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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

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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

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH

CONFIDENTIAL

10th May, 1945

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

FROM : Assistant Deputy Director, PWB-AFHQ

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PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH

CONFIDENTIAL

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TO : Chief of Staff.

I. DISCUSSIONS:

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.

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4. Radio

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In Southern Italy the admission of the private news agencies was accompanied by the return of the radio network to Italian control. FwB 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 Rome, 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 FWB, 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 FWB 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 FWB papers are suspended.

6. Information Services.

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.

7. Intelligence

PWB Intelligence Units in Rome and Milan will be required as long as PWB retains responsibilities in any part of North Italy. In addition, it will be necessary for arrangements to be made for the transfer to other agencies of work at present done by FWB and still required by the State Department and PID. It is suggested that the persons required for this work, which will outlast the existence of FWB, be attached to the British and American Embassies. A detailed plan is attached, TAB A.

8. Austria

The present paper does not deal with FWB responsibilities towards Austria.

II. RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That AC be instructed to set up a technical sub-committee to examine the problems involved in the admission of the private news agencies to North Italy, and to recommend a date as soon as possible after June 15th for the transfer of responsibility for the collection and dissemination of news from FWB to the private news agencies, Allied and Italian.

2. That as a first stage the transfer be made in Lombardy, Piedmont, Liguria and Emilia. That a second stage covering the Veneto and if conditions permit Venezia Tridentina follow as soon as facilities can be provided.

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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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10th May, 1945

DETAILED PLAN

SUBJECT: P/B 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 P/B 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 P/B 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.

3. As long as P/B retains any responsibility for psychological warfare activities in Northern Italy, it will be necessary to retain intelligence units in Rome and Milan and other centres where P/B offices exist, for the collection of the intelligence needed to guide and direct propaganda and other activities. Reports by these units should be made available to other allied agencies as at present, after clearance with AC on existing lines.

4. It is however, felt that the scope of these reports should in future be restricted to the following matters:

- 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 C.I and P.D 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.

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would not be of immediate benefit to FvB and that such research would fall outside the proper functions of FvB. 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 organization to carry out this research should be attached to the US and British Embassies, and that FvB should be relieved of all responsibility in this respect.

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

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REORGANISATION OF P.W.B. - DAILY.

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Minutes of Meeting held at Allied Commission HQ Jan. 15, 1946

present : Rear Admiral Elwyn Stone, Chairman.
Brigadier Lush, Chief of Staff.
Mr. Henry Hopkinson, Political Section.
Mr. Dowling, American Embassy.
Captain Anderson, "
Mr. Michael Stewart, British Embassy.
Mr. Limer, O.W.I.
Colonel Henderson, Communication S/O.
Lieut. Colclough, "
Major Fielden, Public Relations.
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Items 1 and 2 called for no comment.

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Major Sargent.

Before the meeting formally came to order Admiral Stone stated that two fundamental principles should be borne in mind: 1) AC is not an operational organization, and 2) FIC AC is not a news agency.

Meeting began at 15.10. Brigadier Lush said to-day's meeting was to be a meeting of "buyers" of functions of PWB. Major Fielden suggested discussion should be based on PWB minutes, Appendix to Minutes of Meeting with Mr. Morrison held on 12 Jan. '65.

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7. Monitoring:

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

7. Knitting (Contd):

ATTN: Anne's discussion in the women's group.

Radio: Admiral Stone favored giving radio control back to E.I.A.B. 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 PWs in the past? After discussion it was recommended that all negotiations transport for PWs ratio be turned back to Italians with the understanding that they should go to E.I.A.B. 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 PWs out of E.I.A.B. No alternatives were being considered necessary in terms of reimbursement for equipment. The list of equipment was sent as the date. It was understood that questions of personnel could be worked out by consultation. Mr. Dixon pointed out that there was no agreement on equipment with Italians comparable to that with E.I.A.B. but Admiral Stone was sure that one could be arranged on basis of not depreciation. On ITALIA COMBATTING Colonel Stanton anticipated no difficulty in arranging for the required. On Burma station Admiral Stone wanted more information, but with these two provisions the radio is to go back to the Italians.

NOTE 4: Imperial Stone said NO. 90 is supposed to be fading; it is not our function to replace PWB. He also wanted to know what "AC targets" might mean. Britisher Bush said "targets like top Communist". But, said Admiral Stone, they are Government targets.

Q. Now, I believe you testified that, to be sure, this was a very rich man, but that, nevertheless, these matters can be handled by Community S/C.

