

5 April 1948

MEMORANDUM TO: Colonel D. H. Galloway
Assistant Director, Special Operations

FROM : Thomas G. Cassidy, Chief
Special Procedures Group

SUBJECT : Progress Report for the period
ending March 31, 1948.

1. During the month of March, the Special Procedures Group engaged in the following activities:

2. Production of an illustrated pamphlet and illustrated leaflet for covert distribution in Italy as a means of encouraging anti-Communist sentiment among the Nenni-Socialists in the coming Italian election. In addition, in connection with the Italian election, the Special Procedures Group contributed to the organization of a letter writing campaign from Italian Americans to friends and relatives in Italy urging them to vote against the Italian Communist Party.

3. Transmission [redacted] of a memorandum of instruction, announcing the activation of covert psychological operations as an additional function [redacted]. In this same connection, issuance of an appropriate amendment to S. O. Directive 18, defining the functions and responsibilities of the Special Procedures Group.

4. Development of a detailed operational plan for covert psychological activities [redacted] and involving a central radio and printing center.

5. Development of potential operational opportunities [redacted]

6. The following personnel action was taken during the month: recruitment of two staff members [redacted]

7. Recruitment of qualified personnel continued to be a chief obstacle and - the most time consuming activity of the Special Procedures Group. A considerable portion of the total working time was devoted to searching for, and the screening of, qualified applicants. The number of capable prospects uncovered to date has been disappointingly small.

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