the Press automatically excludes the rights of the Allies to impose their own information directives or policy on Italian editors, the Allies will reserve their own channel by means of openly declared Allied news sheets which may be published in the Italian language at the following centers: BOLOGNA, MILAN, TURIN, GENOA, VENICE, TRIESTE. These papers will be Italian-owned and administered, but all leading articles, comments and general layout will follow PWB directives. PWB will furnish paper, ink and other operational supplies. In no case will articles or comment be signed by their editorial writers.

These information papers will rank as operational activities, which may be opened up or closed down by the Allied Publications Board without obligation or reference to any Italian commercial or proprietary interest other than formal notification of the decision taken by the Allied Publications Board. Each of these newspapers will be called "Corriere" with an indication of the region it serves (e.g. "Corriere Emiliano" in BOLOGNA). The phrase "a cura del PWB" will appear as part of the masthead. In cases where PWB editorial control is brought to an end, provision will be made for the cancellation of the titles of these papers.

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PWB will bring out will news bulletins as required, also marked "a cura del PWB" as part of the masthead.

9. C.N.L. In order to prevent discrimination among applicants and to help towards the equitable distribution of available newsprint or flatbed paper, it is recognised on principle that the parties of the C.N.L. shall have first priority when applications for political papers are being eventually considered.

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10. Dailies and Weeklies. With reference to paragraphs 4, 5, 6 and 7 and with reference to the publication of newspapers in general prior to the restoration of the Northern areas to Italian jurisdiction, all daily papers everywhere should be information sheets only (all party or no party) and party papers should be weeklies. However, if the local Committees of National Liberation recommend that party organs be allowed as dailies and provided such arrangements are approved by AMG, Allied Publications Board will judge the matter of ratification solely from the point of view of newsprint available. It is recognised that MILAN and TURIN present special problems in this regard and that if the local Committee of National Liberation ask for party dailies, such requests would receive consideration provided that it were possible to supply the necessary newsprint.

11. Provisional Permits. In Army forward areas provisional permits will normally be issued through the PWB Press Officer, subject to the right of the AMG Officer at Army HQ and the C.A.O. AMG (as soon as he shall begin to function) to authorize such publications as he may consider necessary within the framework of this plan.

Such provisional permits are at all times subject to suspension or withdrawal by order of the Military Governor.

12. Allied Publications Board. As soon as conditions permit, Allied Publications Board will set up Regional Boards to which all applications for permits will thereafter be made. Provisional permits granted in accordance with the preceding paragraph will be referred to these Regional Boards for action by Allied Publications Board. In allotting newsprint to the ex-clandestine and other early applicants, Allied Publications Regional Boards will take into account the requirements of the non-party papers referred to in paragraph 7.

13. Finance and Management. With the exception of PWB's responsibility for the combat "Corriere Alleato" publications, neither PWB nor AMG will concern themselves with the financial or administrative side of newspapers or other periodicals. In the case of the PWB Information papers referred to in paragraph 8, Italian groups will be financially and administratively responsible, PWB confining itself to editorial control and supply of operational necessities, such as paper and ink.

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14. Military Censorship. Military censorship is essential. No permits will be considered or allowed unless military censorship control on the spot can be guaranteed and sustained.

In the large cities (BOLOGNA, MILAN, TURIN, GENOA, VENICE, TRIESTE) AFHQ Press Censorship Offices will be established and will assume responsibility for military censorship for local Press and Radio, as at present in FLORENCE.

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In localities other than those mentioned above, censorship will be exercised by responsible persons designated by AMG Provincial Commissioners. These censors will act in accordance with military censorship directives laid down by AFHQ, which will be furnished by PWB Combat Team Press Officers. Liaison between AFHQ Press censors in large cities and AMG-nominated censors in other localities should be established and maintained.

15. Circulation Proviso. No party or other newspapers published outside the 15th Army Group area will be allowed to enter any point within the said area without the specific approval of the Military Commander on recommendation from PWB.

16. Paper Stocks. As each town or area is entered by the Allied troops, every stockholder of newsprint or fl tted paper will be required by PWB Printing Officer to declare what stocks and resources he has in hand and to what purpose they are being used.

17. News Service. PWB will provide on demand a free Italian language news service, special articles, maps and photographs, to all authorized publications within the limits of whatever communications exist or may be established. No other news or photographic service will be permitted to operate in the Army Group area until such time as the Allied Commission permits the resumption of normal commercial news and picture distribution.

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Allied Force Headquarters
Psychological Warfare Branch

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Draft Standard Agreement for P.W.B. Editorially controlled newspapers in North Italy.

Any Contract between P.W.B. and "X" Publishing House (hereinafter called "The Company") will contain the following clauses together with such others as may be considered necessary to meet special individual cases at the discretion of the local Press Officer. Such contract should be initialled and put into immediate effect by the local Press Officer. If there is any additional clause, the contract must be initialled also by the Chief Press Officer. In any event all contracts, when agreed upon between the Press Officer and the Company, will be forwarded to the Chief Press Officer for transmission to the Director of P.W.B.

Article I. The Company agrees to print, publish and circulate "Corriere...." a cura del P.W.B. and also to place its technical, machine and other personnel at the disposition of the said "Corriere....." with precedence over all other non-military publications of the Company. Each number will carry prominently displayed as an "ear" beside the title " a cura del PWB.".

Article II. The title "Corriere....." is the property of PWB and ceases when the paper stops publication on the orders of PWB. Under no circumstances may the title of this paper be adopted or revived by any Italian group after the cessation of its publication by the Allies.

Article III. PWB reserve the right of appointing the responsible editor and chief sub-editor which the Company is to employ for the "Corriere....".

Article IV. The Company will assist PWB in ensuring that the responsible editor and the chief sub-editor form an editorial staff such as may be required for the proper conduct of the "Corriere....." from a political

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Article V. "Corriere...." will be under the editorial direction of PWB. It is PWB's intention to carry straight news and to present to Italians Allied ways of life and thought in war and in peace. The "Corriere...."

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will be used to further the policy of AFHQ. It will present an objective picture of Italian internal affairs and will not participate in Italian party conflicts.

Article VI. Control of circulation figure, format and the amount of advertising accepted will rest with PWB, with the reservation that circulation and format will be governed by the amount of newsprint and transport available for the Press in general and that at least one column of advertising per issue is available to the Company if desired.

Article VII. All advertising, circulation and other revenue will belong to the Company.

Article VIII. The Company will bear all salary, printing, paper, and overhead costs.

Article IX. The Company hereby agrees to hold PWB and its individual staff free and harmless and to defend them against any causes of action that may arise from this transaction.

Article X. PWB shall have the right to terminate the publication at any time.

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19 April 1945.

SUBJECT: Propaganda Directives for Italians.

TO : Major Ian Greenlees, Chief, G Section, PWB, AFHQ.

1. Replying to Mr. Radford's letter of the 16th and yours of today forwarding draft directives for propaganda to Northern Italy and for Army Group Liberated Italy, both drafts have my approval except that I agree with Colonel Monfort that the phrase "for a constituent assembly" should be omitted from the third line of point 2 of the directive for Northern Italy.

2. No doubt a constituent assembly will be held, but since the question of whether the institutional question will be determined by this assembly or by a referendum is now under review by the U.S. and British Governments, I think emphasis at this time on the constituent assembly might be misunderstood. For this reason, the phrase in question should be eliminated.

3. Copies Nos. 10 and 11 have been retained, copy No. 12 is returned herewith.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

cc: Exec. Comm'r (with copy No. 10 of draft directive)

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PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH
ITALIAN THEATRE HEADQUARTERS
P.W.B. UNIT No. 12 U.S.A.P.O. 512
CENTRAL D SECTION

19 April 1945

To: Chief Commissioner, A.C.
From/ Major Ian Greenlees, Chief, D Section
Subject: Propaganda Directives for Italians

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In his absence in Florence, Mr. Radford asked me to secure the concurrence of the U.S. and British Political Advisors to A.C. for these drafts before submitting them to you for your approval. Having done this, I am now forwarding them to you for your approval. In view of the rapidity of events, we would appreciate your decision as soon as it is convenient to you.

Ian Greenlees.

IAN GREENLEES, Major

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To: Chief Commissioner, AC
From: Mr. Radford
Date: 15th April 1945

Subject: Propaganda Directives for Italians.

1. The attached directives have been prepared in draft by PWB 15th Army Group.

2. These directives have been submitted to 15th Army Group and have received the concurrence of the staff sections concerned.

3. Col. Montford, 15th Army Group, has suggested that the first sentence of directive point 2 should be amended to omit the words "for a constituent assembly". It was our opinion at the meeting held at PWB 15th Army Group that this phrase would be useful, and I am still of that opinion. A ruling on the subject from the AC would be appreciated.

4. Directive para 11 in its present form was inserted on the suggestion of 15th Army Group and the covering telegram states that both military and AMG were anxious to avoid disintegration of Fascist troops and their return home with their weapons. They therefore desired at present to encourage surrender to us while reserving our attitude in event of collapse for a later directive.

5. The present directives are designed as standing directives. They wi ll be reviewed each month and resubmitted for your approval prior to forwarding to AFHQ. Should the development of events render it necessary they will be reviewed at more frequent intervals.

6. The concurrence of the U.S. and British Political Advisers to the AC is being sought prior to the submission of these drafts for your approval. When approved, or modified as you may think fit, the drafts will be submitted to AFHQ for the approval of the Chief of Staff and issued through the usual channels.

Approved.
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Approved
Macmillan
Pol Adv. (AB)
18 April 1945

C. A. Radford
Assistant Deputy Director, PWB, AFHQ.

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DRAFT DIRECTIVE FOR PROPAGANDA TO N. ITALY

AIMS

The aims of propaganda directed by radio, leaflet and other media to the Italian population of German occupied Italy are:

1. To assist the Allied Command in using to the best military advantage the forces of resistance in the North.

2. To lower the morale of the Fascist Republican forces and further their disintegration, andto decrease the efficiency of the Fascist republican administration by encouraging passive resistance.

3. To prevent civil disorder after Northern Italy is liberated and to prepare the ground for Allied Military Government and for a smooth transition to democratic stable Italian government

4. To prepare the ground for propaganda immediately after liberation, which will direct the attention of the population to the needs of rehabilitation and reconstruction and will begin the long-term projection of Britain and America.

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For the purpose of propaganda the population of German occupied Italy is divided into three main categories. These are:

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B. The Fascists: this includes (i) the Fascist Republican army, known to be largely disaffected and (ii) the members of Black Brigades, Fascist organisations and others completely compromised with the regime.

C The rest of the civilian population

DIRECTIVE

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Categories A, B and C

1 We build up the prestige of the Italian government by giving prominence to all its acts which help in the prosecution of the war and the reconstruction of the country. In carrying out this directive, we avoid attaching too much importance to individual members of the government or to the separate parties of which it is composed.

2 We recall and frequently refer to the pledge inherited by the present Italian government and supported by all political parties, to hold free democratic elections ~~for a constituent assembly~~ as soon as conditions throughout the whole of Italy

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3 We use all material showing that the government is backed in its work for the war effort and national reconstruction by the main non-government parties and by non-government bodies such as the Church and the CGIL.

4 We build up the prestige of the Italian armed forces, both as regards fighting units and troops working for the Allies on the lines of communication.

5 We use reports of the activities of the CLNAI and local Committees of Liberation, whenever they are mentioned officially or in reports from reliable sources, but do not build them up out of proportion to their actual importance. We encourage initiative towards the establishment of discipline and unity among the resistance forces of the North.

6 We publicise the scope and activities of Allied Military Government. We do not commit AMG to accepting the nominations of local Committees of Liberation, but report all instances of successful co-operation with anti-Fascist and resistance leaders.

7 We bear in mind the importance of the population of the North of Italy generally both as a source of information for and a means of disintegration of the morale of enemy troops.

Category A

8 Military instructions to patriots, including anti-scorch instructions will adhere strictly to the directives issued by 15th Army Group.

9 We encourage patriots to regard themselves as part of the general Italian war effort and to direct their attention to the rehabilitation and reconstruction of the country as soon as their services as fighters against the common enemy are no longer needed. We use all available material on the reabsorbtion of patriots into civil life.

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13 We give prominence to the epur tion and punishment of Fascists in Southern Italy, and make use of Allied and Italian statements on the punishment of traitors and war criminals, in order to discourage Fascists from committing atrocities or attacking the resistance forces.

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Category C

14 We explain clearly the difficulties and hardships which are likely to follow liberation, and which result from German exploitation and looting.

15 We do not build up any expectation of an alleviation of economic conditions after liberation. We keep in view the extent of Allied commitments in other theatres and the demands of the war, both in Europe and the Far East, on reserves and shipping. We give prominence to the hardship of conditions in other liberated countries.

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PWB 15th Army Group.

Directive for Army Group Liberated Italy.

1. PWB propaganda in Army Group Liberated Italy will be directed to the following tasks, in order of importance:

(a) supporting AMG
(b) endeavouring to prevent disturbances
(c) encouraging maximum war effort and rehabilitation
(d) projecting America and Britain

2. In regard to 1(a) above, PWB's task is to condition the Italian people by all possible means to acceptance and support of AMG and such local administration as may be sponsored by AMG.

3. In regard to 1(b) the possible problems which experience and appreciation show may arise will be handled as follows:

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(c) Epuration: explanation will be given that more urgent tasks prevent the Allies from taking other epurative action than is immediately necessary for military and security reasons, and that the general task of epuration will be carried out by the appropriate authorities as soon as possible.

(d) C.L.N.: full publicity will be given to all co-operation between the C.L.N. and local authorities and between C.L.N. and the Rome Government.

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(f) Shortages and bad conditions: full explanation of the responsibility of Germans and Fascists will be given, together with full publicity for AMG activities in bringing food, clothing, light, etc., under many difficulties.

(G) Press: will be made the subject of a separate directive.

4. In regard to 1(c), PWB will give full publicity to the war effort and rehabilitation being carried out in AC Italy: will support by campaigns suitable local initiative; and will publicise the activities of Italian troops in Italy, and within the limits of special directives on the subject, the activities of Patriots in German-occupied Italy.

5. In regard to 1 (d) the main lines of propaganda will be to inform Italians fully of the war effort and sacrifices, and the peace planning of the United

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Nations; and of what democracy means and how it works.

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PRESS PLAN FOR NORTHERN ITALY.

1. This Press Plan for Northern ITALY supersedes all previous instructions. Responsibility for carrying out this Press Plan lies with P.W.B. 15th Army Group, through P.W.B. Chief Press Officer, in conformity with AFHQ directives, but subject to 15th Army Group Military Command and in strict cooperation with A.C. and Allied Publications Board.

2. Suppression of Fascist Papers. On entering a newly liberated town or area, all newspapers and other periodicals of Fascist creation or papers identified with Fascist leaders, such as Farinacci's "Regime Fascista" of Cremona, will be suppressed and not allowed to re-appear.

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5. Non-Fascist papers. Non-Fascist papers (if any) and papers of a technical nature may apply to continue publication on the same provisional permit conditions, subject to military needs.

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Any profits accruing will be frozen by the Commissario who will retain control until the area is returned to Italian administration. Questions of ownership and eventual political control will then be

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settled in accordance with procedure to be laid down by the Italian Government, which has agreed that none of these papers will be returned to the control of Fascist owners.

8. PWB Information Papers. As freedom of the Press automatically excludes the rights of the Allies to impose their own information directives or policy on Italian editors, the Allies will reserve their own channel by means of openly declared Allied news sheets which may be published in the Italian language at the following centres: BOLOGNA, MILAN, TURIN, GENOA, VENICE, TRIESTE. Each will be called "Corriere" with an indication of the region it serves (e.g. "Corriere Emiliano" in BOLOGNA). The phrase "a cura del PWB" will appear as part of the masthead.

All leading articles, comments and general layout of these papers will follow PWB directives. In no case will such leaders or comment be signed by their Italian writers. These papers will rank as operational activities, which may be opened up or closed down without obligation or reference to any Italian commercial or proprietary interest. Provision will be made for the cancellation of the titles of these papers after the cessation of PWB editorial control.

PWB will bring out wall news bulletins as required, also marked "a cura del PWB" as part of the masthead.

9. C.N.L. In order to prevent discrimination among applicants and to help towards the equitable distribution of available newsprint or flat-bed paper, it is recognised on principle that the parties of the C.N.L. shall have first priority when applications for political papers are being eventually considered.