3. Rooting and Pruning

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TO ITALY (1): To apply in Naples, Palermo, etc. as a "P" as said can be worked out. There was some discussion about the merits of papers and the legal position. It was decided that there should be at least a three month "trial" name as papers passed from PWB. Brindley Lush thought unfortunately could be worked with the Italian Govt. on a non-legal basis. The METZGERIANO (BWI) however, would be allowed to go on with a clear statement of change of management. Admiral

NO ITALY (41) : APTITAL STORE ASKED WHY AG SHOULD TAKE OVER RMD CASE

10. Press (Contd):
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Major Flinton said he didn't know. It was decided to omit the paragraph to read: "It is possible that Press Liaison in Italy be discontinued by PWs".

XV A. 3. (1): 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 given up with Italy was an enemy; it is time the policy was changed. There was much discussion of this point and finally Mr. Lison suggested publication of an Allied News Bulletin to give news of early liberation period. Admiral Stone said the idea was good, and suggested Admiral Lison take it up with NW Italy planning group.

XV A. 3. (11): No objections.

Colonel H. Rogers said facilities and equipment surrendered by PWs and military and of no use to private individuals now the Italian Govt. The Italian Govt. has, however, facilities just about adequate; plans are being worked out whereby Italians will handle main centers and Govt. will fill in. They can start in mid-February. Radio service is yet to be discussed in detail but Colonel Henderson has the impression they will be adequate.

Further meeting arranged between:

AC	CC
	CCS
	Comms. Sub. Com.
	Political Sec.
	PRC

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Enclosures for 1550 hrs 17/1/45.

Distribution:

Acting President
Chief Commissioner
Chief of Staff
Mr. Houghman
Mr. Scott
Mr. Dowling
Capt. Anderson
Mr. Michael Stewart
Mr. Lison
Colonel Henderson
Lieut. Col. Soudan
Major Flinton
Major Scott

REORGANISATION OF P.W.B. ITALY

Minutes of meeting held at Allied Commission HQ Jan. 12th, 1945.

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 Brigadier Lush, Chief of Staff.
 Mr. Russell Barnes, P.W.B.
 Mr. George Egan, P.W.B.
 Mr. Henry Hopkinson, Political Section.
 Mr. Dowling, American Embassy.
 Mr. Michael Stewart, British Embassy.
 Mr. Linnar, O.W.I.
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 Mr. Rastoni, P.W.B. Int.
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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 organization of 300 people for distribution, but this cost nothing as payment for it was taken from film receipts. They could turn over to 40 or anyone else a smoothly functioning organization. (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 newsmen sent from overseas.

Mr. RADFORD said (12) 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

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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.

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

5.

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. Now did he think that outside agencies were set 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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Brigadier LUSH said that what was intended, he thought, was Italy south of the Army Control Line.

Mr. MACMILLAN agreed and suggested 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 requisition 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.

Mr. BARNES said that PWB had been told that it should not work with ANSA. It seemed to be rather a difficult situation.

Captain ANDERSON said that it would be easy for the PWB to hand over to ANSA, and it was a cooperative organization 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 requisitioned 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 be an overlap and complaints. He saw no reason why AG should take over distribution; distribution was only a mechanical operation. The important point was to avoid monopoly, as SACMID 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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Mr. HOPKINSON said that it came too late. He wanted it on the breakfast table.

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

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

Brigadier LUSH said he thought that ought to be done.

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

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

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. He was endeavoring to hunt 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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Mr. MACMILLAN said that in this case again it was a question only of the interim period. News would be sold to Radio Rome as well as the Technical sub-Committee take its recommendations on news distribution outside Rome.

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Mr. BARNES insisted that PWs should have the right to certain privileges in the Italian programme for "Italian Combatants" etc.

Brigadier LUSH agreed.

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9. Radio Technical Services:

10. Press: AO Italy:

Mr. BARNES said that facilities and equipment would have to be provided by OWI and MOI if they wished to provide them.

As regards the press, Mr. BARNES said that it was the desire of PWB to cut loose from all newspapers, and to stop any perpetuation of the PWB titles.

Major FIELDEN said that in the case of the CORRIERE DI ROMA they were waiting a storm at the present time. It was apparently falling back into the hands of the Germans.

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Mr. Egan concurred.

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

Major Fielden said that it certainly had not much to do now, but it was the only link between Con-sorship and the Italian Press Commission. As such he thought it might serve a useful purpose at times. It would be better to keep it in being for the moment, perhaps working in the North, but available if serious Press disputes arose.

