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EPURATION, TRIALS, "REMONDINO"
JAN. - SEPT. 1945

for 5/6

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3 FEB 1945
Run by R.M.
Hamm, cancelled
5/2/45. *W.H.H.*

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~~EC~~ EC.

22A. for sign. if app.?

W.H.H.

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CA.
18 FEB 1945

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C A sec.

Ref Minute 14 above. 22A signed
and returned for despatch.

21 Feb 45

Office of EC

21 Feb 45

Let's despatch 12 Feb.
J. Korman Off.

W.H.H. Capt.

To COS:

1. Col Remondino Vice Chief of the Air Staff, Italian Air Force has been denounced for collaborating with the Germans, the charges being formulated in the memo on folio 10a.
2. In fact from information in the possession of the Air Forces Sub-Commission it appears that Remondino collaborated with the Allied and was in touch through a wireless link with the Authorities at Brindisi, after the Government had been established there.
3. At the request of Air Vice Marshal Bowen-Bueserlet I approached the Procuratore Generale Militare but the papers had already been sent to the Judge of Instruction and the PGM stated that he could only stop the case if the evidence was insufficient. This would mean disclosing a good deal of secret information as to the activities between the Allied and the Home Resistance Movement and seems undesirable.
4. As AOC Air Forces Sub-Commission considers the retention of Remondino in his office vital to the proper conduct of affairs of the Italian Air Force, I consider it is better to issue a instruction to the Prime Minister under the Armistice terms to stop the prosecution.
5. Accordingly the draft letter at folio 14a has been prepared for consideration and approval of the Chief Commissioner.
6. As Epuration proceedings are also pending, I have included a prohibition as to these in the letter.
7. Your attention is also drawn to a translation at folio 8a of an article in the Voce Repubblicana of the 19 Jan disclosing evidence in the possession of the High Commissioner for Sanctions against Fascism. Disclosure of such evidence from an official Government Office is most undesirable.
I recommend that I be instructed to take this up with the Deputy High Commissioner for Sanctions against Fascism, as the office of the High Commissioner is vacant.

CA Sec.
25 Jan 45.

G.R. UPJOHN, Brig
VP CA Section.

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CA Sec.
25 Jan 45.

G.R. UPJOHN, Brig
7P CA Section.

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Does CAS

Action approved on 6th of Dec
Please fair for sanction as amended. Your pare

2 we submitted because redundant in essentials.

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To Cas.

Refuses above. Letter at 14a for signature, please.

C.A. Sec.
25 Jan 45.

L. H. G. R.

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C.O.S.

Letter has been taken by C.C. for personal delivery by him
to Sir John Bonavia at 1730 hrs on 27 Jan. 1945
Seen by Col. H. M. 1945

VP. CAS.

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1. Hummel proposes letter for signature by EC.
2. You will note that the title of the High Com. is for Executive Director.

5th prun (Vice Republican) the details of the denunciation (see 8A).

This may have been done to render difficult the position of the allies, but in any case is undesirable. You may perhaps think it desirable to proceed.

22 Jan 45

W. H. H. H.
W. H. H. H.
 D.C.A.

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Minutes

Air Force S/Cin (att W/C de Huan)

Do you agree with memo at 10A. If so I shall
pass it on to CAS for necessary comment & action.
Please initial if OK.

15 Jan 44

Legal Sub Commission

Returned with 10A approved

15/1/44

W/C de Huan

7.

CAS/

at 10A see memo approved by dir S/C. It appears that
Peronismo has been summoned by the Ministry of Air
Superior Commission. His file was subsequently communicated
to the Air Force Commission, and all documents in it,
according to W/C de Huan, have been published yesterday in
the "Voz Republicana" (see at 8A).

15 Jan 44

VR.

You asked for a statement of the evidence in the alleged possession
of 10A. It contains a statement of the facts from the evidence in
the possession which would establish those facts. If you will find them
useful in that regard.

10 JAN 1945

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To Air Force Sub Commission

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W/C de Huan
H/L
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Y.S. Hoon for
 H/LC
 Regard

15 Jan 44
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VP. You asked for a statement of the evidence in the attack position. Para 3 of 10A is either a statement of the facts that of the evidence in our possession which would establish those facts. If you will find more needed in that respect.

Approved for
 J.

10 JAN 1945
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To Air Force Submission.

It will be necessary to supply in some detail the evidence to support the statements made in para 3 of 10A; if we are to get very far with the Prosecution General's building.

Can you provide please.

15 Jan 44
 10.
 Y.S. Hoon

CAS - Air Force S/C has forwarded 11A & 11B to us. They state that together with 3B & 9A, these documents constitute the whole evidence in favour of Remondino as ~~subject~~ of the statements in Air Force memo at 10A para 3. May we have your instructions as how to deal with it & whether all documents should be communicated to the PGM? Note para 4 of 11A

Y.S. Hoon for
 H/LC
 Regard

11 Jan 45

Adm
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CO
Please see V.P. note in captioned memo for information.
See 5000-1000-10000

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 (AS) SE. Bosnian Lt Col Hammarford will attend
 (1700h) at 1700 hrs on Monday 3rd at V.P.'s office.
 E.S. Hammarford
 11/1/44
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Legal. Ref confer with Bosan today; Legal will prepare
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 of Remandins. For this purpose please consult
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 also ascertain whether there is any security objection
 to the evidence of the alibi being put in the official
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8 Jan 44. Spahr

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IOB: Disclosure of 3B is authorized with the exception of the words
stamped out in red (Major Page). The disclosure is authorized subject
to the condition that the contents of the letter will not be referred to
in open court nor disclosed to any person except such officials as may
of necessity see the document for the purpose of the trial.
Please obtain a copy of the charges and a statement showing
what evidence the alibi has in view of the cooperation
of R.

Spahr

CA. S
12 JAN 1945

C. A. Sec. 5. Return see 6 A. 17.

S. P. Spahr
H. W.

legal d/c.
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref : DE/A/12.1/CA

7 Sep 45

SUBJECT : Epuration Col REMONDINO.

TO : Air Force S/C

I enclose a copy of the AHC letter 177/SP of 31 Aug confirming that the proceedings against Col REMONDINO have been terminated.

S.H. WHITE Lt Col,
for VP CA Section.

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TRANSLATION NO. 898

HIGH COMMISSION FOR SANCTIONS AGAINST FASCISM

ROME, 31 August 1945

Ref. No. 177/S.P.

TO: HQ ALLIED COMMISSION - APO 394 - Civil Affairs Section
R O M E

Reply to letter DF/4.13.1/CA of 28 August 1945

Reply to your letter No. DF/4.13.1/CA of 28 August 1945.

I hereby assure you that the epuration proceeding against Col. REMONDINO was closed according to your wishes after due consideration was given to your reliable statements concerning the conduct of the said officer.