10. Dailies and Weeklies. With reference to paragraphs 4, 5, 6 and 7 and with reference to the publication of newspapers in general prior to the restoration of the Northern areas to Italian jurisdiction, all daily papers everywhere should be information sheets only (all party or no party) and party papers should be weeklies. However, if the local Committees of National Liberation recommend that party organs be allowed as dailies and provided such arrangements are approved by AMG, Allied Publications Board will judge the matter of ratification solely from the point of view of newsprint available. It is recognised that MILAN and TURIN present special problems in this regard and that if the local Committee of National Liberation ask for party dailies, such requests would receive consideration provided that it were possible to supply the necessary newsprint.

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Such provisional permits are at all times subject to suspension or withdrawal by order of the Military Governor.

12. Allied Publications Board. As soon as conditions permit, Allied Publications Board will set up Regional Boards to which all applications for permits will thereafter be made. Provisional permits granted in accordance with the preceding paragraph will be referred to these Regional Boards for action by Allied Publications Board. In allotting newsprint to the ex-clandestine and other early applicants, Allied Publications Regional Boards will take into account the requirements of the non-party papers referred to in paragraph 7.

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13. Finance and Management. With the exception of PWB's responsibility for the combat "Corriere Alleato" publications, neither PWB nor AMG will concern themselves with the financial or administrative side of newspapers or other periodicals. In the case of the PWB Information papers referred to in paragraph 8, Italian groups will be financially and administratively responsible, PWB confining itself to editorial control.

14. Military Censorship. Military censorship is essential. No permits will be considered or allowed unless military censorship control on the spot can be guaranteed and sustained.

In the large cities (BOLOGNA, MILAN, TURIN, GENOA, VENICE TRIESTE) AFHQ Press Censorship Offices will be established and will assume responsibility for military censorship for local Press and Radio, as at present in FLORENCE.

In localities other than those mentioned above, censorship will be exercised by responsible persons designated by AMG Provincial Commissioners. These censors will act in accordance with military censorship directives laid down by AFHQ, which will be furnished by PWB combat Team Press Officers. Liaison between AFHQ Press Censors in large cities and AMG-nominated Censors in other localities should be established and maintained.

15. Circulation Proviso. No party or other newspapers published outside the 15th Army Group area will be allowed to enter any point within the said area without the specific approval of the Military Commander on recommendation from PWB.

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Extract from Minutes of SACMED's Political Conference held on 29th March 1945.

4. PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE ACTIVITIES IN ITALY.

(Paper No. SAC (P) (45) 18). — (28)

THE CONFERENCE had before them a paper attaching a draft cable to the Combined Chiefs of Staff, requesting their covering approval to the reorganisation which had taken place in psychological warfare activities in ITALY, together with draft detailed instructions to the Director, Psychological Warfare Branch, on the future PWB organisation in ITALY.

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BRIGADIER GENERAL MCCRYSTAL considered that this activity could gradually be reduced but that the matter should be taken up with the Combined Chiefs of Staff in a separate signal.

MR. BARNES stated that the only additional activity which PWB would then retain in liberated territory was in connection with films. There were some 300 individuals now concerned in this work which included receiving the films from Great Britain and the United States, their booking and delivery to Italian cinemas and collection of fees. He did not consider that this PWB activity could cease until such time as the Allied authorities gave permission for civilian representatives of British and United States film companies to operate in ITALY.

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BRIGADIER GENERAL SPOFFORD stated that the question of entry of mechanics and businessmen, who were associated with business enterprises in ITALY prior to hostilities, was already under examination and suggested that the entry of film representatives should be reviewed at the same time.

THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER, in reply to a question by Mr. Offie, said that his policy was gradually to withdraw military control from liberated ITALY, so that the country should return to normal as soon as possible, consistent with the overriding requirements of our military operations.

LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN, referring to para 5 of the instructions to Director, PWB, considered that the reference to the BALKANS was misleading, as PWB operations would only continue in respect of enemy occupied areas. He suggested, therefore, that the first sentence should be amended to read "AUSTRIA and the areas of the BALKANS now in German occupation". Y

THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

(a) Instructed the Chief of Staff:

(i) To revise the draft telegram to the Combined Chiefs of Staff in accordance with the amendments suggested at 'X' above, and subsequently to despatch it.©

(ii) To revise the instructions circulated under Appendix "B" in accordance with the amendment at 'Y' above, and subsequently to issue them as amended.

(iii) To investigate the possibility of reducing activities of PWB in regard to the collection of intelligence and to report to him accordingly.

(b) Instructed the Chief Administrative Officer:

(i) To examine, in connection with his current investigation of the feasibility of allowing entry of private business personnel into ITALY, the possibility of permitting the entry of film representatives.

(ii) To investigate what further assistance could be given to the Italian Government by releasing printing facilities and supplies of paper.

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41-A/PRB

28 March 1945

SUBJECT: Press Plan for Northern Italy

TO : Chief of Staff
A.F.H.Q.

1. The following documents have been received by us for transmission to you in accordance with paragraph 6 of Administrative Memorandum No. 50 of the 25th November 1944:

(a) PWB Press Plan for Northern Italy
(b) PWB Standard Contract
(c) Proposed amendments to Administrative Memorandum No. 50.

2. These texts have been approved by Allied Publications Board at a special meeting held in Rome on the 26th March, 1945, after submission and approval by Allied Commission, the Italian Government, U.S. and British Embassies and P.W.B. AFHQ.

3. It is recommended, subject to your approval, that they be issued as administrative memoranda, as soon as is possible.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE
(POLITICAL)

PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE ACTIVITIES
IN ITALY

Note by Secretary

1. At SAC (P) (44) 37th Meeting, Director PWB was instructed to submit recommendations regarding the future functions of PWB in liberated ITALY.

2. Discussions have therefore taken place bewteen PWB and Allied Commission, United States and British Embassies, British Ministry of War Information and United States Office of War Information, and agreement has been reached in regard to certain proposals for reorganization. These are summarized at Appendix 'A' in a draft cable to the Combined Chiefs of Staff, who it is considered should be informed accordingly.

3. In order to implement this policy Director, PWB, recommends, with the concurrence of the agencies mentioned at paragraph 2 above, that he should be given the detailed directions set out at Appendix 'B'.

4. The Supreme Allied Commander is therefore requested to approve:

(a) The despatch of the draft cable at Appendix 'A' to the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

(b) The issue to Director, PWB, of the detailed directions at Appendix 'B',

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THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

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Rome, 24 March 1945

Dear Admiral,

Thank you for your kind letter n. 20/P.R.B. of the 10th, in which you let me know the rules which P.W.B. means to follow for what concerns the Press of North Italy. -

The solution which seems to be the best and the most complete one is is that of b) in para 2 of the enclosure to the above mentioned letter.

I therefore trust that when the established regulations will have to be enforced, P.W.B. will, as usual, make use of our collaboration.

I remain, my dear Admiral,

Yours very truly,

s. I. Bonomi

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner of the Allied Commission
Rome

Note: Para 2 (b) mentioned above, is temporary suspension of pre-fascist papers and their reappearance after epuration under a commissario.

G.S. Brown

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

41a/PRB

19 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Press Plan for Northern Italy

TO : Lt. Col. I. S. Munro,
Executive Secretary, APB

Signor Libonati's office telephoned today, as a result of my request for an early reply to the Chief Commissioner's letter of March 10 to the Prime Minister to say that the Italian Government prefers plan (B) under para 3 of the press plan for Northern Italy.

Written confirmation of this preference will be sent shortly.

I again refer to para 1 of my letter of 17 March to you in which it is stated that plan (B) under para 3 is also preferred by the Allied Commission, the British and American Embassies.

G. STEWART BROWN
Director,
Public Relations Branch.

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American Embassy
Chief Commissioner
(Thru: Ex Comm)

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Chef de Cabinet ?

C.C.

Ref: 20/PMB

10 March 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

P.W.B. in consultation with the Allied Commission, has been developing plans for its work in northern Italy when that territory is liberated from the enemy.

Among its responsibilities is the control and supervision of permits for newspapers that will be authorized to publish in the territory to be liberated.

Attached is a summary of the main provisions of its proposed plan of operation. You will note there are two alternate plans proposed for those papers with a pre-fascist history. It is desired to have the comment of the Italian Government on the proposals to accompany our final recommendation to Allied Headquarters.

It is further suggested that your Government seek the view of the representative in Rome of the Committee of National Liberation of North Italy on which of the two proposals you would prefer to have us recommend.

A prompt answer will be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

M S. LUSH
Brigadier,
for ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi
The President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
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SAC (P) (45) 2nd Meeting K 95
2 March 1945

SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE, POLITICAL

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2. PWB ACTIVITIES IN LIBERATED ITALY

(Previous reference SAC (P) (45) 1st Meeting, Minute 2)

LIEUTENANT GENERAL HARDING reported that PWB had been authorized to hand over the distribution of news within liberated ITALY to private press agencies as from 4 March. A draft telegram to the Combined Chiefs of Staff setting out previous PWB responsibilities in liberated ITALY, enumerating those activities which had already been handed back to the Italians and stating plans for the future turnover of other functions, would be circulated for consideration at a future meeting.

MR. HARRIES reported that a measure of agreement had been reached between AC, the US and British Embassies and PWB in respect of which further functions should be returned to Italian control and that the details of this agreement would be submitted to the Supreme Allied Commander for approval, through the Psychological Warfare Sub-Committee.

THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

Took note of the above.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH
LIBERATED ITALY HQ.

1 March 1945

Minutes of PWB Meeting with ANSA, SI AND ORBIS AGENCIES

PRESENT:

Mr. Ehman
Mr. Titchener
Mr. Linen
Mr. Bancroft
Mr. Thomason
Mr. Meryll
Mr. Fischbach
Mr. Barzini (SI)
Mr. Quaranta (SI)
Mr. Isacchi (ANSA)
Mr. Forlaj (ORBIS)
Mr. Rossi (ORBIS)
Mr. Pedicini (ORBIS)

1. Mr. Ehman and Mr. Meryll outlined the purpose of the meeting which was to explain to the three news agencies represented that PWB wished to buy their services and to discuss prices. It was explained that PWB was different from any other customer in that any contracts it signed necessarily would be limited to the duration of its stay in Italy. Mr. Meryll explained that, despite the fact that the financial proposals each agency made to PWB had met with PWB approval, PWB was eager to discuss these proposals openly with all agencies involved before signing with any one of them. It had therefore been decided to call such a meeting.

2. The three agencies present could offer PWB the following volume of Italian news daily: ORBIS, about 5000 words; SI, about 4500 words and ANSA some 10,000 words. In addition, SI would make available a file of Liberated Italy news in English for PWB's use in its English-language output. These three services would provide PWB with complete Liberated Italy news coverage.

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6. Mr. Meryll then told the meeting that PWB was also interested in buying a world news service in Italian. It proposed to buy such a service from ANSA and would be ready to look into the usefulness of the world news files of any of the other news agencies. SI and ORBIS said they had no world news file at the present moment and therefore were not concerned with the question. Mr. Meryll told the meeting that ANSA had asked 50,000 lire for its 15,000 words of world news in Italian and that PWB had agreed to this figure. Mr. Rossi of ORBIS asked on what basis this figure had been agreed upon. He wished to know whether it was on the basis of the number of foreign agencies ANSA processed, or on the basis of the number of items it issued. Mr. Meryll answered that PWB judged the file on the basis of its usefulness and scope rather than by the number of foreign agencies processed. Mr. Bancroft said that whenever other agencies would have a world news file in Italian, PWB would study it to determine whether or not it could be of use. Mr. Linen said that the purpose of buying the services of news agencies is not to buy all agencies in the business, but to buy several representative ones which would assure PWB complete coverage on a basis of impartiality. PWB could not commit itself to buy any new service that might spring up.

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Major Quayle--

Capt. Metzger of G-5 AFHQ called.

He said that when the Admiral was at AFHQ last week he was given a paper on the transfer of Control of Press and Radio to the Italian Government for study and possibly recommendations. The Chief of Staff AFHQ is now calling for that document, so Capt. Metzger wanted to know what the status of the paper is and how soon it can be returned to them. He wasn't exactly certain of the title of the document. He asked that you call him as soon as you obtain information on this. At any rate, he would like to have you call him before 6 tonight. His number is Freedom 498.

Sgt HP

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Phoned Captain Metzger & told "No Hoo" but believe he refers to (190) (21) this file.

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SAC (P) (45) 1st Meeting
20th February, 1945

SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE
(POLITICAL)

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2. FUTURE OF PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH (4)

(Previous reference: SAC (P) (44) 37th Meeting - Conclusion 5(b))

MAJOR GENERAL LEMNITZER explained that, in accordance with conclusion 5(b) of SAC (P) (44) 37th Meeting, a directive describing the organization of PWB and laying down its functions for the future and the procedure by which these would be controlled had been prepared and issued.* A copy of this directive, which was drawn in general terms, had been sent to WASHINGTON. (17)

MR. MACMILLAN added that a detailed scheme for transferring PWB functions in liberated ITALY was being worked out.

MR. BARNES reported that private press agencies were now operating in ROME.

REAR ADMIRAL STONE reported that the Technical Sub-Committee previously set up, of which he was Chairman, had now completed its work and it was proposed to hand over to private agencies as from 1st March PWB's responsibility for the dissemination of news in liberated ITALY other than ROME.

THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

Took note of the above reports.

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* AFHQ Staff Memo #13 (1945), 5 Feb. 45.

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CONFIDENTIAL

19 February 1945.

TO: Mr. Russell Barnes,
Director, PWB,
AFHQ, APO 512.

1. This is to acknowledge your confidential letter of 14 February and to inform you that I concur with the terms of the memorandum setting out the agreement between AC, the US and British Embassies and PWB in respect of the transfer of certain PWB functions and the return of others to Italian control.

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

cc: Mr. Edman
Ec, Com.

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

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16 February 1945

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone, USNR
Chief Commissioner
Hq. Allied Commission

Deer Ellery:

I enclose a draft which Mr. Radford and I hope to discuss with you tomorrow at 5:00.

Sincerely,

George W Elman

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

enc. (Retained by cc)

Subject: Central Servicing of PWB 15th Army Group.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH
UNIT No. 8 - APO 512

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TO: The Chief Commissioner, AC ✓
The American Embassy, Rome
The British Embassy, Rome
Mr. Linen, OWI
Mr. Stewart, Press Attache, British Embassy
FROM: The Director, PWB-AFHQ

1. I submit herewith a memorandum setting out the detailed agreement between AC, the US and British Embassies and PWB in respect of the transfer of certain PWB functions and the return of others to Italian control.

2. This memorandum has already been discussed with you in draft, but I am now submitting it with the request for your formal concurrence, so that it may be presented to SACMED in accordance with the procedure laid down in Staff Memorandum No. 13.

3. I shall be grateful to receive your formal concurrence as soon as possible in order that the necessary authorisation from SACMED to be obtained at the earliest possible date.

4. It is understood that the date for the admission of the private news agencies to Italian territory under Italian administration will be fixed by the technical sub-committee on March 1st, and it is felt that the necessary authority for carrying out these decisions should be obtained as far as possible in advance of that date.

Russell Barnes

Director, PWB-AFHQ

14th February, 1945
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH

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REORGANISATION OF PWB LIBERATED ITALY

1. This memorandum sets out the measure of agreement reached between AC, the US and British Embassies, and PWB in respect of the transfer of certain PWB functions to other Allied Agencies or their return to Italian Control. This agreement was reached at a series of meetings held between the interested Allied parties and the decisions reached are herewith forwarded to SACMED for approval. Subject to such approval the transfer of functions will take place either on or about the dates indicated under the various headings, or at the earliest possible date that can be agreed by the various interested parties subject to the continued efficient working of all necessary services.

2. In order to facilitate the liquidation of PWB functions in Liberated Italy two separate HQ have been set up. (a) PWB Liberated Italy, HQ at Rome. Head: Mr. George Edmun. Deputy Head: Mr. Lanham Titchener. (b) PWB 15th Army Group HQ at Florence. Head: Mr. John Rayner. Deputy Head: American, to be appointed.

3. PWB Liberated Italy is responsible to the Director for all Psychological Warfare activities in Italy South of the Army Control Line, and is charged with the liquidation and transfer of these activities in agreement with AFHQ, AC and the US and British Embassies. PWB Bari, in respect of its psychological warfare activities directed against the Balkans and Central Europe, does not fall within the scope of this paper.

4. PWB 15th Army Group is responsible to the Director for all propaganda directed against the enemy in German Occupied Italy, for all propaganda directed towards the population of the same area, and for propaganda in Liberated Italian territory North of the Army Control Line.

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administration of the Italian Government, and to supply to the press and radio throughout Liberated Italy, news of Liberated Italy. PWB also supply background news to the Italian press and Allied and Italian agencies in Rome.