Mr. MacMillan concurred.

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11. A. P. B.:

Mr. BARNES said that PWB publications and press releases would be passed over to CMI 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 FIELDER said that he did not think AC had "taken over"; it was simply a question, where documentary AC films were concerned, of asking an Italian company to make them. That could be done tomorrow, if materials were available. Newspapers would be more complicated.

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Mr. HOPKINSON and Mr. DOWLING stressed the value of "D" section reports.

Brigadier LUSH thought that lack of coordination was the chief fault. All such reports should be coordinated at one final point before being sent on.

Mr. MACMILLAN agreed. He thought the reports very interesting and well done, but he had sometimes thought that they were tedious.

Mr. BARNES said that they were merely newspaper reports.

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

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

Mr. MACMILLAN said that it was really a question of who controlled the reporting. Why should the unit as a whole not be transferred to AG? He thought that it might continue as it was for the time being, but a coordinating committee should be set up and it should be eventually transferred.

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AC
GO
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PRO
Comms. Sub-Com.

OWI
MOI
Embassies

for 1600 hrs 16/1/45

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Mr. Schott
Mr. Dowling
Mr. Michael Stewart
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Mr. George Farnham
Captain Anderson
Mr. Linon
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Colonel Henderson

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PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH
ALLIED AIRPORT HEADQUARTERS

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RE-ORGANISATION OF P.W.B. ITALY

On instructions from SACMDE, the private news agencies are being admitted in Rome on 15 Jan 1945, and will be admitted in the rest of Italy under Italian administration as soon as the technical problems involved in this change can be solved. SACMDE's instructions further envisage the addition at an early date to Italian control of the radio operations within territory under Italian jurisdiction.

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In order to facilitate this operation, it is desirable to separate the present PWB Italian Headquarters into two parts: PWB (AC Italy), and PWB XV Army Group, the former principally concerned with the smooth handover of functions in accordance with a programme to be worked out between AFHQ, PWB, AC, and the US and British Embassies; the latter designed to carry on Psychological Warfare against the enemy in German-occupied Italy and consolidation propaganda in Italian territory under AMG administration.

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Deputy Head: Mr. Hitchcock

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PWB IV Army Group - Head: Mr. Rayner
Deputy Head: Mr. Gordin.

3. PWB (AC Italy) will be responsible for all operations within Italian territory under Italian administration and in the Commune of Naples; and will also be charged with the liquidation or transfer of these operations, in agreement with AFHQ, AC, and the US and British Embassies.

4. PWB IV Army Group will be 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 consolidation in the area administered by AMG.

5. Directives will be prepared in draft by each headquarters and will be forwarded to PWB AFHQ for the necessary clearance and issue. No directive will become valid unless issued by PWB AFHQ.

5. News Services: These units to be constructed from existing forces, as follows:

AMHQ Unit to be established at Caserta for provision of communique and essential spot news to AMHQ.

AC 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 communique, BBC releases (both Service and comments and GC), official releases by Italian Press Office and official statements by Allied Governments.

AV A.G. Unit for the servicing of this headquarters, in accordance with its orders, to be established.

Mr. Banoroff, i/c News Services PMHQ AMHQ, to make recommendations on the distribution of staff and equipment, including increase monitoring staff and equipment, for the establishment of the above units.

Note 1: A sub-committee under the chairmanship of Mr. Admiral Stone is already studying the technical problems connected with the provision of private agency news to Italian press force.

Note 2: PMHQ Italian news file in course, issued from Rome, to be discontinued.

Note 3: Printed basic news, Rome edition, to be continued as long as present equipment continues, but not to be distributed to Italian press in Rome.

7. Monitoring: Following these units to be established:

AMHQ Unit mainly for intelligence monitoring to requirements of G-2 AFHQ.

AC Italy Unit to provide comprehensive service of Italian fascist broadcasts and of German broadcasts as required for general purposes (communique, etc.) and as required by the Austrian Radio Section.

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Captain Pressgill, i/c Monitoring Services PMHQ AMHQ, to study composition of each unit and report.

8. Radio:

AC Italy Services to be returned to Italian administration

IV A.G. Unit for the servicing of tele headquarters, in accordance with its needs, to be established.

Mr. Baccroft, i/o News Services DWS A.G., to make recommendations on the distribution of staff and equipment, including noise monitoring staff and equipment, for the establishment of the above units.