Sincerely

THE COMMISSIONER FOR EPURATION
Avv. Domenico Riccardo Peretti Griva

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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Risposta al p. 4. D2/4.13.1/CA
del 28 agosto 1945

Oggetto

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do assicurazione che la procedura di epurazione nei riguardi del
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nella dovuta considerazione le vostre autorevoli attestazioni re-
lative al comportamento del detto ufficiale.

Con osservanze

IL COMMISSARIO PER L'EPURAZIONE
(Avv. Domenico Riccardo Peretti Griva)

D. Peretti Griva

Al Commissario
per l'epurazione di Torino

ALTO COMMISSARIATO ACCIDENTO PER L'EPURAZIONE

Uff. Segr. Part.

Prot. N. 144/98 allegato

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del 28 agosto 1945

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IL COMISSARIO PER L'EPURAZIONE
(Avv. Domenico Riccardo Peretti Griva)

D. Peretti Griva

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From: Lt Col S.H. WHITE
CA Section HQ/AC

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref DF/4.13.1/CA

28 August 45

Dear Sir,

In accordance with the arrangement made I enclose letters from the Allied Inter Service Liaison Division with regard to the services rendered by Col RIMORDINO. I shall be glad to receive in return the promised confirmation of the final dismissal of the expatriation proceedings brought against him.

Yours truly

Avv. Domenico SPINELLI-GRIVA
Alto Commissario Aggiunto per l'Esposizione
Palazzo del Viminale,
R O M A

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From: Air Forces Sub Commission, H.Q. Allied Commission.

To: Civil Affairs Section,
(Attention Lt. Col. White).

Date: 25th August 1945

Ref: AFSC/IAF/R

Colonel Aldo REMONDINO.

1. Enclosed herewith are two original letters from Major Page of ISLD regarding the activities of the above-named officer during the period of Nazi-Fascist occupation of Italy.

2. It is requested that the letters may be forwarded to the High Commissioner for Epuration in order that REMONDINO may thereby be cleared of the suspicions falsely held against him.

T.G.N. Pearce
T.G.N. PEARCE W/CDR
AIR VICE MARSHAL
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING

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From: Lt Col S.H. WHITE
CA Section HQ/AC

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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Ref DF/4/13.1/CA ✓

11 August 45

Dear Sir,

Enclosed herewith are copies of letters promised in the interview of yesterday.

Yours truly

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Sig. CACCIATORE
Alto Commissariato per le Sanzioni
contro il Fascismo
Palazzo del Viminale,
R O M A

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HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR SANCTIONS AGAINST FASCISM

High Commissioner For Epuration

Rome 2nd August 1945

To: Air Forces Sub Commission
H.Q. Allied Commission
ROME

Ref: 81166/2.2.1.

Subject: Personnel of the R.A. who have served with the
Liaison Eclaire of the Republican Air Force in
Rome.

1) Reference your letter of 24th July 1945 AFSC/TWT/17/T 488.

2) Articles 15-17, last paragraph, of D.L. Lgt. 27th July 1944 No. 159 provide for the possibility of absolving from all punishment those who, when subjected to epuration proceedings prove that they have distinguished themselves in the struggle against the Germans or have efficaciously and by their own work, helped the patriots and damaged German activity. Until now every time that these circumstances have arisen the Epuration Commission has applied this discrimination.

3) The extent and value of the activities of those being epurated during the clamantine period is left to the judgement of the Commission on the basis of the information acquired by it. I am sure that you also will agree as to the necessity for this.

4) While I am very happy to give the highest consideration to all your statements in this connection I cannot, on the basis of the information at present, the testimony of

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Subject: Personnel of the R.A. who have served with the
Liaison Nucleus of the Republican Air Force in
Rome.

1) Reference your letter of 24th July 1945 AFSC/INT/17/I 408.

2) Articles 15-17, last paragraph, of D.L. Lgt. 27th July 1944 No. 159 provide for the possibility of absolving from all punishment those who, when subjected to epuration proceedings prove that they have distinguished themselves in the struggle against the Germans or have efficaciously and by their own work, helped the patriots and damaged German activity. Until now every time that these circumstances have arisen the Epuration Commission has applied this discrimination.

3) The extent and value of the activities of those being epurated during the clandestine period is left to the judgement of the Commission on the basis of the information acquired by it. I am sure that you also will agree as to the necessity for this.

4) While I am very happy to give the highest consideration to all your statements in this connection I cannot, on the other hand, take into account, at present, the testimony of Colonel REMONDINO Aldo as epuration proceedings are in progress because of serious grounds for suspicion as to the activity carried out by him in favour of the enemy after the 8th September 1943. These proceedings, as you are aware, were suspended for reasons of military secrecy on the request of the Allied Commission without any reduction in the accusations against REMONDINO.

5) In this connection I would draw your attention to my letter ref: 22/1-6 dated 25/7/45 which I had to send to the President of the Council and which the latter will very probably have sent to the Allied Commission, in which I expressed the hope that the military reasons which caused the Commission to ask for the suspension of the epuration proceedings against the said Colonel REMONDINO, no longer existed.

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I trust that the above-mentioned Commission will be good enough to inform us of its decision in this connection.

The machinery of the law will be able to carry out its duties calmly, taking into account the active and passive part played by this officer.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR EXPIRATION
(AVV. Domenico Riccardo PIRELLI - CRIVA)

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From: Air Forces Sub Commission, H.Q. Allied Commission.

To: Alto Commissario Aggiunto per l'Epurazione.

Date: 22nd July, 1945.

Ref: AFSC/INT/17/I 488

Personnel of the Regia Aeronautica who served with the Liaison
Nucleus of the Republican Air Force in ROME.

1. This Sub Commission has been informed that your Office has ordered the suspension and dismissal from service of the personnel in the attached list on the grounds that this personnel worked with the Liaison Nucleus of the Republican Air Force in Rome during the period of Nazi Fascist occupation.
2. It is desired to point out that the officers on this list, who have all been favourably discriminated by the Discrimination Tribunal, actively collaborated with Colonel Remondino (Assistant Chief of Air Staff) in his clandestine work on behalf of the Allies during the period between 6th September 1943 and the Allied entry into ROME.
3. Both Colonel Remondino and this Sub Commission are prepared to substantiate the fact that these officers did valuable work in favour of the Allied cause. It is therefore requested that this fact may be given full consideration in any decision which your office may see fit to take in respect of the final disposal of these officers.

(Signed):

I.E. BRODIE
AIR VICE MARSHAL
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING 4793

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I.E. BRODIE
AIR VICE MARSHAL
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING 4793

Copy to:

Colonel Remondino,
Italian Air Ministry/
(Letter from Ufficio "I" ref.K.13365, dated 17/7/45 refers)

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION

20 JUN 1945
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WEB/lc.
20 June 1945.

AG/4076/2/L.

SUBJECT : Neo fascists.

TO : CA. Sec.