After March 1st, or such other date as the technical sub-committee may determine, PWB Liberated Italy will have the following news responsibilities, other than those referred to in para 5. (a) The provision of a news and monitoring unit at Caserta for the reception and distribution within AFHQ of news and monitored intelligence material. (b) The retention at Rome of a similar unit for the servicing of PWB Liberated Italy, (it was agreed that PWB would make available to AC copies of this news service).

The unit at Caserta is already functioning, though further transfers of staff will be required to provide the service required by AFHQ. The unit at Rome will in practice form part of the organisation required for the central servicing of PWB 15th Army Group, and such PWB AFHQ activities as are carried out in Rome, but arrangements have already been made to ensure that PWB news activities in Rome itself do not exceed those proposed herein after the date to be determined by the technical sub-committee.

7. MONITORING. PWB Monitoring in Liberated Italy will after March 1st, or such other date as may be determined by the technical sub-committee referred to in the previous paragraph, consist of : (A) the small combined news and monitoring unit at Caserta to which reference has already been made, and (B) such monitoring services as are essential for such PWB sections as are retained at Rome. These are principally the central services for PWB 15th Army Group and the Intelligence service.

As has already been stated the combined news and monitoring unit is already functioning at Caserta. Action has also been taken to reduce the monitoring unit at Rome to the dimensions required, and heavy reductions of staff have already been effected.

8. RADIO. The administration and the entertainment programmes of Italian radio have already under earlier agreements been handed back to RAI. When Italian newspapers outside Rome are able freely to acquire their news directly from private news agencies it will be difficult to defend PWB's retention of control of the Italian news broadcast over RAI transmitters. It is therefore proposed that the entire control of Italian broadcasting be returned to RAI subject to the reservation on Rome short wave and Bari I of such time as may be required for operational programmes to AFHQ targets (this will be discussed in the separate memorandum referred to in paragraph 5). Subject to these reservations PWB will require no facilities on Italian stations South of the present Army Control Line, but it may be necessary to make provision for the retention of time for operational purposes on Italian stations at present North of the Control Line, when this is moved forward.

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9. PRESS. PWB ceased publication of the Corriere di Roma on the 15th January, when the private news agencies were admitted to sell directly to its competitors. It is proposed to follow the same procedure with the other PWB controlled papers in Liberated Italy. Since the setting up and subsequent liquidation of newspapers in German controlled Italy raise issues reaching beyond PWB operation as outlined in

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paragraph 4, it is proposed to prepare a separate memorandum dealing with this subject on which there is no general agreement among the interested agencies.

10. APB. Since APB operating under AFHQ Administrative Memorandum No. 50 will retain certain functions in Liberated Italy, it was agreed that it should remain in being.

11. PUBLICATIONS. PWB will cease to be responsible for the preparation and distribution within Liberated Italy of American and British publications, these functions being transferred to the appropriate departments of the respective Embassies. In Italy North of the Army Control Line PWB will act as the distributing agency for publications desired by the two Embassies, subject to the requirements of military censorship.

12. WALL NEWSPAPERS AND POSTERS. These will cease forthwith to be an Allied responsibility in Liberated Italy.

13. BOOKS, PLAYS AND COPYRIGHT. Responsibility for all such matters will be assumed forthwith by the US and British Embassies.

14. PROPAGANDA SHOPS. PWB will cease as soon as possible the operation of these shops in the area South of the Army Control Line. The Embassies do not desire to continue these activities, and the properties concerned will be derequisitioned.

15. FILM DISTRIBUTION. PWB should retain this responsibility throughout Liberated Italy until such time as it should be possible for private agencies to take over. The question will be reviewed by PWB in conjunction with AC and the US and British Embassies on or about May 1st.

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18. NEWS FEATURES. The US and British Embassies will take over entire responsibility for the provision of news features and other material required for "the projection" of their respective countries.

19. PHOTOGRAPHIC SERVICES. PWB will derequisition its present photographic facilities. OWI and MOI will set up a photographic servicing operation on a contratual basis to service themselves and PWB. The distribution of US and British photos South of the Army Control Line will be undertaken by commercial agencies and by MOI and OWI. PWB will continue the taking of photographs in Italy for its own purposes, such photographs to be available to OWI, MOI and PWE for their use.

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ACTION ALREADY TAKEN. The following action has already been taken, and is set out under the appropriate paragraphs of this memorandum:

(a) The division of PWB Italy into two separate units, one of which is more particularly charged with the responsibility for the liquidation and transfer of PWB functions in Liberated Italy.

(b) The admission of private news agencies to the city of Rome where they are selling news directly to the Italian newspapers and agencies.

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(a) That the private news agencies be permitted in addition to servicing the Italian press in Rome, to sell directly to the Italian press and news agencies throughout Liberated Italy South of the present Army Control Line, beginning March 1st, or such other date as the technical sub-committee may recommend.

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(d) That PWB cease to exercise control over any Italian paper south of the present Army Control Line, and cease to have any responsibility for press liaison in the same area, subject to the responsibilities of APB, as set forth in AFHQ Administrative Memorandum No. 50.

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(g) That PWB cease to operate propaganda shops in the area south of the Army Control Line.

(h) That PWB continue to carry out such other functions as are set out above on lines already operating, until such time as differently instructed.

(i) That the licensing of films for exhibition in Italy cease to be the responsibility of PWB and be carried out by the proposed Italian Film Board.

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REORGANISATION OF PWB LIBERATED ITALY

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After March 1st, or such other date as the technical sub-committee may determine, PWB Liberated Italy will have the following news responsibilities, other than those referred to in para 5. (a) The provision of a news and monitoring unit at Caserta for the reception and distribution within AFHQ of news and monitored intelligence material. (b) The retention at Rome of a similar unit for the servicing of PWB Liberated Italy, (it was agreed that PWB would make available to AC copies of this news service).

The unit at Caserta is already functioning, though further transfers of staff will be required to provide the service required by AFHQ. The unit at Rome will in practice form part of the organisation required for the central servicing of PWB 15th Army Group, and such PWB AFHQ activities as are carried out in Rome, but arrangements have already been made to ensure that PWB news activities in Rome itself do not exceed those proposed herein after the date to be determined by the technical sub-committee.

7. MONITORING. PWB Monitoring in Liberated Italy will after March 1st, or such other date as may be determined by the technical sub-committee referred to in the previous paragraph, consist of : (A) the small combined news and monitoring unit at Caserta to which reference has already been made, and (B) such monitoring services as are essential for such PWB sections as are retained at Rome. These are principally the central services for PWB 15th Army Group and the Intelligence service.

As has already been stated the combined news and monitoring unit is already functioning at Caserta. Action has also been taken to reduce the monitoring unit at Rome to the dimensions required, and heavy reductions of staff have already been effected.

8. RADIO. The administration and the entertainment programmes of Italian radio have already under earlier agreements been handed back to RAI. When Italian newspapers outside Rome are able freely to acquire their news directly from private news agencies it will be difficult to defend PWB's retention of control of the Italian news broadcast over RAI transmitters. It is therefore proposed that the entire control of Italian broadcasting be returned to RAI subject to the reservation on Rome short wave and Bari I of such time as may be required for operational programmes to AFHQ targets (this will be discussed in the separate memorandum referred to in paragraph 5). Subject to these reservations PWB will require no facilities on Italian stations South of the present Army Control Line, but it may be necessary to make provision for the retention of time for operational purposes on Italian stations at present North of the Control Line, when this is moved forward.

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10. APB. Since APB operating under AFHQ Administrative Memorandum No. 50 will retain certain functions in Liberated Italy, it was agreed that it should remain in being.

11. PUBLICATIONS. PWB will cease to be responsible for the preparation and distribution within Liberated Italy of American and British publications, these functions being transferred to the appropriate departments of the respective Embassies. In Italy North of the Army Control Line PWB will act as the distributing agency for publications desired by the two Embassies, subject to the requirements of military censorship.

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Control Line only such essential printing services as may be required for the production of operational material (e.g. leaflets).

ACTION ALREADY TAKEN. The following action has already been taken, and is set out under the appropriate paragraphs of this memorandum:

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(c) That PWB be relieved of all responsibility for the provision of news to the Italian press, radio and any other organ situated in the area South of the present Army Control Line.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the President
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To: The Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission.

From: Mr. Macmillan.

I was speaking to Brigadier Lush yesterday about the position as between P.W.B. and A.C. Perhaps we could have a word some time as to whether there is anything more necessary to be done here or at A.F.H.Q. or in Washington to finalize the agreements come to locally. My own view is that if we can agree amongst ourselves, it would be best just to do what we want and then report it when it is done.

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8th February, 1945.

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6 February 1945.

SUBJECT : COMMENTS ON PWB MEMO "SERVICING OF PWB 15TH ARMY GROUP FROM PWB LIBERATED ITALY".

TO : The Chief Commissioner, A.C.

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Therefore I do not see any case at all for a "strong central news operation" and I see everything against it.

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PWB was directed, as I understand, to liquidate by March 1; now here they are establishing a strong central news operation. Let them do that North of the Army Control line : but if they do it in Rome, then it means the perpetuation ad infinitum of ANSA, requisitioning (not only for printing but for photography and cinema and posters and leaflets and staff!) and, in fact, the complete PWB set-up. "Liquidation" becomes a farce.

Paragraphs 4, 5, 6 and 7 deal with radio, and make what seem to me quite outrageous demands. The PWB are said to require :

One 20 kw long-wave transmitter
" unspecified short-wave transmitter
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" unspecified 1 kw transmitter.

All these are at Torre Nova near Rome.

In addition the PWB require, in this connection "certain"(unspecified) "office facilities, which can most conveniently remain in Italcable offices". Oppose this

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Paragraph 7 is very controversial. PWB's "agreement with" (read "dictation to") RAI is to include PWB's retention of "accommodation, technical equipment and personnel". What does this mean? It might mean anything : it certainly can NOT mean that RAI is master in its own studios! All this guff about "technical advice and assistance" being necessary

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is designed to keep PWB in being : Italian technicians are excellent and I don't believe that RAI could not provide a perfectly good technical service without PWB's intervention, and without reserving "accommodation".

Paragraph 8 states that German intelligence "is properly a function of PWB 15th Army Group" but "will function in Rome as long as proximity to AFHQ makes this desirable".

Presumably this means that the monitoring report has to be given to Caserta. If technical equipment or the lack of it makes it inevitable that Axis broadcasts be monitored at Rome (which I very much doubt : monitoring can be done almost anywhere) I fail to see why the material cannot be sent to Caserta and collated and distributed by the Unit there. Why in Rome?

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
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STAFF MEMORANDUM)
: 5 February 1945
NUMBER 13)

PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE RESPONSIBILITIES
IN THE MEDITERRANEAN THEATER

AFHQ Staff Memorandum Number 56 and Section II, Number 62, both 1943 and AFHQ Staff Memorandum Number 97, 1944, together with any other instructions regarding the responsibilities of PWB, are rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

I --- ORGANIZATION OF PWB

1. The Psychological Warfare Branch (PWB) of AFHQ operates under a Director, appointed by the Supreme Allied Commander and directly responsible to the Chief of Staff. The Director is assisted by a Deputy Director, who will be British if the Director is American and vice-versa.

2. The Director of PWB is responsible for its internal administration as to personnel, resources and technical operations.

3. PWB includes personnel and operating resources of the US Office of War Information (OWI) and of the Political Intelligence Department of the British Foreign Office (PID) in the Mediterranean Theater, and other military and civilian personnel.

II -- ACTIVITIES OF PWB

1. PWB is responsible in general for propaganda and other psychological warfare activities in support of AFHQ objectives in any areas in this Theater as directed by the Supreme Allied Commander. In particular, until otherwise instructed by the Supreme Allied Commander, PWB is at present responsible for the following principal activities:

a. "Tactical" propaganda in support of operations by Fifth and Eighth Armies.

b. "Strategic" propaganda of incitement or instruction to resistance elements in the general area of 15th Army Group's operations and instructions to disturbed populations in the area of AMG behind the front.

c. Depressive or surrender propaganda directed to enemy troops and populations.

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d. Propaganda of general political incitement to the population of AUSTRIA.

e. Propaganda (to be carried out exclusively by a unit of the Branch's British element) in support of Land Forces and Military Liaison GREECE.

f. Propaganda in support of Military Liaison in other areas as may be requested by G-5.

III - DIRECTION OF PWB ACTIVITIES

1. Psychological Warfare activities in this Theater will be conducted in accordance with the psychological and political global warfare policy as directed by the Combined Chiefs of Staff. The Theater policy will be determined by the Supreme Allied Commander on the advice of the Psychological Warfare Sub-Committee This Sub-Committee will report to the Chief of Staff, and will consist of:

Chief, IMC - Chairman
Director, PWB
Deputy Director, PWB
US Political Advisor (or his representative)
British Resident Minister (or his representative)
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, AFHQ (or his representative)
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, AFHQ (or his representative)

together with such other persons as the Sub-Committee may from time to time coopt

2. Propaganda directives, based on the directives of PWE, LONDON, and OWI, WASHINGTON, will be drawn up by PWB. PWB will be responsible for obtaining concurrences of the Chief, IMC; the US Political Advisor; the British Resident Minister; G-2, AFHQ; G-3, AFHQ; G-5, AFHQ; and of any other agency which the Chief of Staff may prescribe. After concurrence, the directives will be distributed by PWB.

3. Activities carried on by PWB in any area within the Theater will cease, or be transferred to other agencies, as directed by the Supreme Allied Commander. Such cessation or transfer will be in accordance with detailed plans, fixing the time and manner of cessation or transfer of activities, and the agencies, if any, to which responsibility is to be transferred. Except as the Supreme Allied Commander has instructed or may instruct otherwise, such plans will be prepared by PWB and coordinated with all other interested agencies, and will be submitted for approval of the Chief of Staff through the Psychological Warfare Sub-Committee, AFHQ.

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3 February 1945

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Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone, USNR
Chief Commissioner
Hq. Allied Commission

Dear Ellery:

Enclosed are copies of two drafts you might like to study before Mr. Radford and I see you Monday morning at 9.

Sincerely yours,

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

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2 Subject. (1) Servicing of PWB 15th Army Group.
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Servicing of PWB 15th Army Group, from PWB Liberated Italy.

1. The proposal to liquidate or transfer the greater part of PWB functions in Liberated Italy south of the ACL while retaining these functions virtually unchanged in German-occupied Italy, and in the disturbed areas behind the front makes it necessary to examine and lay down those central functions which have hitherto been shared by PWB units throughout Italy, and to define those of which the continuance is necessary for the efficient running of PWB 15th Army Group. For communications and other technical reasons it is desirable that certain of these technical functions should continue to be operated in Liberated Italy, particularly in Rome, which is the only centre where adequate facilities exist or are likely to exist. The present memorandum sets out those facilities which PWB will require for the efficient working of its operations both in Italy and in other areas where its responsibilities continue.

2. While the facilities discussed in this memorandum are primarily those needed for PWB operations in North Italy these same facilities will be of very considerable assistance to PWB in its operations towards the Balkans and Austria, and that at least some portion of them would in any case be required in Liberated Italy itself in respect of those functions which PWB is likely to retain in the immediate future.

3. News. Cable and other communication facilities, establish Rome, at least in the immediate future as the only possible centre for the reception and dissemination within the Mediterranean theatre of world news and news from Liberated Italy. In greater detail the responsibilities of PWB in this field, which includes the transmission back to the U.S. and Great Britain of specialised items required by OWI and PWE, are set out in the attached memorandum of 18th January drawn up by Mr. Bancroft, and this memorandum emphasizes the fact that these responsibilities "can be efficiently and effectively discharged, only if PWB maintains one strong central news operation". It is therefore suggested that a Central News operation will be required and that Rome should remain its location.

4. The technical facilities required for the operation as envisaged are set forth in the attached memorandum of 20th January from Mr. Bancroft and Mr. King. In the opinion of PWB these facilities represent the minimum possible required for the efficient working of the system. They are set forth in greater detail in the memorandum already cited. To summarise PWB will need one 20 Kw. long wave transmitter, one medium wave transmitter, and one short wave transmitter, together with a 1 Kw. transmitter for use towards Austria and other more distant objectives. The first mentioned transmitter was requisitioned from Italcable and reconditioned with U.S. equipment. The second and third were constructed by PWB from captured enemy equipment and U.S. equipment. The last mentioned was requisitioned from Italcable, and reconditioned with U.S. equipment. All four are located at Torinova. In addition to this equipment certain office facilities will be required, and these can most conveniently remain in Italcable offices.

