U. S. Probing Reports

of Italian Propaganda

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Secretary of State Hull today revealed several Government agencies are investigating reports of propagandist activities by Italian consular officials in the United States.

The disclosure came after Italian Ambassador Prince Colonna protested to the State Department against what he described as efforts to create anti-Italian sentiment in the United States. He referred to reports that certain Italian consulates were being investigated.

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Mr. Hull indicated the Government has noted numerous published reports of activities by Italian consuls in various parts of the United States, which, if substantiated, would indicate the consular officials were exceeding their diplomatic and consular functions.