Note 1: A sub-committee under the chairmanship of Mr. Stens is already studying the technical problems connected with the provision of early to agency news to areas outside Rome.

Note 2: DWS Bulletin news file in Morse, issued from Rome, to be discontinued.

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.

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Captain Pese-Cliff, i/o Monitoring Services DWS A.G., to study composition of each unit and report.

8. Radio:

AC Italy Services to be returned to Italian administration as soon as possible, in view of the fact that the Italian Government is anxious to serve a joint heads of Radio Services DWS AC Italy.

XV A.G. Radio services to continue as at present. Mr. Ivor Thomas to make recommendations as regards head of Section and other personnel.

Note 1: Italian Comette programmes to be responsibility of DWS IV A.G. (Capt. in Italy i/o), even though prepared in part in Rome and broadcast from Rome G.W. transmitter. It is recommended that time be reserved on the network for broadcasting Italian Comette programmes throughout Italy.

Note 2: Radi I transmitter to be reserved for DWS operations to

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any extent that DMB may indicate.

Note 3: DMB also to be reserved for 2% by devote to AMT, targets and AO targets on the how it is a 100 K.W. transmitter, when in service.

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

Note 5: PWS Austrian Radio Services established is have to be responsibility of PWS AMT. At time to be specifically reserved for the continuance of those programs on any Italian transmitters considered suitable.

9. Radio Technical Services:AO Italy

Technical supervision over Rome S.W., April 1 and 100 K.W. transmitter shall in service, to be maintained by PWS as long as these transmitters be used for Psychological Warfare purposes.

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

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

Services to be continued as at present. Mr. Tamm to report on division of staff as to make recommendations for the appointment of PWS for radio technical staff.

10. Press:AO Italy

(1) PWS News Agency to be discontinued as rapidly as possible. Offices in Rome to be closed on 15 Jan 45.

(11) Press Liaison to be taken over by AO and the press activities as soon as private agencies are admitted. (PWS at present has Press Officers at Palermo, Civitavecchia, Bari, Naples and Rome).

(1) PWS Newspapers: PWS desires to know whether its present policy of setting up newspapers in newly-liberated cities is to be continued.

(11) Press Liaison: Present services to continue.

IV A.G.

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4-Official supervision over Home G.W., Earl I and 100 K.W. irradiator when in service, to be maintained by P.E. as long as these transmitters are used for Parapsychological or other purposes.

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All other official services now provided by the
to be discontinued.

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Services to be continued as at present. Mr. Tallin to report on division of staff 25 to 26. No recommendations for the appointment of funds for action Budgetary items.

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(i) 2nd Rowell born to be disappointed as readily as possible. Officers of Room to be closed on 15 Jan 45.

(ii) Press Liaison to be taken over by AG and the Press Attaches as soon as private agencies are qualified. (File at Washington has Press Officers at: Palermo, 3.7.51, 3.8.51, Naples and Rome).

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(4) 1945 Newspaper: FID desires to know whether the present policy of sitting up newspaper bars in newly-liberated cities is to be continued.

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

Figure 1

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

Let. Col. Munro, with him to set up whatever machinery may be required.

12. Publications

AC Italy

(a) Italian or American publications to be discussed over as a responsibility of the Director as soon as possible. (The recommendations are continuation of all leave until the cessation of hostilities in Europe, when it could be referred to in its final publication).

(ii) Italian publications: The recommendations that this periodical be continued until the cessation of hostilities in Europe, under the control of either AC or AC, or the joint control of the Press Director.

(iii) Other local publications: A considerable booklet press has been laid out but is not yet in production. The recommendation that this press be taken over immediately by the Director or by AC. Production Unit (if any).

(iv) Other publications to be discontinued.

If publications are requested by AC, these to be produced by AC Production Unit (if any), or by the Director (if any). Publications Section (see below).

Note: Director and/or AC to make their own arrangements for distribution of publications. They to continue distribution until these arrangements have been made. It is essential to give any assistance possible in the working of them.

AC Italy

Other publications to be in the Publications Section this Director to submit recommendations concerning staff required by this Section. Behind at staff to be at the disposal of AC or the Director, if required.

13. Collecting in Italy will have been made.

AC Italy

To be discontinued as the Director are given to (the Director Commission own perfectly well continue this service until insofar as it considers is useful).

AC Italy

To be continued under Chief Press Officer. is for Books.