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5. Radio. Under the suggested rendition of radio to the control of RAI the reservation is made that time be reserved to PWB for operational broadcasts to AFHQ targets. Schedules have been prepared in the case of Rome short wave (hope) and Bari I, and are attached to this memorandum. Such schedules include transmissions at present in operation or transmissions which it is proposed to initiate in order more effectively to bring psychological warefare to bear on targets laid down by AFHQ. Subject to these two transmitters PWB would not desire to reserve time on any Italian transmitters in the territory south of the present ACL, as it feels that the advantages to be gained by such reservation would be offset by the adverse reaction of the Italian authorities to such reservation of time which would necessarily diminish the time available to RAI.

6. The Rome short wave schedule makes provision for the reservation of five hours each day, and on Bari I of 5¼ hours each day. While it is not desired to consider these as fixed and unalterable requirements PWB would be prepared to agree that they represent the maximum possible requirements requests to vary these schedules would only be made as the result of an agreement with RAI, and to hand back to RAI at the earliest possible moment such periods as may become redundant.

7. In respect of such transmissions PWB will provide RAI with technical advice and assistance to meet the needs of such operational programmes, subject to an agreement with RAI to leave at the disposal of PWB for the purpose of these broadcasts the existing accommodation technical equipment and personnel, the agreement to be modified only insofar as may be mutually agreed between PWB and RAI.

8. Intelligence. PWB German Intelligence which is properly a function of PWB 15th Army Group will function in Rome as long as proximity to AFHQ makes this desirable.

9. Printing. PWB will require to retain in liberated Italy requisitioned printing works for the preparation of operational output such as leaflets where security and considerations of speed are necessary. PWB will review its needs under this heading and provide for the immediate derequisitioning of such plants as are no longer required for the above purposes.

ACTION REQUIRED: The SAC will be asked to direct (a) that PWB retain the technical facilities and accommodation referred to in pares 2 and 3, or their equivalent.
(b) that PWB be permitted to retain operating time on the transmitters Rome short wave, and Bari I in accordance with the schedules referred to in pargs 5 and 6, or such modifications as may be agreed between PWB and RAI.
(c) that PWB retain such printing facilities in Liberated Italy as may be required to carry out the responsibilities alluded to in para 9.

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REORGANISATION OF PWB, LIBERATED ITALY.

1. This memorandum sets out the measure of agreement reached between AC, The U.S. and British Embassies, and PWB in respect of the transfer of PWB functions to other Allied Agencies or their ~~addition~~ to Italian Control. This agreement was reached at a series of meetings held between the interested parties and the decisions ~~as set forward~~ are being forwarded to AFHQ for approval subject to such approval the transfer of functions will take place either on or about the dates indicated under the various headings, or at the earlie st possible da te that can be agreed by the various interested parties subject to the co nti nued efficient working of all necessary services.

2. In order to facilitate the liquidation of PWB functions in Liberated Italy two separate HQ have been set up.(a) PWB Liberated Italy, HQ at Rome, Head: Mr.George Edman, Deputy Head: Mr.Lanham Litchener. (b) PWB 15th Army Grou HQ at Florence, Head: Mr.John Rayner, Deputy Head: American, to be ap poin.

3. PWB Liberated Italy is responsible for all Psychological Warfare activities in Italy South of the Army Control Line, and is charged with the liquidation and transfer of these activities in agreement with AFHQ, AC, an d the U.S and British Embassies.

4. PWB 15th Army Group is responsible for all propaganda directed against the enemy in German occupied Italy, for all propaganda directed towards the population of the same area, and for propaganda ~~of reconstruction~~ in Liberated Italian territory North of the Army control line.

5. In order efficiently to carry out its responsibility towards German occupied Italy and the territory North of the Army Control Line, PWB 15th Army Group will need to retain certain central services in Rome and elsewhere on Italian territory South of the Army Control Line. The nature and extent of these service is still under discussion, and a separate memorandum ~~xhich~~ is being prepared and ~~xxxx~~ will be put forward to AFHQ ~~xxxxx~~ through normal channels. The present memorandum is not concerned with these services.

6. News. In accordance with instructions from SACMED, private news agencies are already operating in the city of Rome, and are now at liberty to sell world news directly to the Italian newspapers in Rome. A technical sub-committee is at present sitting, under the chairmanship of Rear Admiral Stone, and is studying the communications problems involved in the admission of private news agencies to similar privileges in other parts of Liberated Italy. When the communications problems have been solved it is agreed that PWB will ce ase to have any responsibility for the supply of news to the Italian press and radio. It is thought that this transfer will take place on or ab out 1st March. In th meantime PWB is continuing to supply world news to the Italian radio, to the Italian press outside Rome, and to supply to the press and radio throughout Liberated Italy, news of Liberated Italy. After March 1st, or such other date as the technical sub-committee may determine, PWB Liberated Italy, will have the following news responsibilities, other than those referred to in para 5. (a) The provision of a news and monitoring unit at Caserta for the reception and distribution within AFHQ of news and monitored intelligence material. (b) The retention at Rome of a similar unit for the servicing of PWB Liberated Italy, (it was agreed that PWB would make available to AC copies of this news service).

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The unit at Caserta is already functioning, though further transfers of staff will be required to provide the service required by AFHQ. The unit at Rome will in practice form part of the organisation required for the central servicing of PWB 15th Army Group, but arrangements have already been made to ensure that PWB news activities in Rome itself do not exceed those ~~laid down~~ after the date to be determined by the technical sub-committee.

7. Monitoring. PWB Monitoring in Liberated Italy will after March 1st, or such other date as may be determined by the technical sub-committee referred to in the previous paragraph, consist of: (A) the small combined news and monitoring unit at Caserta to which reference has already been made, and (B) such monitoring services as are essential for such PWB sections as are retained at Rome. These are principally the central services for PWB 15th Army Group and the Intelligence service.

As has already been stated the combined news and monitoring unit is already functioning at Caserta. Action has also been taken to reduce the monitoring unit at Rome to the dimensions required, and heavy reductions of staff have already been effected.

8. Radio. The administration and the entertainment programmes of Italian radio have already under earlier agreements been handed back to RAI. When Italian newspapers are able freely to acquire their news directly from private news agencies it will be difficult to defend PWB's retention of control of the Italian news broadcast over RAI transmitters. It is therefore proposed that the entire control of Italian broadcasting be returned to RAI subject to the reservation on Rome short wave and Bari I of such time as may be required for operational programmes to AFHQ targets (this is fully discussed in the separate memorandum referred to in para 5.) Subject to these reservations PWB will require no facilities on Italian stations South of the present Army control Line, but it may be necessary to make provision for the retention of time for operational purposes on Italian stations at present North of the Control Line, when this is moved forward.

9. Press. The Corriere di Roma ~~ceased publication~~ on the 15th January, when the private news agencies were admitted to sell directly to ~~the newspapers in Rome.~~ It is proposed to follow the same procedure with the other PWB controlled papers in Liberated Italy. Since the setting up and subsequent liquidation of newspapers in German controlled Italy raise issues reaching beyond PWB operation as outlined in para 4, it is proposed to prepare a separate memorandum dealing with this subject on which there is no general agreement among the interested agencies.

10. APB. Since APB operating under ~~their~~ memorandum No.50 will remain to perform functions in Liberated Italy it was agreed that it should remain in being.

11. Publications. PWB will cease to be responsible for the preparation and distribution within Liberated Italy of American and British publications, these functions being transferred to the appropriate departments of the respective Embassies. In Italy North of the Army Control Line PWB will act as the distributing agency for publications desired by the two Embassies, subject to the requirements of military censorship.

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12. Wall Newspapers. ~~These~~ Posters will cease to be an Allied responsibility in Liberated Italy (in fact none are now being operated by PWB).

13. Books, plays and copyright. Responsibility for all such matters will be assumed by the U.S. and British Embassies.

14. Propaganda shops. PWB will cease as soon as possible the operation of these shops in the area South of the Army Control line. The Embassies do not desire to continue these activities, and the properties concerned will be derequisitioned.

15. Film Distribution. PWB should retain this responsibility throughout Liberated Italy until such time as it should be possible for private agencies to take over. The question will be reviewed by PWB in conjunction with AC and the U.S. and British Embassies on or about May 1st.

16. Film production. PWB will continue to be responsible for the production of the Italian newsreels, and short documentaries which may be agreed, until a similar service is available from private agencies.

17. Intelligence. PWB will continue to carry on its present Italian and German Intelligence services. It should be noted that the German Intelligence service is properly a function of PWB 15th Army Group, but that the proximity to AFHQ and shortage of accommodation in Florence combine to make it more easy to run the major part of this service in Rome.

18. News features. The U.S. and British Embassies will take over entire responsibility for the provision of news features and other material required for "the projection" of their respective countries.

19. Photographic services. PWB will retain responsibility for the provision of photographs for the Italian Press.

20. Printing. PWB will retain in Liberated Italy only such essential printing services as may be required for the production of operational material (e.g. leaflets.) PWB will retain the right to place contracts with Italian firms for the printing of such long term non-security material as may be needed for its operation, more particularly those directed towards Balkan countries, the transfer of which is not envisaged at the present moment.

ACTION ALREADY TAKEN: The following action has already been taken, and is set out under the appropriate paragraphs of this memorandum:

(a) The division of PWB into two separate units, one of which is more particularly charged with the responsibility for the liquidation of PWB functions in Liberated Italy.

(b) The admission of private news agencies to the city of Rome where they are selling news directly to the Italian newspapers, consequent on this the PWB controlled Corriere di Roma has suspended publication.

(c) The institution of a separate news and monitoring unit at Caserta to provide for the services required by AFHQ.

These decisions are based on instructions issued by SACMED, or are internal changes within the organisation of PWB.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN: SACMED's authority is sought for the agreed decisions outlined in this memorandum.

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More particularly SACMED is requested to direct ~~xxx~~

(a) That the private news agencies be permitted to sell directly to the Italian press and news agencies throughout Liberated Italy South of the present Army Control Line, beginning March 1st, or such other date as the technical sub-committee may recommend.

(b) That the private news agencies and that the Italian news agencies be permitted to sell directly to RAI, and that RAI be responsible, subject to military censorship, for the presentation of all Italian news over Italian transmitters situated South of the present Army Control line (N.B. operational programmes, such as Italia Combatte, are directed solely to North Italy, and are not covered, but RAI shall be free to agree with PWB to take such programmes and broadcast them over the Italian network.

(c) That PWB be relieved of all responsibility for the provision of news to the Italian press, radio, and any other organ situated in the area South of the present army control line.

(d) That PWB cease to exercise control over any Italian paper south of the army control line, and cease to have any responsibility for press liaison in the same area, subject to the responsibilities of APB as set forth in ~~Staff~~ Memorandum No.50.

(e) That PWB cease to be responsible for the introduction and distribution of American and British publications into Italy, other than the distribution of publications introduced through normal channels into territory North of the army control line.

(f) That PWB be relieved of all responsibility for the introduction and distribution of American and British books and plays into Italy, other than their distribution North of the Army control line, and that PWB cease to be responsible for all matters concerning copyright.

(g) That PWB cease to operate propaganda shops in the area south of the ACL.

(h) That PWB continue to carry out such other functions as are set out above on lines already operating, until such time as differently instructed.

(i) That the licensing of films for exhibition in Italy cease to be the responsibility of PWB and be taken over by the Italian Film Board.

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RE-ORGANISATION OF P.W.B.

SUMMARY OF POINTS RAISED AT MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY

27 JANUARY, 1945.

Present: Chief Commissioner
Chief of Staff
Mr. Radford
Mr. Edman
Major Fielden.

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Radio Technical services. Mr. Radford agreed that the word "assistance" should be substituted for "supervision" provided, he said, that that "meant carrying on as at present."

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PWB newspapers in forward areas. There was a difference of opinion. Mr. Radford held that PWB newspapers such as the CORRIERE DI ROMA were necessary "to counteract Italian party papers". The Chief Commissioner did not concur, and felt that it would be far better to adopt a straight Allied news bulletin in Italian such as Mr. Linen had suggested. Mr. Radford said that PWB would have to have an order from AFHQ before it changed its policy. He pointed out that all radio would be Italian. The Chief Commissioner drew his attention to the reservations of time on the radio which he had suggested. It was suggested that Italian opinion should be sought on whether Italians would like a bulletin such as Basic News as much as they liked a paper such as the CORRIERE DI ROMA.

Books. The Chief Commissioner asked PRO to see that Finance Sub-Commission went ahead with a note on financial arrangements as had been suggested.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

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26 January 1945.

SUBJECT : RE-ORGANISATION OF P.W.B.

TO : The Chief Commissioner, A.C.

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There is no mention of any limit. Your ruling was not more than one hour per day.

Page 5. Para 13. Film distribution: "..... responsibility of PWB throughout Italy until such time as private distributors could take over.

This is in accordance with the meeting but I venture to think it is wrong. It leads inevitably to deals (such as ANSA) between PWB and distributing agencies. This should be a responsibility of the Film Board.

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Page 6. Para 17. Photographic Services: The supply of photographs for the Italian press would be retained by PWB until it is practicable to release this service to private agencies.

Again here you will be faced with the prospect of PWB presenting a monopoly of personnel and equipment to an Italian Agency.

Page 7. Para 21. PWB Bari: "..... it will still be necessary to maintain at Bari a PWB HQ which will continue to need very considerable facilities for printing and other services."

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE SUB-COMMITTEE HELD IN THE G-1 (B) CONFERENCE ROOM AT 1430 HOURS ON SATURDAY, 20TH JANUARY 1945

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(PsWSC (44) 8th Meeting)

THE SUB-COMMITTEE approved the minutes of the 8th Meeting held on 26th December 1944.

2. LIQUIDATION OF PWB FUNCTIONS IN ITALY
(Paper No. PsWSC (45) 1)

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3. RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROPAGANDA DIRECTED TO THE BALKANS
(Paper No PsWSC (45) 2)

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1945 as a tentative date for discontinuance of all such activities, and recommending the turn-over, to various other agencies, of specified responsibilities of PWB. THE SUB-COMMITTEE also had before them a paper by the Director, PWB, recommending the restriction of the responsibilities of PWB to certain specified propaganda activities, and the discontinuance of present propaganda activities of PWB directed to the Balkan countries. Upon the recommendation of Mr. Barnes, these two papers were considered together.

MR. BARNES stated that the two papers submitted by him constituted a blueprint for the future of PWB. He stated that his recommendations resulted from four principal causes:-

(a) The need for a rolling-up of the rear and flank of PWB activities to free personnel and equipment for operations with respect to enemy occupied ITALY and AUSTRIA.

(b) The already accomplished fact of removal of PWB control over news in ROME, rendering it no longer practicable for PWB to execute its previous directives for liberated ITALY, and therefore making it desirable that its functions in respect to liberated ITALY be turned over to other agencies.

(c) Pressure from OWI for discontinuance of PWB's operation in liberated ITALY.

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REAR ADMIRAL STONE, in answer to an enquiry by Colonel Hill-Dillon, stated that in respect of its propaganda activities, the Allied Commission would expect to give advice to the Italian Government.

BRIGADIER GENERAL MCCHRYSTAL enquired of those present whether there was any objection to the principle of turn-over of PWB responsibilities as set forth in the two papers. No objections of principle were raised.

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REAR ADMIRAL STONE stated that in the course of consultations held outside the present committee, including meetings of the Technical Sub-Committee on News Distribution appointed by the Supreme Allied Commander, conclusions had been reached which led him to consider inadvisable the designation, at this time, of the Allied Commission as the agency to assume responsibility for supply of materials and facilities for the Italian press and radio, distribution of motion picture films, and collection of intelligence on certain items (Paper No. PsWSC (45) 1, Part VI, para 3 (b), i, iii, iv). He recommended that the determination of the new agencies to be responsible for these things be worked out together between the OWI, MOI and the Allied Commission. He also questioned Part VI, para 3(e) of the same paper, stating that it seemed impracticable

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to make requests to private Italian news and radio agencies to undertake activities of the same sort as had heretofore been carried on by PWB, when such activities might not be commercially profitable to them. He furthermore stated that in his opinion Part VI, para 3(g), referring to the activities of Italian partisans, was outside the province of the Psychological Warfare Sub-Committee.

COLONEL HILL-DILLON likewise queried whether Part VI, para 3(g) was within the province of the Sub-Committee.

MR. BARNES pointed out, as an example, the fact that through an order issued to them by AAI, the partisans had preserved an excellent printing plant in LEGHORN.

BRIGADIER GENERAL MCCHRYSTAL agreed with Mr. Barnes' statement of the facts, but was of the opinion that the matter should be embodied in purely operational directives.