1. We spoke (Monham Carter - Behrens) reference your 6/17 B/CA. of 19 June 45.

2. AFHQ have sent to the CCS a proposal for the release of all neo fascists. NO reply has been received. AFHQ do agree with my view of the law but feel that they cannot release these people without authority for fear that they should be accused of releasing someone whom, on security grounds, they should have retained in custody! I offered to hand them back if acquitted but AFHQ were too frightened.

3. I suggest that in view of CAO's views Executive Commissioner might ask him to consider releasing them for trial on a cash-or-goods-retained basis.

4. I don't think anything further is necessary about Generale Sbernadori.

W. E. Behrens

W. E. BEHRENS,
Colonel,
Chief Legal Advisor.

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(1303)

JUN 18 1945

C.C. 0953

FROM: AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION,
ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME.TO: ADMIRAL ELBERT W. STONE,
CHIEF COMMISSIONER,
H.Q. A.C. ROME.

DATE: 16TH JUNE, 1945.

REF: AFSC/INT/¹⁰⁰~~100~~/12.

SECRET.

With reference to your enquiry about the apprehension of GENERAL SRECHADORI of this morning, I immediately sent an Intelligence Staff Officer over to the Italian Air Ministry to find out what had happened. The Staff Officer spoke to the Deputy of Air Staff (COL. REMONDINO) who agreed immediately to take action to have GENERAL SRECHADORI arrested and handed over to the Allies in accordance with para vi of the attached policy letter. This policy letter has been delayed in going out to the Italian Air Ministry because it had to be slightly re-worded as the result of a new directive having been received. Otherwise it would have gone to the Italian Air Ministry a few days before as the result of the instructions given by you at your Vice Presidents' meeting on the 6th June, concerning which please see attached minute to my Senior Intelligence Officer dated 6th June.

2. I am proposing to be away until Tuesday afternoon - therefore I have instructed an Intelligence Officer of this Sub-Commission to inform MAJOR STUARTS of the result of the action now being taken by COL. REMONDINO in respect of GENERAL SRECHADORI.



I.E. BROWN,
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

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FROM: AIR FORCES INTER-COMMISSION, H.Q. ALLIED COMMISSION.

TO: STATO NAZIONALE ITALIA ASSOCIATIVA
UFFICIO "I"

DATE: 12th June 1945.

REF: A385/107/2/1 347

Re-Republican Air Force Personnel.

Reference is made to your letter A/10097 dated 9th June 1945, and the following comments are made:-

(i) This Sub-Commission is in agreement with you in desiring the apprehension of ex-Republican Air Force personnel, and considers that this apprehension should be undertaken by the Italian Air Force rather than by the Allies, in order that the former may thereby give practical demonstration of their authority over personnel from the North.

(ii) It is not considered necessary that personnel listed under paras 1 - 3 of your letter should be handed over to the Allies unless

- (a) They are specifically asked for by D.S.D.I.G. or other competent Allied authorities.
- (b) They are listed as war criminals by the United Nations War Crimes Commission.
- (c) They were members of the Black Brigade of the S.S.

In this connection the necessity of supplying a list to the Allied Authorities of all personnel so apprehended is emphasized.

(iii) Personnel apprehended by the Italian Air Force should be kept in Italian custody and, should the Italian authorities desire to institute criminal proceedings against them, should remain in custody subject to trial or other disposition in accordance with Italian law.

(iv) On the Allied side, any such neo-fascists who have already been removed from Italian custody and placed in POW or concentration camps, may be handed back to the Italians if the Italian authorities desire to try them for serious crimes (and not solely on account of their neo-fascist status.)

(v) In the event of any person who is brought to trial before an Italian court claiming that he is outside the jurisdiction of that court by

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(v) In the event of any person who is brought to trial before an Italian court claiming that he is outside the jurisdiction of that court by virtue of his POW status, this claim is of no interest to the Allies and the person should be informed that the question is solely a matter of Italian law.

(vi) Notwithstanding any of the above, all high ranking officers of the Republican Air Force who are still at large, are to be arrested and handed over to the Allies for internment. This matter is to be treated as urgent.

(1050) T. G. H. FRANKS, M/CORP DPT.
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

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TO: S.I.O.

CONFIDENTIAL.

At this meeting's Vice President's Meeting the Chief Commissioner (ADMIRAL SPOTTS) instructed the Directors of the three Military Sub-Commissions to remind the appropriate Italian Ministries that it is their duty, under the terms of the Armistice and with the help of the Allies, to round up all Officers, or at any rate senior ones, who are known to have served with the Republican Air Force, or have collaborated with the Germans.

2. Please inform COL. MARTINI accordingly, and suggest to him that it is in the interests of the Italian Air Ministry for the Italians themselves to make the arrests, rather than for the Allies to order their arrest, because by so doing they will at least avoid any adverse criticisms against the Central Government by the various C.I.W's etc, in the North; in case of doubt I would advise the Italian Air Ministry to put Senior Officers in protective arrest until their cases have been examined.

3. The above of course applies to Italian Air Force personnel who were in the North before the liberation of the North.

(SIC). I.R. BROOKS,
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION,
ALLIED COMMISSION, RAF.
DATE: 6TH JUNE, 1945.

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(SCT). I.E. BRODIE,
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

AIR VICE-MARSHAL
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING, ROME.
DATE: 6TH JUNE, 1945.

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I spoke to the Chief Commissioner (ADMIRAL STONE) this morning, and told him of the information we had concerning GENERAL BERTHIAUX. ADMIRAL STONE asked me to record that action had been taken in respect of the letter written by GENERAL BERTHIAUX to ADMIRAL STONE, and that we had taken up with the Italian Air Ministry the question of impounding the said General. I informed ADMIRAL STONE that the Italian Air Ministry had heard of GENERAL BERTHIAUX's presence in Rome, and had, in fact, initiated action to effect his arrest with the Quersura, just before you took this matter up with CDE, SAVILLE.

2. I would like to know in due course when GENERAL BERTHIAUX has, in fact, been arrested or put into protective custody pending operation etc, so that I may inform ADMIRAL STONE.

3. Please place this in the relevant file.

(SIC) LANCE BERTON,
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission, Rome.
Date: 6th June, 1945.

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(SOS) LAM E. BETHES,
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

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Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission, Rome.
Date: 6th June, 1945.

Please place this in the relevant file.

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Ref: DF/4/13.1/CA.

21 February 1945

My Dear Mr. Prime Minister,

I acknowledge with thanks the information contained
in your letter 27117. 10124.62/1.7 of 16 February that proceedings
against Colonel Rosendino have been stopped.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi,
The President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
R O M E.

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DF/A131/CA ✓

Translation

The President of the Council of Ministers
27117 10124-02/1.7

E. A Sec

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Rome, 15 February 1945

17 FEB 1945

Dear Admiral,

goa
reference to the assurances I gave you in my note
n. 20341/10124-02, of February 2nd, I communicate to you that the cessa-
tion of the penal proceedings and of the epuration proceedings against
Col. Aldo Ramondino, Deputy Chief of Staff of the Air Force, has already
been ordered.

