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From: Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

To: War Department

Rr: FX 47879 NAF 894 22 March 1945

FX 47879 to AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff and to AMSSO for British Chiefs of Staff repeated SHAEF Main for information signed Alexander cite PHCOS. This is NAF number 894.

1. I have recently reviewed the organization required for psychological warfare activities in this theater. Present cable deals with activities directed to liberated areas in Balkan and Central European countries. FWB activities in Italy will be subject of separate signal.

2. As a result of the liberation of Balkan and Central European countries and the position taken by the United States State Department that combined psychological warfare operations should terminate as soon as the direct war support functions are brought to an end, a measure of separation of psychological warfare activities along national lines has already occurred.

3. Consequently, three distinct organizations are required:

A. An integrated United States/British organization to carry on psychological warfare against areas where such action remains in direct support of the war effort.

B. A purely United States organization for in-

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formation in liberated areas.

C. A purely British organization for the same purpose.

4. The necessary independent United States organization is already being provided by OWI. The separate British activities are at present being undertaken by PWR though it is envisaged that this will shortly be turned over to the British Ministry of Information.

5. Some military control over the independent British and United States information organizations will, however, remain necessary as long as this continues to be a theater of war. This control will best be effected if these organizations, while carrying on separate activities under the general guidance of their respective governments, are subject to my overriding authority should it be necessary, for military reasons, to exert it.

6. I have, therefore, directed that the integrated psychological warfare organization under my command shall cease to participate in non-operational propaganda directed into Albania, Rumania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Greece and the liberated portions of Jugoslavia, except in so far as operational propaganda directed to any of the occupied regions and enemy troops is concerned, and except in support of Allied relief operations.

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7. Your approval of these arrangements, and your intervention, by means of such representatives of the British and United States governments as may be necessary to ensure that the separate national propaganda agencies conform to the above policy, is requested.

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By MB Date MAY 22 1973

ACTION: CC/S

INFO : Adm. Leahy; CG AAF; OPD; Gen. Bissell; Adm. King;
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Combined Chiefs of Staff
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12 January 1945

Supreme Headquarters
Allied Expeditionary Forces
Main Echelon
Versailles, France

British Joint Staff Mission
Washington D. C.

Number WARK 20006

Book message to SHAEF Versailles for Eisenhower for action,
to British Joint Staff Mission pass to British Chiefs of
Staff for information, PACS 125 from the Combined Chiefs of
Staff

SCAF 107 is the reference.

1. There is no objection to informing Coulet that during
the period of your responsibility as SCAEF, Psychological
Warfare Division would welcome addition of one or more French
officers to its staff under U. S. - U. K. Command in connection
with propaganda to the Germans.

2. Entire question of French participation in Allied
Military Government of Germany, after the period of your res-
ponsibility, including control of the Propaganda and Information
Services, is one for decision by the governments represented
in the EAC. No decision has been reached yet.

3. Your statement to Coulet in SCAF 107 is therefore
confirmed.

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4. However, the Combined Chiefs of Staff have agreed in PACS 114 that French Military Government teams may be employed in areas of Germany occupied by French troops during the operational period, subject to the safeguards and conditions mentioned in SCAF 129 and without prejudice to the position thereafter.

End

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INFORMATION: Adm Leahy
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From: Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Forces,
Main, Versailles, France

To: War Department

Re: S 73848 SCAF 166 5 January 1945

To AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff
For info WAR pass to AMSSO for British Chiefs of Staff
From SHAEF Main, signed Eisenhower
Ref no S 73848, ~~TOP SECRET~~. SCAF 166

The following proposed psychological warfare operation (code name MATCHBOX) is designed to undermine German resistance knit together through Wehrmacht discipline, party control and "strength through fear" propaganda, by providing evidence of existence of powerful faction inside Germany defying this control and anxious to end war at once from patriotic motives.

The medium is a "Black" radio station ostensibly situated inside Germany and operated by a group representing Wehrmacht, industrial, and other important elements who have reached conclusion that the war is irretrievably lost, that continuation will ruin German human and material resources and only increase harshness of Allied terms and that Germany's future is entirely bound up with the attitude and decisions of the Allies.

