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5 you should go over attachment for necessary coding.  
 6 you may want to look into DEW/BOS possibilities  
 6 Please note that the Italian service will be aware of this activity since they have exceedingly close relations with the leaders of this radio group

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# OFFICIAL DISPATCH

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TO **Chief of Base, Munich**

DATE FEB 1 2 1950

FROM **Chief, SE**

INFO: **CSB, Germany**  
**CSB, Rome**

SUBJECT { **GENERAL**  
**SPECIFIC** **EDWARD AVERGIL**  
**AVERGIL 1 and Radio Rome**

REFERENCE: **ESNA-30975**

**ACTION REQUIRED:** None, for information only

1. It is clear from AVERGIL 6's report, furnished with references, that he has handled AVERGIL 1's negotiations with officials of Radio Rome with great competence, which undoubtedly reflects proper direction. This new endeavor, along with the introduction of AVERGIL 106 into Radio Madrid, is a real step forward for the group. Not only is there the opportunity of beaming AVERGIL 1 material to the USSR by means of power technical facilities, but there is the added satisfaction of removing from the airways at least part of the apparently ineffective, perhaps even approving, material which is being broadcast in the Russian language. We are confident that AVERGIL 1 will be able to provide effective scripts while recognizing the responsibility of Radio Rome as an outlet of the Italian Government with all that implies. In some ways this apparent limitation may be beneficial, since the AVERGIL 1 propagandists will, of necessity have to stress in their material factual reporting, clarification, stimulation and education in its broadest sense.

2. The separate question of AVERGIL 1 permanent representation and political activity in Italy is one which should receive careful consideration. In order to obtain maximum usefulness from its limited personnel resources (although we hope that they will grow increasingly), we feel that AVERGIL 1 should confine any geographic areas of activity from the point of view of expected specific accomplishment. For instance, what are the opportunities for Soviet contact operations, the broad and bitter of worthwhile emigre activities in the West? Undoubtedly, AVERGIL 1 could add something to the general anti-Communist clamor in Italy, but is this the area in which to commit the slender resources which AVERGIL 1 has to commit? It is by no means our intention to be pessimistic -- quite the contrary, since the consensus of opinion at Headquarters is that AVERGIL 1 should expand its operations in the West beyond just Belgium in view of the changing operational

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atmosphere in Germany. The question is only one of targets and most promising operating areas.

3. It is obvious that prior to making plans for an expansion into Italy, we need more information concerning the Russian colony there (in Rome particularly), Soviet traffic in Italy, the degree of State (Italian) cooperation or at least permissiveness which can be expected, etc. If this information does not become available in the course of ANVIRAL I collaboration with Radio Rome, perhaps a special investigation can be initiated. We would be most interested in the Field's views on this subject.

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