I remain, my dear Admiral,

truly yours,

B. I. Bonomi

To Admiral Henry J. Stone
Chief Commissioner of the Allied Commission
R. O. M. P.

c.c.

E.C. II ST - 17 FEB 45

Action: C A Sec

INFO: CHIEF 4786

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IL PRESIDENTE
DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI

ROMA, 16 FEB 1945

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Mio caro Ammiraglio,

con riferimento alle assicurazioni fornitele con la mia nota n.26341/10124-62, del 2 corrente, mi pregio informarla che è stata già disposta la cessazione del procedimento penale e del procedimento di epurazione istituiti a carico del Colonnello Aldo Remondino, Vicecapo di Stato Maggiore dell'Aeronautica.

Voglia accogliere, caro Ammiraglio, i sensi della mia viva considerazione.

All'Ammiraglio
Ellery W. Stone
Commissario Capo della Commissione Alleata 4785

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Translation

The President of the Council of Ministers
n. 20/11/1944.62

Rome, 2 February 1945

Dear Admiral,

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Refer to your letter of January 27th
(25/1/45.1/CA), about Colonel Aldo BERNARDINO, Deputy
Chief of Staff of the 9. Airforce.

I am glad to be able to tell you that I have already
imported the necessary instructions to the competent ju-
diciary and administrative authorities, immediately to
suspend the proceedings against the said officer, and to
see that the most complete silence is kept about such
elements as already came to light on this subject.

I remain, my dear Admiral,

Truly yours,

S. I. BONCHI

Admiral Henry W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
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del Consiglio dei Ministri*

Roma, 11 2 febbraio 1945

Mio caro Ammiraglio,

mi riferisco alla Sua lettera del
27 gennaio scorso (DF/4/13.1/3A), riguardante il
Colonnello Aldo REMONDINO, Vice Capo di Stato Mag-
giore della R.Aeronautica.

Mi è grato assicurarla in proposito che
non già compiuto i passi necessari presso le compe-
tenti autorità giudiziarie ed amministrative, perchè
sia disposta la immediata sospensione dei procedi-
menti istituiti a carico di detto ufficiale e venga
assicurato il più assoluto riserbo sugli elemen-
ti già emersi al riguardo.

Voglia accogliere, caro Ammiraglio, i saluti
della mia viva considerazione

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all'Ammiraglio Ellery W. STONE
Comissario Capo della Commissione Alleata

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ALLIED ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Exemption Proceedings -
Col. Aldo Resondino.

TO: Navy Sub-Commission. ✓
Air Force Sub-Commission. ✓

FILE NO. DF/1/13.1/CA

30th January 1945.

CONFIDENTIAL - For the eyes of
Allied Personnel only.

Attached copy of letter DF/1/13.1/CA, dated 27th January, 1945,
is forwarded for your information at the direction of the Chief
Commissioner.

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R. R. CHURCH, Col.
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TRIBUNALE SUPREMO MILITARE

N. 375

Prot. R.P.

Roma, 26

gennaio 1945

Risposta a nota del

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Oggetto: ~~Col.~~

AL COL. G.G. HANNAFORD

Legal Sub-Commission

= ROMA =

Restituisco alla S.V. come da
precedente intesa la lettera in da-
ta 13 gennaio (oggetto: Col. Remondino)
e due documenti ad essa allegati.

IL PROCURATORE GENERALE MILITARE

(U. Borsari)

W. Borsari

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION

13 January 1945

AC/DF/3.21/CA

SUBJECT : Colonel Remondino.

TO : H.E. Procuratore Generale Militare.

1. This Sub-Commission has been authorized to communicate to you a copy of a letter and translation received from I.S.L.D. in connection with the above case.

2. The disclosure of this document is authorized subject to the condition that the contents of the letter will not be referred to in open court, not disclosed to any person except such officials as must of necessity see the document for the purpose of the trial.

G. G. HANNAFORD, 4780
Lt. Col.,
Officer i/c Italian Branch,
for Chief Legal Advisor.

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TO: Air Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission

No. 0775

FROM: I.S.L.D. (Allied Commission).

7 January 1945.

1. During the German occupation of Rome certain officers in the Italian Air Force then in the city, requested by means of the secret link then in existence, authorization from the Italian Minister for Air in Liberated Italy, to swear allegiance to the Republican Air Force in order to facilitate the continuation of their clandestine activities against the Germans.

2. This authorization was granted and Colonel Remondino was mentioned as having acted accordingly.

3. As you are aware, the secret information emanating from Rome at this time was of very great service to the Allied cause and key members of the organisation state that Colonel Remondino was of great value to them in obtaining this information.

4. That this was so is confirmed by a telegram which was sent from Rome on 17 January 1944, worded as follows: "Colonel Remondino, who holds an important position in the Republican Air Force is working faithfully and actively for our cause".

Major, R.M.

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Lt Col
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Alla : AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION
Allied Commission

Dalla : I.S.L.D. (Maggiore)
Allied Commission

Rif. : 0775

Data : 7 gennaio 1945

1. Durante l'occupazione tedesca di Roma alcuni ufficiali della R.Aeronautica che si trovavano in detta città chiesero al Ministero dell'Aeronautica in territorio liberato, per tramite del collegamento segreto che allora esisteva, l'autorizzazione di giurare per l'aeronautica repubblicana onde facilitare il proseguimento della loro attività clandestina contro i Tedeschi.

2. Questa autorizzazione venne concessa e venne segnalato che il Col. Remondino aveva agito in conformità.

3. Come è a voi noto le informazioni di natura segreta provenienti da Roma in quell'epoca furono di grande utilità alla causa Alleata ed i capi della organizzazione affermano che il Col. Remondino fu di valido aiuto nel ottenere queste informazioni.

4. La veridicità di ciò è confermata da un messaggio che fu spedito da Roma il 17 gennaio 1944 concepito come segue : "Il Col. Remondino che ricopre una carica importante presso l'aeronautica repubblicana lavora fedelmente per la nostra causa."

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P.C.C. G. S. Hampton
Lt Col
Maggiore A.C.

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ALLIED ~~CONTROL~~ COMMISSION
INTER OFFICE MEMO

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From: Office of the Chief Commissioner

SUBJECT: Distribution of Letter

FILE No.

TO: CA Section

29 Jan

1945

The Chief Commissioner requests that a copy of your letter to Prime Minister Bonomi, ref: DF/4/13.1/CA dated 27 Jan 45, be sent to:

Air Subcommittee
Naval Subcommittee

for their files.

Done - all files 1945

J. A. Quayle 4777
J. A. QUAYLE
Major, R. A.
Staff Officer to CC

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29 January 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister.

I have been informed that judicial and extradition proceedings have been initiated against Colonel Aldo REMONDINO of the Royal Italian Air Force and that the investigation of the charges made against this officer has already been started.