The group will show that a great internal struggle

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*The other respondent
by the Himmler group is
guided by self-interest.
Realizing that the
is proceeding between two opposing factions. The one for
which it speaks demands peace now from realistic and patriotic motives.
Member's past actions make dealings with the Allies impossible
it is determined to fight to the last even though this means
the utter destruction of Germany.*

Broadcasts will be made in German and English. The
object of the latter is cover to support and substantiate
the real aim which is to convince Wehrmacht and civilians
that internal forces already exist sufficiently powerful
to make peace now, and that attempts are being made to reach
Allied world to this end.

This operation can only succeed if audience is con-
vinced of its genuineness. To achieve this, broadcasts will
go out on shortwave giving impression of emanating from
mobile military transmitter; Knowledge of operation will
be confined to smallest possible circle. No request will
be made for dog (censorship) stop, thus allowing free re-
porting of broadcasts which will increase station's
verisimilitude (It is however, pointed out that these broad-
casts would be picked up in Britain and probably also in
the United States.)

A dog stop would prevent comment by press and radio

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in Britain, but no such censorship is possible in the United States. Nor could publicity in Britain be avoided if reports of broadcasts came from the United States or neutral countries. Open discussion of these broadcasts might cause following reactions:

To engender the belief among Allied civilians and troops that a breach now exists between the Wehrmacht and the party, and that an enemy collapse is imminent. This belief might slow down production and lessen the will to fight of our troops.

To stimulate "soft peace" discussions in Allied political quarters in the belief that there was a sufficiently powerful group in Germany capable of suing for peace now.

Operation MATCHBOX is concurred in by Chief of Staff SHAEF subject to your approval particularly in regard to possible political reactions in the United States and Britain. Chief of Staff SHAEF is satisfied that dangers of ill-effects on Allied Troop morale in this theatre can be dealt with here.

This whole problem, because of its possible far reaching effects, is forwarded to the Combined Chiefs of Staff because it crosses fields of interest to the highest governmental authorities. The Russians also might be affected. So far as our own operations are concerned it appears to be promising and if other considerations do not outweigh this fact, its approval is recommended.

* being svcd.

End.

ACTION: CC/S

INFORMATION: Gen Arnold, Gen Hull, Gen Bissell, Gen Surles,
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1 October 1944

From: Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces,
Forward, Versailles, France

To: War Department

Article in New York Tribune on September 16 by Driscoll was quoted from Allied propaganda dropped over German lines by Psychological Warfare Division and not of German origin. Answer delayed by move of section overseas.

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May 22, 1945.

MEMORANDUM FOR

GENERAL DEANE:

The attached papers are returned herewith for appropriate action.

Your attention is invited to the fact that the Prime Minister, not being in the White House at this time, has not yet seen these papers.

CHESTER HAMMOND,
Lt. Colonel, General Staff,
Assistant to the Military Aide.

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By [signature]
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THE COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF
WASHINGTON

"OK
FDR"

May 22, 1943.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

You wished to see the answer to General Eisenhower's telegram expressing his views on psychological warfare for HUSKY.

The attached proposed answer was considered this morning by the Combined Chiefs of Staff. No recommendation was agreed to since the British Chiefs of Staff had not been advised on the subject by the Prime Minister.

/s/ G. C. Marshall

Chief of Staff.

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PROPOSED TELEGRAM TO GENERAL EISENHOWER

The President has expressed the following views on psychological warfare for HUSKY. The Prime Minister concurs: Reference your telegram of 17 May on the subject.

"Most certainly we cannot tell the Italians that if they cease hostilities they will have a peace with honor. We cannot get away from unconditional surrender. All we can tell them is that they will be treated by us and the British with humanity and with the intention that the Italian people be reconstituted into a nation in accordance with the principles of self-determination. This latter would, of course, not include any form of Fascism or dictatorship."

Accordingly, the existing approved statement of policy, transmitted in our FORTUNE 111 of April 16, will be adhered to in your planning for psychological warfare.

FROM THE COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF.

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From: Cinc Supa
To: AGWAR

No. C-250, August 11th, 1942.

For Guinzburg office w/r information from Stiver quote understand joint psychological warfare committee under joint Chiefs Of Staff has been requested to prepare a plan for political warfare against Japan. Where does OWI our fuction here stand relation this committee. Important we know immediately because conferring Saturday with Doctor Evatt whose department as explained previous cable has set up committee to plan produce political warfare here. GHQ has cabled war department its views regarding GHQ relationship to the handling of Psychological warfare in Australia.

MacArthur

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