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THE CHIEF, ING:

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(b) That he direct PWB to prepare for 1 March 1945 as a tentative date for total discontinuance of PWB functions with reference to liberated ITALY.

(c) In connection with the discontinuance of activities of PWB with respect to liberated ITALY:

(i) That he endorse the assumption by CAI and MOI of PWB's present task in presenting the American and British Governments' viewpoints.

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(ii) That he direct the Allied Commission, in cooperation with CAI and MOI, to assume the following responsibilities or to determine by what agencies and to what extent such responsibilities shall be assumed:

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(3) The distribution of motion picture films.

(4) PWB's responsibility for collection of intelligence on particular economic, political and social topics.

(iii) That he direct PWB to continue to furnish such advisory assistance as may be requested by the Italian Government or private news or radio agencies.

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(iv) That he direct PWB to be prepared to carry on news and radio services in newly liberated territories when AFHQ, to meet security requirements, may so direct.

(v) That he direct the Allied Commission to encourage Italian news and radio agencies to restore news and radio service in Italian areas as fast as they are liberated.

(vi) That he direct that PWB retain the privilege, in each instance with the authorisation of AFHQ, to undertake intelligence tasks in liberated ITALY which PWB may consider to be in the interest of operations against the enemy, or in support of Italian partisan groups in enemy- occupied ITALY.

(d) That he direct PWB to prepare, and coordinate with Allied Commission, CWI and MOI, a phased plan in detail for the turnover of appropriate functions by PWB to CWI, MOI, and such other agencies as may be determined, and to submit the plan to the Psychological Warfare Subcommittee.

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(i) 'Tactical' propaganda in local support of operations by Fifth and Eighth Armies.

(ii) 'Strategic' propaganda of incitement or instruction on the one hand to resistance elements in the general area of 15th Army

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(iii) Depressive or surrender propaganda to German troops in Northern ITALY and in JUGOSLAVIA.

(iv) Propaganda of general political incitement to the population of AUSTRIA.

(v) Propaganda (carried out exclusively by a unit of the Branch's British element) in support of Land Forces and Military Liaison GREECE.

(vi) Support of Military Liaison in other areas as may be requested by G-5.

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Directed that whenever possible, the Secretary arrange for meetings of the Sub-Committee to be held upon the same days as meetings of the Supreme Allied Commander's Conferences (Political).

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PARAGRAPHS UNDERLINED on basis of MR BARNES' MEMORANDUM.

RE-ORGANISATION OF P.W.B.

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SEE (5) IN THIS FILE FOR BARNES PAPER

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Agreed.

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AFHQ — Unit to be established at Caserta for provision of communiques and essential spot news to AFHQ.

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LIBERATED ITALY — Present services to be maintained until the private agencies are in a position to service the whole territory. Thereafter, this unit to be modified to provide limited basic news service covering communiques, PRO releases (both Service Departments and AC), official releases by Italian Press Office and official statements by Allied Governments.

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6. LIBERATED ITALY (Contd)

Basic News and Corriere di Roma discontinued. PWB maintaining LIBERATED ITALY news service (? presumably through ANSA). Question of Rome radio undecided. Further changes dependent on Technical Sub-committee's recommendations.

XV ARMY GROUP — Unit for the servicing of this Headquarters, in accordance with its needs, to be established.

Agreed.

Note 1: A sub-committee under the chairmanship of Rear-Admiral Stone is already studying the technical problems connected with the provision of private agency news to areas outside Rome.

No comment.

Note 2: PWB Balkan news file in morse, issued from Rome to be discontinued.

Not discussed.

Note 3: Printed Basic News, Rome edition, to be continued as long as present commitments continue, but not to be distributed to Italian press in Rome.

Not known what is being done. ~~(Discontinued. MSC)~~

7. Monitoring: Following three units to be established:

AFHQ — Unit mainly for Intelligence monitoring to requirements of G-2 AFHQ.

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LIBERATED ITALY — Unit to provide comprehensive service of Italian Fascist broadcasts and of German broadcasts as required for general purposes (communiques, etc.) and as required by the Austrian Radio Section.

Chief Commissioner thinks this unnecessary. Brig. Lush, Mr. Hopkinson and others consider monitoring reports valuable. PRO agrees with C.C. that AFHQ and XV A.G. service could provide what is necessary. Ruling required as to whether PWB make these reports available to A.C. and if so through what channel.

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XV ARMY GROUP — Unit to provide full German coverage and essential coverage of Italian Fascist broadcasts.

Agreed.

8. Radio:

LIBERATED ITALY — Services to be returned to Italian Administration as soon as possible. Meanwhile Sgt. Sadun and Miss Maxwell to serve as Joint Heads of Radio Services PWB AC Italy.

Agreed. No reason for any delay. PWB say transport lacking, but it was suggested that PWB requisitioned transport be turned back to Italians for EIAR and that requests for tyres etc. be given high priority. ~~February~~ March 1 set as date for

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8. Radio: LIBERATED ITALY (Contd).

handover. OWI agreement suggested on basis of net depreciation cost.

Note 1: Italia Combatte programmes to be responsibility of PWB XV A.G. (Captain Isolani i/c), even though prepared in part in Rome and broadcast from Rome s.w. transmitter. It is recommended that time be reserved on the network for broadcasting Italia Combatte programmes throughout LIBERATED ITALY.

Note 2: Bari I transmitter to be reserved for PWB operations to any extent that PWB may indicate.

Agreed - on Note 1 and Note 2 - that time might be reserved for PWB programmes but NOT exceeding 2 hours a day.

Note 3: Time also to be reserved for PWB broadcasts to AFHQ targets and AC targets on the new Italian 100 k.w. transmitter, when in service.

Chief Commissioner considered " AC targets " would be Italian Government targets and could be dealt with by arrangement if necessary and without specific reservation.

Note 4: AC to consider the desirability, when network passes back to Italian control, of reserving time for special AC informational programmes.

Agreed no necessity of reserving time for special AC informational programmes.

Note 5: Austrian PWB Radio Services established in Rome to be responsibility of PWB AFHQ and time to be specifically reserved for the continuance of these programmes on any Italian transmitters considered suitable.

PWB to define more exactly what hours and what transmitters would be needed.

9. Radio Technical Services:

LIBERATED ITALY — Technical supervision over Rome s.w., Bari I and 100 k.w. transmitter when in service, to be maintained by PWB as long as these transmitters are used for Psychological Warfare purposes.

All other technical services now provided by PWB to be discontinued.

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network for broadcasts
throughout LIBERATED ITALY.

Note 2: Bari I transmitter to be reserved for PWB operations to any extent that PWB may indicate.

We object

Agreed - on Note 1 and Note 2 - that time might be reserved for PWB programmes but NOT exceeding 2 hours a day.

Note 3: Time also to be reserved for PWB broadcasts to AFHQ targets and AC targets on the new Italian 100 k.w. transmitter, when in service.

We object

Chief Commissioner considered " AC targets " would be Italian Government targets and could be dealt with by arrangement if necessary and without specific reservation.

Note 4: AC to consider the desirability, when network passes back to Italian control, of reserving time for special AC informational programmes.

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Agreed no necessity of reserving time for special AC informational programmes.

Note 5: Austrian PWB Radio Services established in Rome to be responsibility of PWB AFHQ and time to be specifically reserved for the continuance of these programmes on any Italian transmitters considered suitable.

PWB to define more exactly what hours and what transmitters would be needed.

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OWI to study disposal of radio technical equipment installed in Italy.

The word "supervision" in first line to be changed to "assistance". Technical Sub-committee to study problems. Any receiving equipment in South to be withdrawn, or farmed out on contract.

10. Press:

LIBERATED ITALY — (i) PWB Newspapers to be discontinued as rapidly as possible. Corriere di Roma to be closed on 15 Jan 45.

Agreed.

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10. Press: (Contd).

LIBERATED ITALY (ii) Press Liaison to be taken over by AC and the Press Attaches as soon as private agencies are admitted. (PWB at present has Press Officers at Palermo, Catania, Bari, Naples and Rome).

Agreed that this be discontinued. (Except in so far as Embassies may wish to continue in Rome).

XV ARMY GROUP (i) PWB Newspapers: PWB desires to know whether its present policy of setting up newspapers in newly-liberated cities is to be continued.

This was agreed at Mr. Macmillan's meeting on Jan. 12 but the Chief Commissioner at the meeting on Jan. 16 said he thought it was time to make a change. Mr. Linen proposed publication of one Allied News Bulletin not masquerading as an Italian paper. Brig. Lush was asked to take this up with NW Italy planning group.

(ii) Press Liaison: Present services to continue. Lieut. Col. Munro to transfer to his Headquarters as Chief Press Officer as soon as his interests in Rome can be transferred.

Agreed.

11. A.P.B.:

LIBERATED ITALY As a consequence of other measures recommended above, the A.P.B. would become redundant and should be wound up.

Not agreed. The A.P.B. to be kept alive subject to call.

XV ARMY GROUP Lieut. Col: Munro, with AMG to set up whatever machinery may be required.

Agreed.

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Agreed that Embassies would take over distribution of Il Mese but help would be required on transport. Suggested that PWB give up requisitioned transport used.

(ii) Il Mondo Libero: PWB recommends that this periodical be continued

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12. Publications: LIBERATED ITALY (ii)(Contd).

until the cessation of hostilities in Europe, under the control of either PWB or AC, or the joint control of the Press Attachés.

Agreed that this be taken over by OWI and MOI

LIBERATED ITALY (iii) Other local PWB publications: a considerable booklet program has been laid out but is not yet in production. PWB recommends that this program be taken over immediately by the Embassies or by AC. Production Unit (if any).

To be taken over by OWI and MOI. No AC. Production Unit.

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Note: Embassies and/or AC to make their own arrangements for distribution of publications. PWB to continue distribution until these arrangements have been made, and meanwhile to give any assistance possible in the making of them.

It was agreed that AC could use local production if necessary and OWI would be willing to assist.

13. Bollettini di Notizie: (i.e. wall newspapers):

LIBERATED ITALY To be discontinued as PWB newspapers are given up (the Italian Press Commission can perfectly well continue this service itself insofar as it considers it useful).

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XV ARMY GROUP To be continued under Chief Press Officer.

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14. Plays: As for Books.

Not discussed.

15. Books:

LIBERATED ITALY Responsiblity for clearance of copyrights and so forth to be passed to Embassies as soon as practicable.

Admiral Stone suggested Embassies could take over forthwith. Mr. Dowling agreed. There was much discussion of copyrights and legality of Italian authors printing or selling in America. How far the 'trading with the enemy' Act still

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15. Books: LIBERATED ITALY (Contd)

holds in these matters was not clear; the question to be investigated by Mr. Hopkinson and Mr. Dowling. Mr. Linen said OWI had bought a number of copyrights and had sold as many as 12 quite recently. Mr. Stewart suggested that AC recommend to the British and American Govts. that financial arrangements should be made in both countries for payment of book rights. Admiral Stone agreed and said that Colonel Grafftey-Smith and Commander Lawler should draw up a note to this effect for his signature.

16. Propaganda Shops:

LIBERATED ITALY	To be maintained by PWB until the Embassies, jointly, have studied and decided on the future of this medium. (Note: PWB to produce costings of this operation for the Embassies' use).

It was agreed that the time for this "hit-them-on-the-head" propaganda had passed. The Embassies, OWI and MOI were to discuss the future employment, if any, of these shops.

XV ARMY GROUP	Service to be continued as at present. Mr. Edman to make recommendations as to the division of staff between the two Headquarters.

Agreed.

17. Film Distribution:

LIBERATED ITALY	PWB to retain responsibility until arrangements can be made for the Embassies, AC or private distributors to take over.

Agreed that PWB retain responsibility until private distributors took over which would have to be adjusted by the Film Board in respect of Italian rights. Suggested that the whole matter be reviewed in 3 months' time - transport a difficulty. Question of commercial visitors or unofficial agents in uniform? (Policy of AC is to allow commercial visitors who can benefit the war effort).

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18. Film Production:

LIBERATED ITALY	Production consists of: (i) the regular Italian newsreel, (ii) documentaries and shorts in support of AC propaganda. PWB recommends that it should retain responsibility for both services until AC can arrange to take over.

Agreed that this was a matter for the Film Board. PWB must retain responsibility for newsreels and shorts until Film Board could set Italian producers going.

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19. Intelligence:

LIBERATED ITALY — To continue as at present, with Major Greenlees i/c, subject to directives of CIO, PWB AFHQ. (Note: Services are in four groups: Liberated Italy, General Report; Personalities; Documents Section; and Press Reading Bureau).

Agreed, except that Press Reading should be consolidated under ACPR with additional staff (Since this was discussed Rome dailies have been increased from 12 to 25).

20. News Features Unit:

Not discussed.

21. Printing Services:

LIBERATED ITALY — Gradual liquidation of services with transfer to Embassies and AC to any extent required.

It was agreed that all except operational work should be turned back to Italian printers and their premises de-requisitioned. There could, if necessary, be agreements safeguarding our right to get printing done.

22. Photographic Services:

LIBERATED ITALY — To be maintained by PWB until it is practicable for the Embassies to take over.

Agreed that this be changed to "until it is practicable to release to private agencies".

23. Leaflets.
24. Austrian Radio Section.
25. S.O.L.S.
26. Administration.

Not discussed.

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Chief Commissioner

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Major Fielder —
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH

ITALIAN THEATRE HEADQUARTERS

P.W.B. UNIT No. 12 U.S.A.P.O. 512

24 January 1945

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone, USNR
Chief Commissioner
Hq. Allied Commission

Dear Ellery:

This is the draft I mentioned to you yesterday. If you will read it and let me have your comments, I should appreciate it very much. At the meeting Saturday, we can discuss the whole business, if you like, with Mr. Radford. 1630 hrs

Sincerely yours,

GEORGE W. ELMAN
A.D.P.W.O. Italy

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P. S. Name your own day for dinner next week.
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The reorganisation of PWB.

1. It is generally agreed that the progress of events in Liberated Italy has rendered necessary some alteration in the activities of PWB in that area, and that the time has now come to turn over certain functions, at present carried out by PWB, to other Allied agencies, and to return others to purely Italian control.

At a meeting held at the Allied Commission HQ on January 12th, 1945 with the Rt. Hon. Harold Macmillan in the chair, the problem was examined on the basis of a memorandum submitted by Mr. Russell Barnes, Director of PWB. Subsequently further meetings were held at the same HQ on January 16th and 17th under the chairmanship of Rear Admiral Hillery Stone.

The purpose of the first meeting was to determine the extent to which PWB functions in Liberated Italy could be modified; in addition to AC and PWB there were present representatives of the U.S. and British Embassies, of OWI and of M.of I. The later meetings held for the purpose of deciding which organisation should take over the function vacated by PWB were attended by representatives of the same authorities but PWB was not present.

The present memorandum summarises the decisions taken at the several meetings, and outlines the new organisation which will enable PWB to carry out its remaining functions. At the same time there is noted under the appropriate headings such changes as have already taken place.

2. Organisation. In order to facilitate the orderly evolution of PWB functions two separate PWB HQs have been set up within Italy. The first, covering the territory South of the Army Control line (PWB, Liberated Italy) is primarily designed for the liquidation of PWB's functions; it will also carry on during the transition period in order to ensure continuity of essential services. The second, PWB, XV Army Group, will retain PWB functions in German Occupied Italy and in Italian territory between the front and the Army Control line. These two HQs were set up by PWB Administrative Memorandum No....

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3. Directives. In accordance with the instruction of the Chief of Staff and taking into account the desires expressed

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at the meeting on January 12th, 1945, a new procedure for the control and coordination of PWB's propaganda directives has been established by PWB Administrative Memorandum No.... This procedure provides for the issue of all directives by PWB, AFHQ, after coordination by personal conference with G-2, G-3, the British Resident Minister, the U.S. Political Adviser and such other agencies as the Chief of Staff may prescribe. Such directives are prepared in draft and are coordinated, prior to their submission to PWB, AFHQ, with the appropriate military or civilian authority. In particular provision is made for the coordination of all directives concerning propaganda directed to the Italian people, whether in Liberated or German occupied Italy, with AC.

4. News. Private News agencies are already operating in the city of Rome, and are now at liberty to sell world news either to Italian agencies or directly to the Italian newspapers. A technical sub-committee is at present sitting, under the chairmanship of Rear Admiral Stone, and is studying the communications problems involved in the admission of the private agencies to similar privileges throughout Italy South of the Army control line. It is already agreed that PWB will cease to have any responsibility for the supply of news to the Italian press and radio in this area at a date to be determined by the technical sub-committee. In the meantime PWB is continuing to supply world news to the Italian radio, and to the Italian press outside Rome; it is also continuing to supply thepress and radio throughout libereted Italy with news of liberated Italy.