The Air Vice Marshal commanding the Air Force Sub-Commission advises me that the retention of Colonel REMONDINO as Vice Chief of the Air Staff is essential to the Allied war effort.

Further I am informed that the facts which will be brought to light upon investigation of these charges or in the hearing of the extradition proceedings are of such a nature that their publication would be contrary to the Allied interests in the prosecution of the war.

The Procuratore Generale Militare has been interviewed and has been informed that, from the evidence in possession of this Commission, Colonel REMONDINO appears to be entirely innocent of the charges made against him. Nevertheless, he has stated that he has no power to intervene in the case unless this evidence is brought to the notice of the court.

You are, of course, aware that under the Armistice Terms you are required to abstain from all action detrimental to the interests of the United Nations and to carry out promptly and efficiently all orders in relation thereto given by the United Nations.

For the reasons above given, I must require the immediate discontinuance of all proceedings both judicial and under Decree 159 against Colonel REMONDINO.

I shall be glad to hear from you as soon as possible that the necessary action has been taken.

Yours very truly,

Hand of Admiral Stone
27 Jan 1945
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WILLIAM W. STONE
Rear Admiral USNR
Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi,
The President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government, ROME.

Appl. R A.F.S.C. 29 Jan 45
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From : AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION
To : CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
Attention Lt/Col. Hannaford
Date : 24th Jan. 1945
Ref. : AFSC/INT/IAF/"E"

COL. ALDO REMONDINO

Receipt is acknowledged of the document
of twelve pages from S.I.M. (N. 1250431) re the
above officer enclosed to you in our AFSC/INT/IAF/"E"
of the 19th January 1945.

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B.G.F. TOTT S/LDR
AIR VICE MARSHAL
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING

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FROM : AIR CROSS SUP COMMISSION, F.A. A.C.

TO : CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION, M.Q. A.C.

Date : 19th January 1945

Ref. : AFSC/INT/IAR/"P"

Remondino Espionage Trial

The evidence in favour of Remondino is based on two statements made by British intelligence sources, namely I.S.I.D. - your file ref. 3 B - MC. 1 S.C.I. Unit - your file ref. 3 A - and on the attached detailed statement of the Stato Maggiore Generale Ufficio Informazioni, Sezione Aeronautica, dated January 14th 1945 and signed by the Chief of Staff of the Italian Army Intelligence Col. Pompeo Agrifoglio.

2. The document consists of twelve pages and deals with the situation from the 10th September 1943, when Major Rustoli flew from Brindisi to Rome in order to deliver a verbal message to Col. Remondino on behalf of the then Air Minister Gen. Sanielli.

3. It also comprises signals exchanged through the secret link, among which one dated 20th February 1944 no. 12 in which the Italian Minister Sanielli, in reply to a signalé dated 14th February 1944, unofficially approves Remondino's actions.

4. It is requested that these documents be not allowed out of your possession and that they be returned to this SUB Commission in due course.

P. Sanielli

1. P. DE LUCA W/CDR IFT
for AIR VICE MARSHAL
AIR CHIEF OF ICSER COMMANDING

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CONFIDENTIALMemo on Colonel ALDO REMONDINO's Case.

1. The Precatore Generale Militare has communicated to this Sub-Commission the complaints forwarded to the Investigation Office of the Tribunale Militare of Rome (72-).

"The charges which have given rise to the preliminary investigations on the behaviour of Col. REMONDINO, Aldo have been formulated by the denouncers as follows :

(1.) On 8 Sep 43 he was in Rome on leave, and instead of reporting to the HQ of his own STAFF in Sardinia, he stayed in Rome, placing himself at the disposal of the Minister for the Air Force of the so-called Social Republic.

(2.) He remained in service with the aforementioned Ministry as Chief of the Liaison Group and later as Chief of the Cabinet of General LAMBARDI.

(3.) He swore allegiance to the so-called Social Republic and received the oath from other officers.

(4.) He favoured the transfer to the North of the personnel and equipment of the Air Force.

Investigations are being carried out by the competent judicial official. No formal charges have yet been preferred."

2. On Sunday 14 Jan 45, an article against REMONDINO was published in the "Voce Repubblicana" (84). A translation of its contents is attached. It demonstrates that the accusers of REMONDINO intend to make a political issue out of this case. (The article is a copy of the file now in the hands of the Jurisdiction Commission and the Asat. High Commissioner.)

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c. That he was in touch with the Allied Authorities and requested permission from them to take the Fascist oath of allegiance in order to be able to carry on his pro-Allied activities. He did not take this oath, until formerly authorised to do so.

d. That it was obvious that he could not maintain his position by refusing all requests made by his chiefs or the Germans. He took good care, however, to transfer to the North personnel which he considered as being inferior quality, helping many of the best pilots, observers and other members of the RA to join the Allied Forces.

4. It is obviously desirable that the case of Col REMONDINO should be dropped by the Italian Military Courts at the earliest opportunity.

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SCI/515/23

12 January 45.

Subject: Colonel REMONDINO, Italian Air Force

To : Air Sub-Commission, H.Q., Allied Commission

Copy - Major Page, I.S.L.D.

Some time, in January 1944, when this Unit was stationed in NAPLES, a message was received from the Military Office of the Resistance Movement in Rome, via the secret link at the time in existence, requesting that subject be authorised for penetration purposes to enlist in the Fascist Republican Air Force.

2. This message was passed to the appropriate Italian Authorities, who gave the necessary approval for subject's enlistment and even stated that - if required to do so - he could swear the oath of Allegiance to the Fascist Republican Government.

3. Subject was instructed accordingly and through the contacts he was able to make in Fascist Republican Air Force circles, he succeeded in supplying Resistance Organisations in Rome with valuable information, which was passed on to the Allies over the secret link already referred to.

4. Shortly before the liberation of ROME the Italian Resistance Authorities in the city placed on record their appreciation of the valuable contribution made by subject to the Allied cause. ⁴⁹⁷² a message, the exact text of which can be supplied by Major Page of I.S.L.D.

5. On arrival in ROME this Unit immediately contacted subject, who proved most co-operative and helpful.

6. From all evidence available, which has been carefully checked by this Unit, it is our considered opinion that subject carried out a successful and delicate penetration operation against the enemy throughout the period of the German Occupation of ROME.

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(Signed) Major Hooton
C.O. No.1 S.C.I. Unit

THE FAVOURITES OF THE MONARCHY

COL. REMONDINO DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF
OF THE AIR FORCE

Remondino denounced to the High Commissioner.-

On the basis of a number of unquestionable documents in November 1944 the High Commissariat for Sanctions against Fascism deferred Col. Aldo Remondino, who is at present Deputy Chief of Staff of the Italian Air Force, to the Military Tribunal of Rome for having committed the crimes contemplated in article 5 of the defascising laws.

The denunciation was drafted as follows :

"On September 8th 1943 Col. Pilot Aldo Remondino was Commanding Officer of the Fighter Wing of Sardinia which was acting in collaboration with squadrons of the First Fighter Group. At that time a group of aircraft of the above Wing, comprising a reduced number of personnel, was at Poligno for re-equipment.

