HANDLING OF BBC MESSAGES FOR THE FIGHTING FRENCH

1. Operational Messages

These are usually for the purpose of confirming that an operation is taking place, or of retarding or cancelling an operation. In practice, the message begins some days before the operation is due and continues for some days after its completion or cancellation.

The text of these messages will be prepared by the Fighting French, and mutually agreed, when the operation is first organised, but cases also occur where the text has been proposed by the Fighting French agent abroad.

S.O.E. and S.I.S. undertake the responsibility of passing these messages to the BBC in time for the various stages of the operation.

If these is a modification or cancellation at the last minute, S.O.E. or S.I.S. will be responsible for the changed message and will inform the F.F. in due course, but would be unable to get their concurrence before the message was actually passed to the BBC.

2. Other S.O.E. and S.I.S. Messages

These are likely to consist of messages requested by the Fighting French agent abroad, to establish confidence, etc., or they may emanate from this country in order to acknowledge the safe arrival of persons or documents. They may also consist of messages previously agreed with agents to indicate the departure of persons from here to France, or to warn Fighting French agents abroad that they are in danger and should take the necessary steps to protect themselves.

The text of such messages will be given to S.I.S. or S.O.E. by the Fighting French in time for them to be passed on to the BBC. It being understood that as S.I.S. and S.O. E. are only acting for Security Services in this matter and are finally responsible to those Services, the necessary explanation of the real import of the message must be given.