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Commandant, Navy Yard, Washington, D. C.

Subject: Italian Intelligence, Propaganda and Cultural Organizations  
in the United States.

1. The following information obtained from a very reliable source is forwarded for the information of District Intelligence Officers and for use in the preparation of Schematic Diagram of Italian Intelligence, Propaganda and Cultural Organizations in the United States.

(a) Propaganda Ministry of Italy controls all matters pertaining to:  
(1) propaganda and enlightenment abroad  
(2) foreign relations in general  
(3) and gathering of general information abroad.

(b) Propaganda Ministry divided into:  
(1) Bureau of General Affairs of the Secretariate,  
(2) Bureau of Domestic Newspapers,  
(3) Bureau of Foreign Newspapers,  
(4) Propaganda Bureau,  
(5) Cinema Bureau,  
(6) Tourist Bureau,  
(7) Theater Bureau,  
(8) Radio Bureau.

(c) Propaganda Bureau supervises foreign propaganda and cultural enlightenment program. All the other Bureaus of this Ministry assist, however.

(d) "Press Attaches" are attached to the Embassies and Legations abroad as diplomatic officials but they receive their instructions from the Propaganda Ministry. This causes trouble.

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(e) Military and Party Headquarters each have their intelligence sections. The party section merely obtains information items pertaining especially to the party.

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W. B. Phillips,  
By direction.

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