On September 6th 1943 Col. Remondino left for Rome on official duty and landed at Ciampino Sud A/D where his plane was parked. On the evening of the 8th, having already carried out his mission, he heard of the Armistice.

It was his duty to return to his post immediately, and in consideration of the important task which he should have performed in that very critical and delicate crisis with his Fighter Wing, he should have used whatever means possible to reach his operational base.

It is known that Ciampino Sud A/D was occupied by the Germans on the evening of September 10th. At 2300 hours, he therefore had two days' time to leave by the same means he had arrived by. Further, the other A/Ds in the vicinity only fell under the actual control of the Germans between the 10th and the 15th of September. This is proved by the fact that :

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As it was not necessary for him to reach his post by means of his own plane, he could easily have used any aircraft parked on the above A/D which contained a considerable number. Col. Giuseppe Raudoin, Commanding Officer of the Corsica A/D, acted on these lines. He was also in Rome at the time, and on the morning of September 8th he went to Centocelle A/D, took the first plane he could get hold of and reached his post in Corsica.

In his memorandum, Col. Remondino himself states that immediately after the declaration of Armistice five planes of his wing left for Sardinia under the orders of Captain Spagnolino. Why did he not feel that it was his duty to go too ?

He made no effort to leave either by land or air. His honour as a soldier, Commanding Officer of a Group which was on the other side of the lines, required that he cross the lines, even if he had to do so by foot, as many others did.

It must therefore be assumed that Col. Remondino failed to leave because he had decided not to take up a position hostile to the Germans. Evidence of his mental outlook on this subject is given by :

- his having taken part as a volunteer in the Spanish war, where he fought two years for the defense "of the high ideals of fascism" as indicated in the motivation of a silver medal awarded to him on this occasion

- Gen Venceslao D'Aurelio - I.A.F. - Ministry Rome, who was his Commanding Officer for some time, can testify as to his Germanophile and fascist sentiments, which he often displayed in a sectarian manner

Remondino at the Orders of Fascism.

It is also known that a few days after armistice Remondino made contacts with the Fascist Air Force authorities of Rome, and as soon as the organization of the Republican Air Force was initiated, he began to collaborate under the new minister Botto.

This activity is proved :

- a) by the above named Gen. D'Aurelio who, before crossing the lines to reach the Royal Government, was in Rome and by means of reliable sources was informed of everything that took place in the Roman Air Force circles
- b) by a circulation permit issued to Remondino by the Nazi/Fascist authorities on October 13th 1943
- c) by Remondino's own admissions in the above mentioned memorandum.

Remondino served in the Republican Air Force up to the 5th of June 1944.

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On the other hand there is evidence, by his own admissions, that his adhesion was spontaneous. He now justifies this adhesion by saying that he meant to serve the cause, but it is obvious to all that this is a childish excuse, for to serve the National cause he had but to do his duty by returning to his unit.

The contacts he had with Lt/Col. Musco and Major Santini, his informers, during the period in which he approached the new republican Air Minister, Potto, do not mean anything; these two officers had no contact at the time with the Royal Government and could not therefore but give egoistical and interested advice as they too had joined the Command of the Open City of Rome under the orders of the Nazis.

The first evidence of an official request by Remondino to the Royal Government for authorization to play a double game is a cable dated February 15th 1944, i.s. after the consolidation of the Allied bridgehead at Anzio, and that authorization was issued on February 20th 1944.

In the above mentioned memorandum Remondino, in order to justify his attitude, mentions a programme that he intended to carry out in the interest of the National cause, but does not clearly specify the nature of same. Briefly, this programme can be summarized in the contents of page 4 on the following lines :

- a) the assistance due to families of fallen, missing and P.O.Ws. was to be continued and encouraged;
- b) all military personnel who actually or subsequently was in the territory depending from the Royal Government, was to be considered P.O.W. and assistance was to be afforded to their families;
- c) Military and Civilian personnel of the Air Ministry, either mutilated, wounded, invalided or convalescent, following war or service causes, were to be amply assisted;
- d) a partial administrative liquidation of the supplies to the R.Aeronautica was to be effected (for this reason he was also provided with a Power of Attorney);
- e) he was to take charge of de-requisitioning and affect the administrative liquidations relating to same;
- f) a line of conduct with a view to safeguarding the estates and property of the R.Aeronautica actually in Rome
- g) a method of treatment was to be devised for the Personnel of the R.Aeronautica who would refuse to join the Republicans;
- h) the property and goods belonging to Firms and Institutes relating to or in touch with the Air Force were to be safeguarded
- i) the activities of the C.N.F.A. and the A.N.F.C.A.M.V. were to be continued and encouraged.

On this subject it is to be observed that

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- 2) With regard to par. d), it is not clear what connection there is between the National cause and the suppliers of the Regia Aeronautica, who had many other ways of getting their credits acknowledged.
- 3) The same be said with regard to de-requisitioning - par. e).
- 4) Par. f). It appears that nothing was done to safeguard the property of the Air Force, for it was possible (impossible?) to remove the estates, and the moveable property, as proved by enclosure F and G, were anything but safeguarded by Remondino.

- 5) With regard to par. 3) it is remarked that the goods and liquid funds of the various institutes depending from the Air Force were not safeguarded at all, as everything possible was carried North;
- 6) The activities of the O.N.F.A. and the A.N.C.A.M.V. could not have been subject to changes.

Nothing in favour of the National Cause.

From the above it is clear that Remondino's activity in favour of the National cause was nil, with the exception of some sporadic information of military character casually supplied to some patriot who managed to extort it from him. And even this information was only supplied in the later days when there was no longer any doubt on the adverse fate of the fascist arms.

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- in those Air Force circles which never would have anything to do with the authorities, Remondino was considered a hostile element, dangerous to non collaborationists
- he persuaded such personnel to go North
- he presided the ceremonies of taking the oath for the Republic which were performed in Rome, and took part in public manifestations representing the Republican Air Ministry (La Tribuna 11th December 1943)

Remondino never belonged to the Clandestine Front, those members of the Front who were in charge of its records testify in this sense, and it can be also gathered from a perusal of his memorandum, in which he never mentions this fact. He never boasted of having done so either, until November 1944, that is five months after the liberation of Rome, and during the latter period there was no reason to justify this reserve on his part.

At present, following the proceedings taken up against Remondino, a Committee of the Clandestine Front has made a statement declaring that Remondino was a member of the same from November 1st 1943 on, but in enclosure M, issued by an officer who was in charge of the records of the Clandestine Front and who took part in all the clandestine movement during the Nazi/Fascist domination, it is stated that this admission is completely false.

