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31 March 1948

MEMORANDUM TO: The Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH: ADSO

FROM: Thomas G. Cassady, Chief
Special Procedures Branch

SUBJECT: Italian Letter-writing Campaign

1. The Director referred to this group a certain [redacted] of New York who, during the war, conducted letter-writing campaigns of various nature for the War Department. [redacted] suggested a campaign of letters emanating from Italian-Americans to friends and relatives in Italy, urging them to vote anti-Communist on 18 April.

2. As a result of a trip to New York and a telephone call to the Director from New York, [redacted] was verbally authorized to inaugurate this program.

3. The group introduced editorials and articles in the Italo-American Press in support of the plan and visited the clergy in Italian communities enlisting their cooperation from the pulpit in furthering the campaign.

4. [redacted] in a recent conversation with a member of [redacted] group indicated that judging from the increase in air mail poundage to Italy, about 600,000 more letters than normal have been dispatched since March 15.

Incorporated in General Progress Report sent to the Director.
April 2, 1948

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