When the technical communications problems have been solved PWB will withdraw from the news field in liberated Italy, but will continue to maintain two units. The first located at AFHQ will provide a daily news bulletin on lines desired by AFHQ. This unit, which is also responsible for the monitoring required by AFHQ, is already in operation, and is distributing a daily bulletin in accordance with a line approved by the Chief of Staff. The second unit, located at Rome, will provide for the internal needs of PWB, and will produce daily mimeographed bulletins, which will not circulate outside the Liberated Italy HQ of PWB. News units at present operating in PWB outposts in Southern and Central Italy will be closed as soon as possible.

PWB XV Army Group will continue to maintain a fullscale news operation which will provide the news required for PWB

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operations and which will provide for the dissemination of news in North Italy in the immediate post-liberation stage. A separate memorandum is in course of preparation setting out the facilities which PWB will require to maintain in liberated Italy in order to carry out its functions efficiently and economically.

5. Monitoring. Reference has already been made to the combined news and monitoring unit already functioning at AFHQ. A second unit is now organised at Rome; this provides monitoring needed for intelligence purposes by PWB, Liberated Italy, and copies of its bulletin are forwarded to AC, which arranges for their distribution within AC HQ.

Monitoring required by PWB XV Army Group will be provided by monitoring units attached to its HQ and its local teams.

6. Radio. It has already been decided that the administration and control of Italian radio in liberated Italy shall revert to the Italian people. The date of this reversion will be determined by the technical sub.-committee and news communications, as it has been considered undesirable to allow the private agencies to sell news to Radio Rome for diffusion on the South Italian network before they are in a position to sell directly to the Italian papers in Liberated Italy.

Provision has been made for the retention by PWB of time on such Italian transmitters as are required for programmes of an operational character directed to AFHQ targets. The transmitters affected are: Bari (1), Rome short wave and the new Rome 100 Kw. medium wave when this shall come into operation. A separate memorandum is being prepared setting out PWB requirements. Provision is also made for the transmission on the network throughout Liberated Italy of the programmes "Italia Combatte", and discussions with the RAI will be initiated for this purpose.

Control of radio in liberated territory North of the Army control line will remain with PWB, which will endeavour to associate with itself at the earliest possible stage the RAI, and which will hand back at the earliest possible moment to that organisation all radio functions which are not strictly required for operational purposes.

PWB originally proposed that technical supervision over

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those transmitters in liberated Italy should be maintained by PWB as long as transmitters in question were used for psychological warfare purposes. At the original meeting on January 12th, 1945 this proposal was passed without comment. At the subsequent meeting it was proposed to substitute the phrase "technical assistance". A separate memorandum is being prepared on this point.

The question of technical supervision is not intended to apply to transmitters used for Italia Combatte which would be taken by RAI and transmitted in the same manner as its own programmes.

7. Press. It has been agreed in principle that PWB Controlled papers shall cease to be published in Liberated Italy on the date on which the private news agencies are allowed to function in any town. Corriere di Roma was, in accordance with this understanding, suspended on January 15th. At the time of suspension it was agreed that the title or any title closely resembling it, should be suppressed; that the owner and editor should be compelled, if they desired to continue the publication of a newspaper on the same or similar lines, to obtain a new licence from the Italian press comission, and that there should be an interval of at least 48 hours between the suspension of the PWB controlled paper and the appearance of the new organ. The Giornale del Mattino published by the same house, and under the same editor began publication in Rome on January 17th, 1945. It is proposed to follow the same principles in closing down PWB controlled papers in Naples, Bari, Palermo and Catania; only in Bari where the title (Gazzetta del Mezzogiorno) is that of a pre-armistice paper, is any difficulty likely to occur. Other PWB papers are now functioning at Florence ~~and Bologna~~, and the method of their liquidation may require some modification in view of the existing contracts which provide for their reversion to the ownership of the Commune.

At the meeting on January 12th, it was generally agreed that PWB should set up controlled papers in the North Italian cities on the lines followed in the South. At the subsequent meeting Admiral Stone questioned this policy and suggestions were put forward for an Allied news bulletin to give news in the early liberation period. PWB was not represented at this meeting, but the views expressed on that occasion are being taken into consideration, and PWB will at an early date put

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forward a considered plan for dealing with this problem.

8. AFB. It was agreed that AFB would be kept in being in liberated Italy as it was the only link between censorship and the Italian Press Commission. Its powers, both in liberated Italy and in the area north of the Army Control line, will be modified in accordance with decisions reached regarding the press in the North.

9. Publications. In liberated Italy PWB would no longer be responsible for the preparation and distribution of Allied publications; these functions being taken over by the two Embassies. PWB would prepare a scheme for dealing with publications required north of the Army Control line.

10. Bollettini di Notizie (i.e. wall newspapers). The Chief Press Officer of PWB, XV Army Group would continue to prepare and distribute these as required in liberated territory north of the army control line. South of this line responsibility would be that of the Italian authorities.

11. Books, plays, and copyright. Responsibility for these throughout Italy will revert to the Embassies.

12. Propaganda shops. PWB would submit costings of these shops, and would arrange for their transfer to the Embassies, or their liquidation in agreement with the embassies. In XV Army Group Italy the responsibility will rest with PWB, which would agree with the Embassies the number and type of such shops in the various cities, in order to facilitate the easy transfer of these functions, or their liquidation in accordance with the ultimate desires of the Embassies.

13. Film distribution. It was agreed that distribution of films would remain a responsibility of PWB throughout Italy until such time as private distributors could take over. It was further agreed that the question would be reviewed at the end of April in the light of the transport situation then existing.

14. Film production. Film production in Italy would be considered by the Italian Film Board but pending other arrangements PWB would be responsible for the production of the Italian newsreel.

15. Intelligence. The present arrangements with regard to

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Italian and German intelligence would remain in force with one exception, the Press Reading Bureau. This service would be consolidated with that at present carried out by PRO, AC. The digests prepared by the latter organisations would be made available to the recipients of the present PWB digest and the Press Reading Bureau of PWB would be abolished.

16. News features. The supply to the Italian press of news features and long term items for the "projection" of the U.S. and Great Britain would be taken over by the Embassies.

17. Photographic Services. The supply of photographs for the Italian press would be retained by PWB until it is practicable to release this service to private agencies.

18. Printing. In liberated Italy PWB would retain only such facilities as are required for operational printing. North of the control line arrangements would remain unaltered.

It should be noted that PWB is at present carrying out in Italy a considerable amount of work destined for other areas. These needs, and the possibility of their transfer outside Italy, are being examined and recommendation for their future conduct will be put forward.

With the exception of the commitment referred to in the last paragraphs it is anticipated that PWB requirements in liberated Italy will be reduced to a very small figure, and that it will be unnecessary to retain requisitioned facilities.

19. Operational Services. PWB will retain all operational services required for AFHQ targets. These will be divided between PWB, AFHQ, and PWB, XV Army Group in accordance with military directives. The requirements of such operational services, in so far as they affect liberated Italy have been noted at the appropriate point in the foregoing paragraphs. Other services which will be more closely defined in the new PWB charter, now being prepared in accordance with the instructions of the Chief of Staff, PWB, AFHQ, only very slightly affect liberated Italy.

20. Administration. The internal administrative organisation of PWB will be remodelled to meet its new functions and organisation.

21. PWB Bari. This memorandum is concerned only with the

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reorganisation of PWB in the Italian theatre, and principally with the relations of PWB to other Allied organisations, and to the Italians in liberated Italy South of the Army Control line. The main centre of PWB's activities to the Balkans is situated at Bari, and these operations will have to continue until PWB is relieved of such functions. Though it is intended to liquidate the local Italian outpost at Bari in the same way as the other local outposts in Southern Italy are liquidated, it will still be necessary to maintain at Bari a PWB HQ which will continue to need very considerable facilities for printing and other services. Allusion has already been made to the necessity for continuing printing of publications for areas outside Italy until such time as alternative arrangements can be made. A full survey of these requirements will be made as soon as possible and separate memoranda will be prepared and circulated with recommendations for the future of these services.

22. This memorandum has been submitted in draft to AC, to the U.S. and British Embassies at Rome, who have agreed that it accurately states the position at the present date. It is circulated for information, and action is being taken in accordance with the decisions.

Distribution: (other than PWB internal).
AFHQ
British Res. Min.
U.S. POLAD
I.S. & P.S.
G-5
G-2
G-3
ING
AC Political Section
AC Economic Section
PRO
British Embassy
U.S. Embassy
Mr. Stewart for M.of I.
Mr. Idnen for OWI
PWB Bari HQ
A.I.S. Greece
PWB Cairo
PWB London, OWI London, Washington and New York, PWD SHAEF.

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PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH
ITALIAN THEATER HEADQUARTERS
Radio Monitoring Division
Unit N° 12 APO 512

22 January 1945

SUBJECT: New Activities of Unit 12 Monitoring Division.
TO: Mr. Barnes, Mr. Edmon, Mr. Rayner.

1.) With the new transfer of PWB-activities and after the further turnover of press and radio in all of AC Italy the responsibilities of the Radio Monitoring Division at Unit 12 will be:

a) To provide the Austrian radio section (PWB) with essential and udequate coverage of enemy and allied voice broadcast monitored material, as long as this section remains in this area. A study of the material needed by this section has been carried out and the programs requested are now being monitored for them.

b) To provide the PWB-Central News Desk with adequate coverage of allied and enemy voice programs as well as enemy morse programs. A study of the material still required by this section was made and a daily average of 28,000 words are now being sent to them via teletype in both Italian and English languages.

c) To provide German Intelligence (PWB) with all material requested on German and occupied Italy voice programs both in German and Italian language. Also enemy morse casts.

d) To provide Italian Intelligence (PWB) with Italian voice programs originating from enemy sources.

e) To provide the American, British and French Embassies with a daily monitored digest.

f) To give AC Italian voice casts as broadcast by the enemy and to furnish them a daily digest of enemy propaganda trends.

g) To provide forward units with a complete coverage on any radio stations that cannot be monitored by our forward teams.

h) To provide a small mimeographed report for
1) PWB-sections that find it essential to operations, and
2) AC, Embassies, PRCB, and other Rome area intelligence units which cannot obtain monitoring material from any other source.

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2.) In order to arrive at the programs necessary to be monitored at this post a check was made with each of the above interested parties in accordance with Mr. Radford and a total of 126 programs both enemy and allied were still found necessary to operations. These programs are monitored daily in English, Hungarian, Yugoslav, Russian, German, Italian, and French languages. This figure is a reduction of only 37 programs from our list made previous to PWB's change in activities. (see attached list of programs monitored). In addition to these voice programs a daily average of 13,000 words are monitored from morse transmissions. These coming from DNB, TRANSOCEAN, and NFD. These morse transmissions were requested by both the Austrian radio section and the German Intelligence section.

3.) To record, transcribe, translate, and edit the above mentioned 126 programs, plus compiling them into a daily report 20 allied and 56 local Italian civilians (making a total of 84 people) are still required for operations. It is possible however, that some of the allied personnel will be transferred to other monitoring posts in this theater.(see attached list for distribution of duties).

4.) Until such a time as the Austrian radio section, the Central News Desk, German Intelligence, and other PWB-units requiring monitoring are moved to a new locality, and until such a time as AC, Embassies and PRCB no longer desire monitored material the radio monitoring section at Unit No 12 will have to remain as outlined in paragraphs two and three.

5.) A centralized monitoring team should be carried along wherever the News Division sets up its central desk and wherever PWB- has its main foreign language radio station.

6.) In order to have monitored material available and still reduce our staff I suggest a plan be studied whereby monitoring operations can be turned over to the Italian government. The Italian Government has a very reduced monitoring staff of their own at the present time but it is very inadequate, ill supplied, and no trained personnel. If the plan is approved the following points should be stressed:

(1) Gradual turn over, one section at a time should be turned over to them with the Italian voice monitoring section going first.

(2) They are to supply PWB with one copy of every broadcast they monitoring that we find essential to existing operations.

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(3) They will monitoring any programs that are requested by PWB operations.

7.) Turning over of section, other then Italian, will prove a difficulty as long as PWB operations still require foreign language broadcasts because of recording equipment. The Italian system of monitoring is by stenographing and not recording. They have no recording equipment nor facilities to get any. PWB- cannot depend upon stenographered programs, especially in German language.

The question comes up at this time whether PWB- can turn over any of their equipment to the Italian government. If this is done, and no equipment arrives to replace what we turn over, we will be short handed for future operations.

8.) A Report on Activities of other monitoring units will follow.

Elio Passaglia
Capt. C.E.(PWB)
Monitoring Division

DISTRIBUTION:

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PERSONNEL LIST

Based on the present voice broadcasts and morse transmission schedule, the following number of personnel is required by the Radio Monitoring Division (PWB) Unit. No. I2 APO 512.

SECTION	ALLIED PERSONNEL	LOCAL PERSONNEL	REDUCTION
Allied voice monitoring	4-monitors	3-copy boys	2
German voice monitoring	I-chief(translater 1-Translater 2-monitors	1-translator 11-monitors	3
Italian voice monitoring	1-chief(monitor)	9-monitors 4-translaters	4 2
French voice monitoring	1-chief(translater	3-monitors 1-translater	2
Hungarian voice monitoring	1-chief(translater and monitor	1-monitor	1
Russian voice monitoring	1-chief(translator and monitor	1-monitor	1
Yugoslav voice monitoring	1-chief(translator and monitor)	2-monitor	none
Central monitoring desk and editing staff	IO-editors	none	1
Technical	none	1-chief engineer 3-technicians 1-repair man	none
Production	1-chief	3-typist 2-mimeograph operators 2-Assembly clerks 3-copy boys	7
Administration	4	5-secretaries and etc.	none
Totals	28 Allied	56-local	23

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RADIO MONITORING DIVISION
PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH
Italian Theatre Headquarters
U.S. Army APO Unit 12

Revised List of Radio Broadcasts Monitored daily by P.W.B. Rome
as of January 20, 1945.
All times given are in G.M.T.