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From the above it can be understood that Remondino **4788**

- failed in his loyalty to the State and in his military honour for not having reached or attempted to reach his unit in his Country's most critical period
- enlisted in the armed forces of the enemies of his Country collaborating actively in their field
- induced by persuasion and threats military personnel to take the oath of loyalty to the republic and go North
- by his activity facilitated the transfer North of a greater part of the moveable property.

Apart from the fact that he was a legionary in Spain and a convinced Germanophile, the following sentence uttered by Remondino in the presence of a senior Air Force officer, who had

turned to him for advice, can give an idea of his moral character. He said : "They are both enemies, but at least with these we eat "

These are the results of the inquest. In spite of this Remondino is being saved. Instead of being arrested he is protected by all the military monarchist caste.

Translation from the "Voce Repubblicana"
Sunday 14th January 1915

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translation from the "Voce Repubblicane"
Sunday 14th January 1945

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The charges which have given rise to the preliminary investigations on the behavior of Col. REMONDINO ALDO have been formulated ~~by~~ ^{as follows:}

1) On 8 Sept '43, ^{he was} ~~being~~ in Rome on leave, ~~to~~ ~~sub-~~ ~~not~~ and instead ~~to~~ reporting to the Headquarters of his own STORMO in Sardinia, he stood in Rome, placing himself at the disposal of the Minister for the Air Force of the so-called Social Republic.

2) He remained in service with the aforementioned Ministry as chief of the ~~base~~ liaison group and later as chief of the Unit of General Lombardi.

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3) Swore allegiance to the so-called social republic and ^{received} ~~the~~ the oath from other officers.

4) He ~~was~~ favored the transfer to the North of the personnel and equipment of the Air Force.

Rome, 13 Jan 45

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(General Albano Pannofino
& Pannofino)



Roma, add. 11 Luglio 1945 - Anno 74

PROCURA GENERALE MILITARE

DEL RE IMPERATORE BENITO

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FRANCESCO BIANCHI

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OGGETTO

**ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLIATA
Sottocommissione Legale**

ROMA

Gli allegati che hanno dato luogo a indagini preliminari sul comportamento del colonnello REMONDINO ALDO sono stati dai denunziati formulati come segue:

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Sottosegretario Legale

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ROMA, 13 gennaio 1945

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IL PROCURATORE GENERALE MILITARE
(U. Borzari)

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1. Summary 1945

1. Originals of the following documents:

1. This Sub-Commission had been authorized to communicate to you a copy of a letter and translation received from I.D.I.D. in connection with the above case.

B. G. HAMMARD,
Lt. Col.,
Officer i/c Italian Branch,
for Chief Legal Advisor.

MEMORANDUM FOR A.V.M. W.A.E. BOWEN-BURGARET

Col. REMONDINO.-

When at the Ministry this morning I saw the above who gave me the following information regarding the proceedings started against him.

Some time in October the Epuration Commission was considering his case and he had every reason to believe that their decision would have been favourable. Before the Commission had concluded its investigations a letter was received by them from the High Commissioner for Epuration, but not signed by Scoccimarro, with instructions that Col. Remondino be declared guilty and epurated. He thinks the letter was signed by Col. Capezzone.

Gen. Piacentini then took the matter in hand, and following an interview with Scoccimarro, it was decided to declare Remondino immune. There should be a letter of Gen. Piacentini's to this effect.

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From : AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION, H.Q. A.C.

(LHA)
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To : LT/COL. S.H. WHITE
Civil Affairs Section - H.Q. A.C.

Date : 6th January 1944

Ref. : AFSC/INT/17/I 577

Herewith copy of an enclosure sent with a memo addressed to Major Palmieri on the 27th October. It was then explained that in view of the fact that both the nominees are judges of the Court of Appeal this Sub Commission being unable to decide whether the appointments were acceptable to the A.C. your views on this point were required.

The Air Ministry having again called on this Sub Commission for a reply, could you give us your views on the matter so that a decision can be taken without further delay.

P. de Haan
P. DE HAAN W/CDR INT
AIR VICE MARSHAL
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING

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Roma 24 ottobre 1944

MINISTERO DELL'AERONAUTICA
GABINETTO DEL MINISTRO
Ufficio Affari Generali

ALLA AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C.C.
ROMA

Prot. n° 11033/AG/930 coll.

Oggetto Commissioni Ministeriali per l'epurazione.

Con riferimento al precedente foglio, pari argomento, n. 5886 del 21 agosto u.s., e alla cortese lettera di risposta in data 22 detto mese, si comunica che allo scopo di assicurare in ogni evenienza la continuità dei lavori delle Commissioni in oggetto, questo Ministero ha in animo di procedere alla nomina dei presidenti supplenti delle Commissioni medesime.

Detti supplenti sono stati designati dal competente Ministero di Grazia e Giustizia nelle persone di

- Consigliere di Corte d'Appello
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Si prega far conoscere se vi sia nulla da obiettare da parte di codesta Sottocommissione.

d'ordine
P. Al Capo di Gabinetto t.a.
L'UFFICIALE SUPERIORE ADDITTO
(T.Col.A.A.r.n. A.CASSINERO)

Prot. n° 11053/AG/730 coll.

Oggetto Commissioni Ministeriali per l'epurazione.

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P. il Capo di Gabinetto L.A.
L'UFFICIALE SUPERIORE ADDETTO
(T.Col.A.A.R.N. A.CASSINERIO)

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From: Air Forces Sub Commission, A.C. (34)

To : Civil Affairs Section, A.C.

Ref.: IAP/R

Date: 9th January 1945

for attention Brigadier Upjohn

re. Colonel Remondino of the I.A.P.

Herewith statement signed by Major Page of I.S.L.D. confirming that Col. Remondino was authorised to swear allegiance to the Republic- an Air Force in order to enable him to continue his clandestine activities against the Germans. Translation of statement into Italian is likewise enclosed.

P. de Haan
for P. DE HAAN, W/CDR. INT.
AIR VICE MARSHAL
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING

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To: Air Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission.

From: I.B.L.D. (Major Peter),
Allied Commission.

7 January 1945.

1. During the German occupation of Rome certain officers in the Italian Air Force then in the city, requested by means of the contact link then in existence, authorization from the Italian Minister for Air in Liberated Italy, to swear allegiance to the Republican Air Force in order to facilitate the continuation of their clandestine activities against the Germans.
2. This authorization was granted and Colonel Remondino was mentioned as having acted accordingly.
3. As you are aware, the secret information emanating from Rome at this time was of very great service to the Allied cause and key members of the organization state that Colonel Remondino was of great value to them in obtaining this information.
4. That this was so is confirmed by a telegram which was sent from Rome on 17 January 1945, which was as follows: "Colonel Remondino, who holds an important position in the Republican Air Force, is working faithfully and actively for our cause".

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FROM: AIR STAFF, AIR COMMISSION,
ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME.

TO: BRIGADIER G. E. HUYON,
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION,
TRAINING CENTER,
ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME.

DATE: 10th JANUARY, 1945.

REF: AFSC/5/1/2120 LTR.