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AC Italy

Books:

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Responsibility for clear use of copyrights and so forth to be referred to the Director as soon as possible.

of activities in-charge, under the control of either PAB or AC, or the joint control of the above offices.

- (iii) Center for Public Affairs: A considerable amount of work has been done but is not yet in production. PAB recommends that this program be taken over immediately by the Executive or by AC, Production Unit (if any).
- (iv) Posters: The production to be discontinued. If posters are required by AC, taken to be produced by AC Production Unit (if any), or by PAB W.A.C. Public Affairs Section (see below).

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- XV A.C. Captain Carter to be i/c Publications Section this is subject to be to submit recommendations concerning staff required by his Section. Recommendation shall be at the disposal of AC or the TAD, as is, if required.

13. Collection of Citations (i.e. Wall News posts)

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

- XV A.C. To be continued under Chief Press Officer, as for Poles.

15. Plays
14. Books

- AC Italy Responsibility for clearance of copyrights and so forth to be passed to PAB, as is such as practicable.

- XV A.C. Not applicable.

16. Propaganda Shows

- AC Italy To be maintained by PAB until the TAD, jointly, have studied and decided on the future of this medium. (Note: PAB to produce costings of this operation for the TAD's use).

- XV A.C. Service to be continued as at present. Mr. Tadin to make recommendations as to the division of staff between the Headquarters.

17. Film Distribution:

AC Italy PAB to retain responsibility until arrangements can be made for the film sales; AC or private distributors to take over.

IV A.G.

As at present. Mr. Tolan to make recommendations as to the division of work between the two magazine firms.

18. Film Production:

AC Italy

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

IV A.G.

Not applicable.

19. Intelligence:

AC Italy

To continue as at present, with Major Greenleaf i/c, subject to directives of CIC, PAB AMEC. (Note: Services are in four groups: Liberated Italy, General Report, Personalities, Documents Section, and Press-urising Bureau).

IV A.G.

Occupied Italy Intelligence (Major Robertson i/c) and AMG Italy Intelligence (Major Howard i/c) to pass to this branch. PAB, remaining subject, however, to directives of CIC PAB AMEC.

Note: The organization of German Intelligence to be reserved for future discussion.

20. News Features Unit:

AC Italy

This Service to pass to Press Attachés as soon as practicable.

IV A.G.

Mr. Bennett to submit recommendations to requirements. 10

21. Printing Services:

AC Italy

Gradual liquidation of services, with transfer to Presses and AC to any extent required.

IV A.G.

As at present. Mr. Tolan as Capt in PAB to pass on to division of staff.

AC Italy Production consists of: (i) the regular Italian newspaper, (ii) documentaries and stories in support of AC propaganda. The recommendations that it should not in responsibility for such services until AC can arrange to take over.

XV A.G. Not applicable.

19. Intelligence:

AC Italy No continue at present, with Major Greenlee i/c, subject to directives of CIC, PWB AFHQ. (Note: Services are in four groups: Liberated Italy, Unoccupied Italy, Personalties, Documents Section, and Press Handling Bureau).

XV A.G. Occupied Italy Intelligence (Major Robertson i/c) and AC Italy Intelligence (Major Howard i/c) to pass to this organization, remaining subject, however, to directives of CIC PWB AFHQ.

Note: The organization of German Intelligence to be reserved for future discussion.

20. News Features Unit.

AC Italy This Service to pass to Press Attachments as soon as practicable.

XV A.G. Mr. Bancroft to submit recommendations ¹⁰ to requirements.

21. Printing Services:

AC Italy Gradual liquidation of services, with transfer to Publications and AC to any extent required.

XV A.G. As at present, Mr. Batlin and Capt. in Discoe to handle communications as to division of staff between the two Headquarters.

22. Photographic Services:

AC Italy To be maintained by PWB until it is practicable for the Services to take over.

XV A.G. Mr. Simons to report on personnel required (if any).

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

24. Austrian Radio Section. Service to be under the control of PWB (AC Italy), but administratively responsible in case to PWB (AC Italy).
25. S.O.L.S. Service to be under the control of PWB (AC Italy), but administratively responsible to PWB (AC Italy) or PAB (NY A.G.), as the case may be.
26. Administration: Both military and civilian administration of PAB (AC Italy) and PWB (NY A.G.) to be entirely separate. Military Director, Deputy Military Director and administrative Committee PWB (PAB) to examine and report on all matters to be taken to effect this separation directly decisions have been reached on the principal proposals noted above.

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11th January, 1945.