TOTAL BROADCASTS: 126

TIME (GMT)	STATION	LANGUAGE	FREQUENCY(KCS)
0500	BBC	GERMAN	62000
0515	MOSCOW	"	1056
0530	MOSCOW	"	915
0545	BBC to Austria	"	609&620&630&956
0600	RADIO FASCISTA	ITALIAN	610
0600	BBC PACIFIC SERVICE	ENGLISH	72 & 95
0600	BRAZZAVILLE	FRENCH	11800
0600	BBC (Italia Combatte)	ITALIAN	9528
0630	RADIO MAROC	FRENCH	8200
0630	FREE AUSTRIA	GERMAN	880
0640	RADIO FASCISTA	ITALIAN	610
0700	RADIO MOSCOW	RUSSIAN	12250 & 15500
0700	RADIO FREE YUGOSLAVIA	SERBIAN	11200
0705	RADIO MILANO	ITALIAN	11812
0730	GERMAN OVERSEAS SERVICE	GERMAN	1180
0745	BBC GENERAL FORCES	ENGLISH	73 & 95
0800	BBC to Austria	GERMAN	1190
0800	MOSCOW	RUSSIAN	12250 & 15500
0900	BBC Overseas	ENGLISH	73 & 95
0900	RADIO FREE YUGOSLAVIA	SERBIAN	11200
0905	OWI TO EUROPE	ENGLISH	1172
0915	MOSCOW	RUSSIAN	12250 & 15500
0915	BBC	ITALIAN	9528
1030	RADIO PARIS	ITALIAN	11847
1030	RADIO PARIS TO GERMANY	GERMAN	95
1030	RADIO FASCISTE	FRENCH	8580
1050	RADIO FASCISTA	ITALIAN	1222
1100	BBC GENERAL FORCES	ENGLISH	117
1100	MOSCOW	RUSSIAN	12250 & 15500
1100	BRAZZAVILLE	FRENCH	15500
1100	BBC to Austria	GERMAN	119
1115	GERMAN HOME SERVICE	GERMAN	117
1130	RADIO FASCISTA	ITALIAN	610
1200	OWI TO EUROPE	ENGLISH	118
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1230	BBC (OWI FROM AMERICA)	ITALIAN	9528
1230	RADIO MILANO	"	11812
1300	RADIO FASCISTA	"	610
1300	MOSCOW	RUSSIAN	12250 & 1500
1300	BBC GENERAL FORCES	ENGLISH	95 & 151
1300	GERMAN HOME SERVICE	GERMAN	117
1400	CBS TO EUROPE	ENGLISH	119 & 178
1400	MOSCOW	RUSSIAN	12250 & 15500
1445	BBC(Dir)-Europe-PWB	ENGLISH	1178
1500	RADIO FASCISTA	ITALIAN	8572
1505	RADIO FREE YUGOSLAVIA	SERBIAN	11200
1530	BBC	ITALIAN	9528
1600	MOSCOW	RUSSIAN	12250 & 15500
1600	BBC AFRICAN SERVICE	ENGLISH	95 & 152
1600	BBC to ALLIED OCCUPIED GERMANY	GERMAN	118
1600	RADIO KOSSUTH	HUNGARIAN	6420
1630	BBC (Italia Combatte)	ITALIAN	9528
1700	BBC to Wehrmacht	GERMAN	118
1700	ANKARA	FRENCH	9465
1700	BRAZZAVILLE	"	9200
1705	RADIO FREE YUGOSLAVIA	SERBIAN	11200
1715	VOICE OF AMERICA	GERMAN	118
1715	MOSCOW	HUNGARIAN	7350
1730	RADIO PARIS	"	648 & 11847
1730	ALGIERS	FRENCH	940
1745	GERMAN OVERSEAS SERVICE	GERMAN	118
1800	BBC AFRICAN SERVICE	ENGLISH	96 & 117
1800	BERNE	FRENCH	6345
1800	GERMAN SOLDIER SERVICE	GERMAN	578 & 6250
1810	BERCHTESGADEN(Sat. Only)	"	556
1815	MOSCOU	FRENCH	7500
1830	BBC TO AUSTRIA	GERMAN	950
1830	"DEUTSCHLAND ECHO" (Front Reports)	"	845
1830	KOSSUTH	HUNGARIAN	6420
1845	GERMAN HOME SERVICE	GERMAN	745
1900	RADIO FASCISTA	ITALIAN	610 & 1222
1900	GERMAN HOME SERVICE	GERMAN	592
1900	RADIO DIFFUSION FRANCAISE	FRENCH	895
1900	RADIO FRANCE	"	1060
1905	RADIO FREE YUGOSLAVIA	SERBIAN	11200
1910	RADIO ADRIATICO	ITALIAN	1140
1915	RADIO DANUBE	HUNGARIAN	920

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1915	GRAZ(Travailleurs Francais)	FRENCH	868
1930	BBC	ITALIAN	9528
1930	BBC RADIO NEWS REEL	ENGLISH	112
1940	BUDAPEST I	HUNGARIAN	559
1930	RADIO TEVERE	ITALIAN	1200
1930	VATICANO	"	5960
1930	TOKIO	"	9520 & 6190
1930	GERMAN OVERSEAS SERVICE	GERMAN	62 & 95
2000	BBC OVERSEAS	ENGLISH	112
2000	BRAZZAVILLE	FRENCH	15500
2015	RADIO PANTE	ITALIAN	1357
2100	RADIO FASCISTA	"	610 & 1222
2030	RADIO MILANO	"	8734
2030	BBC	"	9528
2030	MOSCA	"	7360
2030	RADIO TEVERE	"	1200
2030	ABSIE	ENGLISH	61
2030	RADIO DIFFUSION FRANCAISE	FRENCH	7490
2030	MOSCOW	RUSSIAN	12250 & 15500
2030	KOSSUTH	HUNGARIAN	7350
2045	LEOPOLDVILLE	FRENCH	9500
2045	BBC AFRICAN SERVICE	ENGLISH	72 & 95 & 117
2100	FREIES DEUTSCHLAND	GERMAN	71
2100	MOSCOW	HUNGARIAN	7350
2100	GERMAN HOME SERVICE	GERMAN	592
2100	BBC to Germany	"	63 & 75
2100	RADIO FASCISTA	ITALIAN	610
2110	RADIO ADRIATICO	"	1140
2115	MOSCOW to Germany	GERMAN	71
2130	RADIO LENINGRAD	"	77
2130	RADIO STEFANI	ITALIAN	610
2130	RADIO TEVERE	"	1200
2135 (sat)	BERNE	FRENCH	6345
2145	BBC OVERSEAS	ENGLISH	62 & 64
2145	RADIO PARIS TO GERMAN	GERMAN	95
2145	MOSCOW TO AUSTRIA	"	71 & 74
2200	BRATISLAVA II	HUNGARIAN	1175
2200	FREIES DEUTSCHLAND	GERMAN	71 & 874
2200	BBC - POW SERVICE	"	75 & 63
2200	RADIO MILANO	ITALIAN	6312
2200	RADIO FASCISTA	"	610 & 1222

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2215	MOSCOW	HUNGARIAN	7350
2215	MOSCOW TO GERMANY	GERMAN	74
2230	MOSCOW	ITALIAN	7360
2230	RADIO FASCISTA	"	610 & 1222
2230	RADIO TEVERE	"	1200
2240	SOLDATENSENDER WEST	GERMAN	77
2250	MOSCOW	RUSSIAN	12250 & 15500
2255	MOSCOW	"	12250 & 15500
2300	GERMAN HOME SERVICE	GERMAN	592

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TO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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1. COL. HENDERSON, HAVE CHECKED OVER THE ATTACHED PROPOSAL OF PWB TO RETAIN CERTAIN TRANSMITTERS

2. BOTH OF US CONSIDER PWB'S PROPOSAL REASONABLE. THE REFERENCE TO EQUIPMENT "CAPTURED FROM THE ENEMY" IS NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR. COULD THIS MEAN CAPTURED BY PWB FROM ITALCABLE? ALSO THE PHRASE "CONSTRUCTED FROM EQUIPMENT CAPTURED BY THE ENEMY" CONFIRMS OUR SUSPICIONS AS TO WHAT SIDE PWB IS ON.

3 IT IS TO BE NOTED THAT IN RECENT NEGOTIATIONS PWB HAVE CO-OPERATED FULLY IN TURNING OVER EQUIPMENT TO ITALCABLE

(10) Jan 27, 1945.

Wm H. Sands

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20 January 1945

TO: George Edman
cc: Russell Barnes
John Rayner
James Linen
C.A.R. Radford
Capt. Passaglia

From: Griffing Bancroft/Joseph N. King

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Following are the frequencies and transmitters currently being used by the PWB News Division for morse news communications, which we feel it imperative that we retain:

I - A 20 kw transmitter adjusted to 88.3 kc (longwave) now in use 23½ hours a day (off the air only between 1130 and 1200 "a" time for maintenance). This facility is used for the transmission of news in Italian to North Italy and other Italian points, except between 2200 and 0100 "a" time when it is used for a news summary in English for all forward points, including the 5th and 8th Army teams and the 15th Army Group.

This facility has proved our best for reaching North Italy except for occasions when it is blotted out by static and/or other interference for some reason not prevalent on the short or medium wave transmissions. Months of testing have proved it to be the only feasible facility for transmission of the English News Summary and other material at night to North Italy.

Whereas short and medium wave transmissions can be received with ordinary receivers, this long wave transmission requires specially constructed receivers. A number of these receivers were built and paid for by PWB and have been distributed to key points which were having trouble getting constant reception by short and medium wave.

This transmitter was requisitioned from Italcable and reconditioned with OWI and Army Signal Corps equipment.

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II - A one kw transmitter adjusted to 1550 kc (medium wave) now in operation 23½ hours a day (being off the air only between 0700 and 0730 "a" time for maintenance.)

This facility is being used exclusively for the transmission of news in morse in Italian and the transmission of the Italia Combatte operational radio program for forward points. Except for the hours noted (2200 to 0100 when the longwave transmitter is used for English summary) the same news is broadcast simultaneously over this and over the long wave transmitter.

This allows operators to tune back and forth if one transmission is inaudable, which has proved the only way to obtain constant reception

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This transmitter was constructed by PWB from equipment captured from the enemy and from OWI and Army Signal Corps parts.

III - A one kw transmitter adjusted to 6485 kc (shortwave) now in operation between 0700 and 1830 "a" time.

This facility is needed especially for large cities such as Florence, where local man-made interferences, such as that from street cars, power plants, presses, etc., often causes interferences in the daytime to long and medium wave reception. With this transmission on the air, such places can receive news despite this interference with other transmissions.

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During the night 6485 kc has proved satisfactory for distances up to 1,000 miles as has 8140 during the day. Therefore by shifting this frequency from day to night use in a separate transmission, we are able to give full coverage to distant points as well as using 6485 for important daylight backstopping for North Italian points.

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8 January 1945

returned to G W Edman PWB

To: George Edman
cc: Russell Barnes
John Rayner
James Linen
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From: Griffing Bancroft

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2. To provide a similar news file in English for PWB's short-wave radio broadcasts directed at the enemy and enemy troops, for leaflet and mobile radio units and other operational outlets.

3. To provide in conjunction with monitoring units, brief news files in English for the information of AFHQ, 15th Army Group, Military and Allied civilian personnel in military zones and for PWB's personnel throughout the theatre.

4. To be prepared on short notice to transmit a world and local news file, presumably in English, for PWB operations in Austria or other non-Italian territory.

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2. Under this system we are also able to assure that PWB's policy is consistent throughout the theatre.

Under any other system we would be compelled to establish large news and translating operations at each point, with all of these operations working individually from unchecked raw copy, and with policy at each point depending upon the varying individual judgments of those in charge.

III - PWB News Division is now providing the news files required for all its outlets with the communication facilities it now holds.

1. It is, therefore, strongly recommended that after the second phase of the turnover PWB retain all communication facilities essential for laying a full news file into all points in North Italy. In this regard it should be remembered, as PWB has discovered after months and months of frustration, that no single transmitter and no single frequency is adequate to handle a complete news file. To guarantee against all the various possibilities of interference with morse reception, it is essential that this news file be broadcast simultaneously on different frequencies and that varying frequencies and transmissions be used for various times of the day and night.

2. It is felt that existing communication facilities should be carefully explored. If it is discovered that PWB holds communication facilities not essential for the above outlined operations PWB, of course, should relinquish these facilities. It is believed, however, that 18 monghs of effort in obtaining operationally adequate communication facilities should not be destroyed, and that utmost care should be taken to see that PWB retains all of the facilities necessary for its essential military work.

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REORGANISATION OF P.W.B.-I T A L Y.

Minutes of Meeting held at Allied Commission HQ Jan. 17, 1945.

Present : Rear Admiral Ellery Stone, Chairman.
Brigadier Lush, Chief of Staff.
Mr. Henry Hopkinson, Political Section.
Mr. Dowling, American Embassy.
Captain Anderson, -"-
Mr. Michael Stewart, British Embassy.
Mr. Linen, O.W.I.
Colonel Henderson, Communications S/C.
Lieut. Colonel Soudier, -"-
Major Fielden, Public Relations.
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11. A.P.B:
Mr. Linen said at previous Meeting paragraph had been changed to read: "A.P.B. will be kept in existence, subject to call".

12. Publications:
AC Italy
(i) Distribution of IL MESE was discussed. Mr. Stewart said Embassies would be willing to take over but would need help on transport. Admiral Stone said they might ask the late PWB for what they have removed from Italian economy. The thing to do was to find out how PWB had been doing it and take necessary transport from them. Mr. Linen asked if he could have AC's moral support, and Admiral Stone said he could always count on that.

(ii) Further changes had been made : OWI and MOI to deal with MONDO LIBERO.

(iii) The same applied. Production units for AC were also out.

(iv) On Posters it was decided that OWI can lend necessary services.

14. Books:
Admiral Stone suggested Embassies could take over forthwith. Mr. Dowling agreed. There was much discussion of copyright and legality of Italian authors printing or selling in America. How far the 'trading with the enemy' Act still holds in these matters was not clear; the question to be

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Mr. Dowling, [illegible] Embassy.
Captain Arneson, -"-
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(ii) Further changes had been made : CWI and MOI to deal with MONDO LIBERO.

(iii) The same applied. Production units for AC were also out.

(iv) On Posters it was decided that CWI can lend necessary services.

14. Books:

Admiral Stone suggested Embassies could take over forthwith. Mr. Dowling agreed. There was much discussion of copyrights and legality of Italian authors printing or selling in America. How far the 'trading with the enemy' Act still holds in these matters was not clear; the question to be investigated by Mr. Hopkinson and Mr. Dowling. Mr. Linen said CWI had bought a number of copyrights and had sold as many as 12 quite recently. Mr. Stewart suggested that AC recommend to the British and American Govts. that financial arrangements should be made in both countries for payment of book rights. Admiral Stone agreed and said that Colonel Grafftey-Smith and Commander Lawlor should draw up a note to this effect for his signature.

16. Propaganda Shops:

Admiral Stone asked if propaganda shops should go to Embassies. Mr. Linen said in his opinion the time for "bit-them-on-the-head" propaganda had passed.

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17. Film Distribution:

After some discussion it was decided that film distribution would remain in PWB hands until private distributors could take over. Mr. Stewart said the matter might be reviewed in 3 months' time in the light of the transport situation. This was agreed.

Speaking on this point Admiral Stone said he did not understand how some agents of private companies can get over here and others can't? Mr. Stewart said some came in as War Correspondents etc. Admiral Stone said this was a tough problem. Mr. Hopkinson said AC had laid it down that there should be no visitors, but he would investigate possibilities of changing this.

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The Meeting adjourned at 1730 hrs.

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Mr. Schott	Lieut. Col. Studler
Mr. Dowling	Major Fielden
Commander Lawler	Colonel Grafftey-Smith

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REORGANISATION OF P.W.B.-ITALY.

Minutes of Meeting held at Allied Commission HQ Jun. 18, 1945

Present : Rear Admiral Ellery Stone, Chairman.
Brigadier Lush, Chief of Staff.
Mr. Henry Hopkinson, Political Section.
Mr. Dowling, American Embassy.
Captain Anderson, -"-
Mr. Michael Stewart, British Embassy.
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7. Monitoring:

Major Fielden would take over distribution "within the shop". Mr. Liner recommended monitor service continue for the time being. Eventually FCC might take over. Admiral Stone asked what they would do here; were there not enough monitoring units in

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7. Monitoring (Contd):
Italy: After some discussion Mr. Liber agreed that there were.

8. Radio: Admiral Stone favoured giving radio control back to E.I.A.R. Colonel Henderson said it was a question of facilities; transport was the problem: the Italians didn't have it. Admiral Stone asked if trucks could not be returned and if necessary might we not give Italians a few extra trucks as compensation for use of their facilities by PWB in the past? After discussion it was recommended that all requisitioned transport for PWB radio be turned back to Italians with the understanding that they should go to E.I.A.R. It was further recommended that the applications for times necessary for transport for radio be given high priority. Admiral Stone said this was the time to get PWB out of E.I.A.R. No alterations were deemed necessary in terms of reimbursement for equipment. The 1st of February was set as the date. It was understood that questions of personnel could be worked out by consultation. Mr. Liber pointed out that there was no agreement on equipment with Italcable comparable to that with E.I.A.R. but Admiral Stone was sure that one could be arranged on basis of net depreciation. On ITALIA COMBATTE Colonel Studer anticipated no difficulty in arranging for time required. On Bari station Admiral Stone wanted more information but with those two provises the radio is to go back to the Italians.

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10. Press (Contd):
AC Italy (ii) (Contd): liaison work? Major Fielden said he didn't know. It was decided to amend the paragraph to read: 'Recommend that Press Liaison in Italy be discontinued by PWB'.

XV A.G. (i): Admiral Stone wanted to know why we did all this in Italy when it wasn't necessary in France. It should be remembered that original directives were drawn up when Italy was an enemy; it is time the policy was changed. There was much discussion on this point and finally Mr. Liron suggested publication of an Allied News Bulletin to give news at early liberation period. Admiral Stone said the idea was good, and suggested Brigadier Lush take it up with NW Italy planning group.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH.

CONFIDENTIAL.

15th January, 1945.

Admin. Memo
Number 4.

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P.B (XV ARMY GROUP) Propaganda to Italians in German-occupied Italy (including Italia Combatte).
Propaganda to Italian civil population in Liberated Italy North of Army Control line.
Propaganda to German troops in North Italy.

9. Standing directives will be reviewed monthly by the appropriate HQ which will advise concerning their revision or report that no revision is necessary.

By order of Mr.Barnes.
Director.

W F Hughes

Brigadier.
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH.

CONFIDENTIAL.

15th January, 1945.

Admin.Memo
Number 3.

1. Effective today the Italian HQ of PWB is abolished and is replaced by PWB (Liberated Italy), HQ at Rome, and PWB (XV Army Group), HQ at Florence.