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With reference to the attached papers which speak for themselves, I regard this matter as being of the very highest importance as I have ample evidence that if anything were to happen to Colonel BENOZZO, the effect on the morale of the operational Italian Air Force would be incalculable.

2. This effect would be felt even if BENOZZO were brought to trial irrespective of whether he were absolved or not, as the whole Italian Air Force knows that he remained in Rome under the direct orders of General Sordani who was then a representative of the Allies. He took his orders from General Cayo and at very considerable risk to his own life created as much chaos as he could between the Italians and the Germans. In order to maintain the position which he had been ordered to hold, it must of course have been frequently necessary for him to comply with certain orders and he presumably chose those which would have least ill effect to the Allied cause.

3. If you agree may I suggest that you discuss the case with S.E. BENOZZO BORGARE.

4. I have been working myself with BENOZZO for some time and have the greatest admiration for him, and if the worst were to happen I should have to ask SACRED to stay in and vote my action taken by the tribunal.

W.A.B. BORGARE.

Al Cippa

W.A.B. BORGARE-BORGARE,
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

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Arrange for coffee in home
all Borgan (Cay) & Al Horganford.
Let C. see these papers first
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MEMORANDUM FOR A.V.M. BOWEN-BUSCARLETCol. REMONDINO

1. Following Captain Tait's visit I rang up Lt. Col. Santini and asked him to call at my office. He stated that it was incorrect that a warrant had been issued for the arrest of Col. Remondino. The position was as follows:
2. For some time certain individuals at the Air Ministry have been using their influence to get Remondino removed. Among these are certain Generals and Col. Capezone and Col. Moscatelli. To what extent they are responsible for what took place is not known, but what has been established is that some seven officers have submitted a statement to the Military Tribunal to the effect that during the German occupation they were ordered North by Col. Remondino. They were able to substantiate their statement by certain documents signed by Remondino ordering them North.
3. The charges they bring against Remondino are :
 - a) Collaboration with the enemy for having ordered I.A.F. personnel to report for duty with the Republican Air Force;
 - b) Collaboration with the enemy for having dispatched war material to Units operating in the North;
 - c) Collaboration with the enemy for having abandoned his post in Sardinia in that he remained in Rome after the Armistice instead of returning to Sardinia.
4. There is abundant evidence that Col. Remondino was acting under orders at considerable risk of his life and there is no doubt that if he had to stand his trial, which would correspond to court martial, if the Military Tribunal decided to proceed, he would be absolved. On the other hand Lt. Col. Santini considers that it would create a most unfavourable impression among those officers who have the welfare of the I.A.F. at heart and also among the operational units.

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5. Col. Remondino has been discriminated and classified 1 cat. A which is only awarded to officers who have distinguished themselves during the period of German occupation.

6. Col. Remondino has not been before the Epuration Committee.

7. The names of the officers who accuse Col. Remondino are not known.

8. The Military Tribunal which is investigating the case and which would eventually try him is known as Tribunale Militare Territoriale di Roma at Palazzo Cesi - Via della Maschera d'Oro.

9. The case is being dealt with personally by S.E. Umberto Borsari Procuratore Generale del Tribunale Militare Territoriale di Roma.
10. The situation has been discussed by Lt.Col.Santini with Col. Agrifoglio of S.I.M., with Captain Rollo of S.C.I., with Major Page of I.S.L.D. and they all intend to uphold Col. Remondino.
11. Lt. Col. Santini does not know what attitude the Minister is going to take up in the matter, but it is known that Col. Moscatelli is in close touch with Col. Capozzone, in this connection I refer you to my report of December 20th 1944.
12. Neither does Lt/Col.Santini know what the Chief of Staff's attitude is excepting that ~~he feared~~ he had originally intended that Gen. Biffi should take Col. Remondino's place. In this connection I would refer you to my report of the 18th December 1944.
13. It is interesting to note that Col.Moscatelli on the 26th December 1944 told Lt.Col.Paradisi that it was proposed to start proceedings against Remondino.
14. I asked Lt.Col.Santini how it was that whilst he had discussed the situation with Col. Agrifoglio, Major Page and Captain Rollo he had not mentioned the matter to me yesterday. He said he had forgotten.

5th January 1945

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4th January 1945

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SUMMARY OF COL. REMONDINO'S ACTIVITIES DURING THE GERMAN OCCUPATION OF ROME ACCORDING TO LT/COL. SANTINI.

On September 8th 1943 Col. Remondino, who was at that time A.O.C. 51st Stormo, was on leave in Rome. He reported to Gen. Cappa for instructions and eventually met Lt/Col (then Major) Santini and Lt/Col. Musco who suggested that he join them in sabotaging the enemy effort. He was subsequently introduced to Col. Montezemolo of the Italian Army and it was agreed that he carry on at the Ministry and play a double game.

When Gen. Urbani gave up the Directorate of Supplies (Commissariato) Col. Remondino was appointed in his stead but in a somewhat lesser degree. Whilst outwardly he appeared to be collaborating with the enemy he was in actual fact sabotaging their war effort by misdirecting sendings, by ordering inefficient officers to the North and helping others whom he thought might be useful either to escape or to cross the lines.

In the course of his duties he frequently had to proceed North and on these occasions he collected most valuable information which Lt/Col. Santini's nucleus communicated to SIM by means of their suitcase W/T.

On the 17th January 1944 a signal no. 236 was sent by the Chief of the Clandestine Movement to the Minister for Air Gen. Sandalli at Bari, reading as follows :

"PLEASE NOTE THAT COL. REMONDINO WHO HAS BEEN AUTHORISED TO ACCEPT A POST WITH THE DIRECTORATE OF SUPPLIES IS PERFORMING EFFICIENT, TRUSTWORTHY AND ACTIVE WORK ON BEHALF OF OUR CAUSE."

This was followed by a later signal no. 61 dated February 14th 1944 reading as follows :

"REMONDINO AND HIS OFFICERS HAVE BEEN AUTHORISED TO TAKE THE OATH OF ALLEGIANCE IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO CONTINUE THEIR VALUABLE COOPERATION (.) WE AWAIT YOUR APPROVAL."

A reply was received in due course by signal no. 44 dated February 20th 1944 reading as follows :

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This was followed by a later signal no. 51 dated February 14th 1944 reading as follows :

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"REPLYING TO YOUR SIGNAL NO. 51(.) SANDALLI APPROVES INCONDITIONALLY REMONDINO'S ACTION."

After a time both Col. Remondino and Lt/Col. Santini aroused suspicion and they were closely watched by the German S.S., but though their personal contact ceased they managed to keep in touch with each other through an intermediary and in spite of personal risk carried on until the Allies reached Rome.

These facts are well known to members of the Allied and Italian Intelligence Services. Lt/Col. Santini was personally presented with an American decoration by Gen. Mark Clark. Of Col. Remondino's activity very little is known to the outside world.

3rd January 1945

P. W. Shaw

W/Col.

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