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From: Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

To: War Department

Nr: FX 52038 NAF 903 29 March 1945

To AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff and to AMSSO for British Chiefs of Staff repeated SHAEF Main for information signed Alexander ref nr FX 52038 cite FHCOS this is NAF 903.

Subject is ~~psychological warfare~~ activities in Italy.

1. During initial stages of occupation PWB, in addition to conducting combat propaganda, was responsible for distribution and control of all news, newspapers, moving pictures, books and other publications except for military censorship.

PWB published newspapers in certain Italian cities and operated all Italian civilian radio stations. It also monitored enemy radio stations and collected and distributed intelligence required for its activities.

2. Recently PWB has been divided into:

(a) PWB 15th Army Group, responsible for operational propaganda in direct support of the Armies and directed towards areas of Italy north of the rear Army control line.

(b) PWB liberated Italy, responsible for activities in areas south of the control line and in regard to which it is not possible to relinquish Allied control.

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3. In liberated areas, to foster in the Italians a greater sense of responsibility as directed by FAN 487, PWB now:

(a) handed over the distribution of news to private news agencies, Italian and foreign.

(b) relinquished control of newspapers which are now published under Italian editorial arrangement.

(c) relinquished control of Italian radio network which is now operated by Italian radio agency.

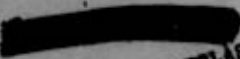
(d) handed over as appropriate informational activities in connection with books, plays, copyrights, news features and photographic services to Allied Commission, OWI, MOI and British and United States embassies.

Similar action will be taken in respect of areas further north as soon as convenient after their liberation,

4. To conduct operational propaganda, it remains necessary to retain control of the following services in the liberated area:

Central news services, rule on Italian radio transmitters, and facility for leaflet printing, radio monitoring and collection of propaganda intelligence.

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Distribution of American and British films and preparation of documentary films required by Allied organizations must also remain Allies functions at present.

5. Your covering approval to these arrangements is requested.

End

ACTION: CC/S

INFORMATION: Adm Leahy Gen Hilldring
CG AAF Adm King
OPD Mr McCloy
Gen Bissell CofS

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To: War Department

Mr: FX 19313 NAF 850 2 February 1945

To AGWAR for CCS and OWI to ANSSO for British Chiefs of Staff OWI and PID to Rome PWB, rpt SHAEF Fwd Bari PWB Cairo for information signed Alexander cite PFPWO FX 19313. This is NAF 850.

Correction in NAF 848--last sentence paragraph A 2. Complete sentence should read: Continue remind enemy both of constant menace of patriot activity and of inevitability of his retreat across Po.

End

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ACTION: CC/S

INFO: Adm Leahy Adm King
 CG AAF Log
 OPD
 Gen Bissell

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Summary of PWB Italy directive for week beginning 27th January, 1945, as follows;

A. The Campaign.

1. No new directive.
2. Continue treating present lull on the Italian front as a consequence of the rigorous weather conditions, emphasizing the difficulties of supply to the armies in the snow bound mountains. Continue to remind the enemy both of the inevitability of his retreat across the PO.

B. Liberated Italy.

1. The Naples Trade Union congress will be fully reported. A special directive may be issued if necessary.
2. Otherwise no new directive. Continue to give full publicity to (A) the activities in the line and in the L of C of the Italian Armed Forces, and (B) German looting of industrial equipment, food and art treasures and the deportation of Italian labour.
3. Continue to mention German responsibility for the devastation and wrecking of Italian Public Services and Fascist responsibility for the deplorable condition of Italy's economy.

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4. Subject to confirmation from Swiss sources report with full attribution the industrial strikes in northern Italy.

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INFO : Admiral Leahy, CG AAF, OPD, General Bissell,
Admiral King, Log

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