2. PWB (Liberated Italy) HQ will be responsible, subject to the directives of PWB AFHQ. for all PWB operations within Italian territory south of the Army Control line, and will also be charged with the liquidation or transfer of these operations in agreement with AFHQ, AC and the U.S.and British Embassies.

3. PWB (XV Army Group) HQ will be responsible, subject to the directives of PWB AFHQ, for all propaganda and other operations directed towards the population of the same area, and for propaganda of consolidation in the area North of the Army Control line.

4. The following appointments become effective today:

PWB (LIBERATED ITALY) HQ Head: Mr.George Edman
Deputy Head Mr.Lanham Titchener

PWB (XV ARMY GROUP) HQ Head: Mr.John Rayner
Deputy Head: American, to be appointed.

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REORGANISATION OF P.W.B. ITALY

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Brigadier Lush, Chief of Staff.
Mr. Russell Barnes, P.W.B.
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Mr. MACMILLAN said that they could certainly bill them; payment was quite another thing.

Mr. BARNES said (10) that the PWB wished to cut loose entirely from the newspapers which they had been running and to insist that the titles should not be used again. (17) As to films, they had an organisation of 300 people for distribution, but this cost nothing as payment for it was taken from film receipts. They could turn over to AC or anyone else a smoothly functioning organisation. (18) He

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thought that production could be taken over by the AC; the main PWB activity was to make Italian trailers for the newsreels sent from overseas.

Mr. RADFORD said (1S) that many people were anxious for the Intelligence services to continue. They were found useful in Washington and London. He thought that they might be taken over by the Embassies.

Mr. MACMILLAN said that the object of the meeting was to set a dividing line between PWB and other bodies. They could decide later which bodies would take over the various activities. He did not wish to draw a line between AC and the Embassies at this point.

The meeting then considered Mr. BARNES' memorandum point by point:-

1 - 4. Brigadier LUSH said that the definition "PWB XV Army Group" might be confusing. It would not include much AMG territory.

Mr. BARNES said that it could be called "PWB AMG and German-occupied Italy" and "PWB Italian Government territory".

Brigadier LUSH said that what was intended, he thought, was Italy south of the Army Control Line.

Mr. MACMILLAN agreed and directed that the territory described in Mr. BARNES' memorandum as "AC Italy" be taken to mean all Italy south of the Army Control Line.

5. It was agreed that directives would only be necessary on rare occasions in AC Italy. There was no objection to the procedure suggested.

6. News Services: Mr. BARNES asked Captain ANDERSON to speak to the question of Agencies.

Captain ANDERSON said that no Italian agency was yet functioning well enough to deliver news. Nor did he think that outside agencies were yet in a position to do so. PWB had the facilities to work with ANSA and could relinquish employees and information to ANSA in order to get it going. This was absolutely necessary for any Italian agency. Also PWB had to make their news from Liberated Italy available to the Roman press. He did not know how that was to be done. PWB could not do this according to the Caserta directive. Could AC do it? He thought that ANSA was very much frightened about its responsibilities and it would be a hard struggle for them to take over on Monday.

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The meeting then considered Mr. BARNES' memorandum point by point:-

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Mr. BARNES said that it could be called "PWB AMG and German-occupied Italy" and "PWB Italian Government territory".

Brigadier LUSH said that what was intended, he thought, was Italy south of the Army Control Line.

Mr. MACMILLAN agreed and directed that the territory described in Mr. BARNES' memorandum as "AC Italy" be taken to mean all Italy south of the Army Control Line.

5. It was agreed that directives would only be necessary on rare occasions in AC Italy. There was no objection to the procedure suggested.

6. News Services: Mr. BARNES asked Captain ANDERSON to speak to the question of Agencies.

Captain ANDERSON said that no Italian agency was yet functioning well enough to deliver news. Nor did he think that outside agencies were yet in a position to do so. PWB had the facilities to work with ANSA and could relinquish employees and information to ANSA in order to get it going. This was absolutely necessary for any Italian agency. Also PWB had to make their news from Liberated Italy available to the Roman press. He did not know how that was to be done. PWB could not do this according to the Caserta directive. Could AC do it? He thought that ANSA was very much frightened about its responsibilities and it would be a hard struggle for them to take over on Monday.

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Captain ANDERSON said that it would be easy for the PWB to hand over to ANSA, and it was a cooperative organisation which could not be called a monopoly. But if it was to be prohibited from working in requisitioned premises, it would be working under grave difficulties.

Mr. DOWLING said that perhaps the premises could be derequisitioned by us and rerequisitioned by the Italian Government for ANSA?

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Captain ANDERSON said that he thought we might forget about the requisitioning question altogether for the time being. He would like to know whether PWB could give its Liberated Italy news to the Rome newspapers on Monday morning?

Major FIELDEN said that this was a new point which had never been discussed, but logically, since the newspapers were going on to a paying basis, any PWB news should be sold to them on the same terms as Agency news. Otherwise, there would an overlap and complaints. He saw no reason why AC should take over distribution; distribution was only a mechanical operation. The important point was to avoid monopoly, as SACMED had ruled. PWB was giving a virtual monopoly to ANSA by handing over personnel and premises, as ANDERSON had suggested. All agencies should compete on an equal footing.

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Brigadier LUSH asked PRO whether it could not be done earlier. Mr. BOWLING also wanted it earlier.

Major FIELDEN said it was a question of staff. With more staff, it could be done earlier.

(7) Brigadier LUSH said he thought that ought to be done.

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Mr. BARNES said that he would welcome discontinue Basic News.

Mr. RADFORD said that Basic News would have to be continued, in part at least, to supply internal needs of PWB.

Brigadier LUSH asked whether PRO could not get out a daily summary to substitute Basic News.

Major FIELDEN said that he entirely disagreed with that idea. We were endeavouring to hand over news responsibilities to the Italians and to cease propagandizing. It would be wholly wrong, in his opinion, to start another propaganda sheet from AC. Foreign news would come from the Agencies and Italian news should come from Italian sources. Italian news could be translated into English for those who did not understand the language, but official news-sheets should be avoided.

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Brigadier LUSH agreed.

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Mr. BARNES said that he thought that APB could now be wound up.

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12 - 18: Mr. BARNES said that PWB publications and propaganda shops would be passed over to OWI and MOI. AC would have to look after the distribution of publications and booklets. The film distributing unit could also come under AC as a self-contained unit. PWB could carry on the with the production of films until AC could take over.

Major FIELDEN said that he did not think AC need "take over"; it was simply a question, where documentary AC films were concerned, of asking an Italian company to make them. That could be done to-morrow, if materials were available. Newsreels would be more complicated.

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Mr. BARNES said that they were merely newspaper reports.

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Mr. MACMILLAN disagreed. They carried an official stamp and could create much mischief and misunderstanding if they were incorrect.

Mr. HOPKINSON said that he thought perhaps "D" section should be feeding information to the Embassies and those who really needed it but not circulating their reports to a large number of people.

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(6) AC to be consulted in prep of directive before issue.

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6. News Services: Three units to be constructed from existing forces, as follows:

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Note 1: Italian Committee programmes to be responsibility of PWB XV A.G. (Captain Isola i/c), even though prepared in part in Rome and broadcast from Rome S.W. transmitter. It is recommended that time be reserved on the network for broadcasting Italian Committee programmes throughout Liberated Italy.

Note 2: Sardi I transmitter to be reserved for PWB operations to

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Note 3: Time also to be reserved for PWB broadcasts to AFHQ targets and AC targets on the new Italian 100 k.w. transmitter, when in service. Not to exceed 1 hr a day.

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Note 5: PWB Austrian Radio Services established in Rome to be responsibility of PWB AFHQ, and time to be specifically reserved for the continuance of these programmes on any Italian transmitters considered suitable. What hours - what freq.

9. Radio Technical Services:

AC Italy — Technical assistance [illegible] one S.W., Bari I and 100 k.w. transmitter when in service, to be maintained by PWB as long as these transmitters are used for psychological warfare purposes. Time to be reserved for PWB programs.

No technical

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(ii) Press Liaison. Present services to continue. Lieut. Col. Munro to transfer to his headquarters as Chief Press Officer as soon as his interests in Rome can be transferred.

11. A.P.B.

AC Italy — As a consequence of other measures recommended above, the A.P.B. would become redundant and should be wound up. Replaceable by Civil Affairs Detachment.

XV A.G. — Lieut. Col. Munro, with AMG to set up whatever machinery may be required.

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12. Publications

AC Italy (i) British or American imprint to be passed over as soon as possible. (PWB recommends the continuation of Il Mese until the cessation of hostilities in Europe, when it could be offered to an Italian publisher).

(ii) Il Nodo Liscio: PWB recommends that this periodical be continued until the cessation of hostilities in Europe, under the control of either PWB or AC, or the joint control of the Headquarters.

(iii) Other local PWB publications: A considerable local programme has been laid out but is not yet in production. PWB recommends that this programme be taken over immediately by the Publications Section, Production Unit (if any).

(iv) Posters: PWB production to be discontinued. If posters are required by AC, these to be produced by AC Production Unit (if any), or by PWB/G.S. Publications Section (see below).

Note: Encourage PWB/AC to make their own arrangements for distribution of publications. PWB to continue distribution until these arrangements have been made, and meanwhile to give any assistance possible in the working of them.

XV A.G. Captain Service to be i/c Publications Section this Headquarters due to submit recommendations concerning staff required by his Section. Reduced staff to be at the disposal of AC or the Sub-Area, if required.

13. Soliciting advertising (i.e. in all newspapers).

AC Italy To be discontinued as PWB newspapers are given up (the Italian Press Commission can perfectly well continue this service itself insofar as it considers it useful).

XV A.G.

15. Films: To be continued under Chief Press Officer.
14. Books: As for Books.

AC Italy Responsibility for clearance of copyrights and so forth to be passed to Sub-Area as soon as practicable.

XV A.G. Not applicable.

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XV A.C. Civil Affairs to be i/c Publications Section this Headquarters and to submit recommendations concerning staff required by his Section. Redundant staff to be at the disposal of AC or the Embassies, if required.

13. Collecting of notices: (i.e. wall newspapers).

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XV A.G. Not applicable.

16. Propaganda Shows:

AC Italy To be maintained by PWB until the Embassies, jointly, have studied and decided on the future of this medium. (Note: PWB to produce castings of this operation for the Embassies' use).

XV A.G. Service to be continued as at present, Mr. Toman to make recommendations as to the division of staff between the two Headquarters.

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17. Film Distribution:

AC It ly — PWB to retain responsibility until arrangements can be made for the [redacted] private distributors to take over.

XV A.G. — As at present. Mr. [illegible] to make recommendations as to the division of staff between the two Headquarters.

18. Film Production:

AC Italy — Production consists of: (i) the regular Italian newsreel; (ii) documentaries and shorts in support of AC programme. PWB recommends that it should retain responsibility for both services until AC can arrange to take over. Italian personnel can take over.

XV A.G. — Not applicable.

19. Intelligence:

AC It ly — To continue as at present, with Major Greenlees i/c, subject to directives of CIC, PWB ArhQ. (Note: Services are in four groups: Liberated Italy, General Report; Personalities; Documents Section; and Press Reading Bureau.) X

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XV A.G. — Mr. Bancroft to submit recommendations as to requirements. X

21. Printing Services:

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23. Leaflets: — Service to pass wholly under the control of PWB XV A.G.

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24. Austrian Radio Section: Service to be under the control of PWB A.F.H.Q., but administratively responsible in some to PWB (AC It.ly).

25. S.O.I.S.: Service to be under the control of PWB A.F.H.Q. but administratively responsible to PWB (AC It.ly) or PWB (AV A.G.), as the case may be.

26. Administration: Both military and civilian administration of PWB (AC It.ly) and PWB (AV A.G.) to be entirely separate. Military Director, Deputy Military Director and Administrative Committee PWB A.F.H.Q., to examine and report on measures to be taken to effect this separation directly decisions have been reached on the principal proposals noted above.

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PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE SUB COMMITTEE

RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROPAGANDA DIRECTED TO THE BALKANS

Note by Director, PWB

1. The Psychological Warfare Branch of AFHQ is responsible for the following principal activities :-

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(d) Propaganda of general political incitement to the population of AUSTRIA.

(e) Propaganda (carried out exclusively by a unit of the Branch's British element) in support of LF & ML GREECE.

2. Until recently, PWB also had an output of propaganda of the first importance to YUGOSLAVIA and ALBANIA. The developments in those countries, however, and the German withdrawal, greatly reduced the significance of Allied propaganda there.

3. SACMED has recently instructed that measures be taken whereby PWB is relieved of responsibility for consolidation propaganda and control of information services in liberated ITALY.

4. In the course of its work, however, the Branch has become to a certain extent the channel for the introduction of non-operational propaganda material both British and American (including the distribution of films) into liberated YUGOSLAVIA, ALBANIA, and to a very small extent ROUMANIA and BULGARIA. This activity grew from the demands of missions and liaison officers in these countries for goodwill and informative propaganda, and was extended to distribution, for similar goodwill purposes, of material among Greek and Yugoslav forces and refugees in both ITALY and the MIDDLE EAST.

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6. At the same time, the development of radio and press facilities in ALBANIA and in liberated YUGOSLAVIA tends to reduce the value of the news broadcasts in Serbo-Croat and Albanian which are conducted by PWB from Radio Bari, and should shortly make them redundant as a source of essential information. It may be noted that broadcasts in Roumanian and Bulgarian from BARI were stopped some time ago, and that certain services from PWB radio stations in the MIDDLE EAST are being discontinued.

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7. PWB have received requests from G-5 that in the event of ML missions entering YUGOSLAVIA and ALBANIA the Branch should support them with its services. The work involved, however, is very small in relation to PWB's total output; retention of Serbo-Croat and Albanian language broadcasts is moreover not considered essential to the task of assisting ML.

8. The Psychological Warfare Branch therefore requests the Sub Committee to recommend to the Supreme Allied Commander that he should direct :-

(a) That propaganda conducted by the Branch should be restricted to and concentrated on the tasks stated in para 1 above.

(b) That the proposal of the Office of War Information at paragraph 5 above is approved, and that PWB should so inform the appropriate US and British governmental agencies and should invite them to take the necessary measures forthwith to assume responsibility, through their own organisations respectively, for the introduction of American and British propaganda material (including the distribution of films) into liberated YUGOSLAVIA, ALBANIA, ROUMANIA and BULGARIA, and among Greek and Yugoslav forces and refugees in ITALY and the MIDDLE EAST.

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PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE SUBCOMMITTEE

LIQUIDATION OF PWB FUNCTIONS IN ITALY

Note by PWB

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2. The basic weapon of PWB is the distribution of news by radio, posters, leaflets, and sound trucks. Individual stories in the flow of news are expanded, contracted, or suppressed to create effects ordered, through official guidance, by the Combined Chiefs of Staff, AFHQ, OWI, and PWE.

II. Effect of the Admission of Private News Agencies.

1. With the admission of private news agencies into liberated Italy, (already authorized as to Rome newspapers for 15 January 1945) it will be impossible for PWB to carry out directives for shaping, by news and radio, the attitudes of the Italian people toward Allied forces and the Allied plans for world reconstruction.

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III. Experience of PWB in Turning Over its Functions in Other Areas.

1. Already in North Africa a pattern has been set whereby PWB has turned over its functions to OWI and MOI in territory already liberated for a long period.

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3. The PWB has been working for many months toward preparing the Italians to administer their agencies along democratic lines. All of Italian radio except news and a few propaganda programs have already been turned back to the Italians. The Italian government now has the power to issue and revoke publication licenses, and to allocate supplies of newsprint, in liberated Italy. The PWB has trained an Italian news desk in the technique of a free press. Plans for agency supervisory boards, to achieve at

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4. The Italian agencies possess, or can engage, sufficient radio technical personnel, for the technicians exist in Italy.

5. When it is decided by AFHQ that it would be proper to release Italian news and radio programs over any particular radio station, the Italian news and radio agencies would be requested to furnish necessary personnel and supplies.

6. If equipment and supplies are lacking to recondition captured Italian radio stations, the Italian radio agency should apply to Signals Section, AFHQ, or the Allied Commission.

7. In all territories so far liberated, adequate printing machines and some paper for newsprint have always been found available.

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(iii) The distribution of motion picture films. (Although the desirability of operation of commercial film agencies in Italy is recognised, it is recommended that temporarily this be a responsibility of the Allied Commission.) NO

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(iv) PWB's responsibility for collection of intelligence on particular economic, political and social topics.

(c) That PWB continue to furnish such advisory assistance as may be requested by the Italian Government or private news or radio agencies.

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