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MAY, JUNE 1945

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Chief Commissioner.

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Executive Commissioner.

145 re dissident Communist parties,

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for copy with to Sec 131 on board.

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- Doyle

Executive Commission.

Please see 141 re General Benavente, 142 re dissident Communist parties, and 146, a copy of which has been sent to SCAC 13 Corps for information.

Maguire

11 June 1945.

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Lt. Col.
C. S. O.

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Ex. Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS
VENEZIE REGION
Allied Military Government
APO 394

8 June, 1945

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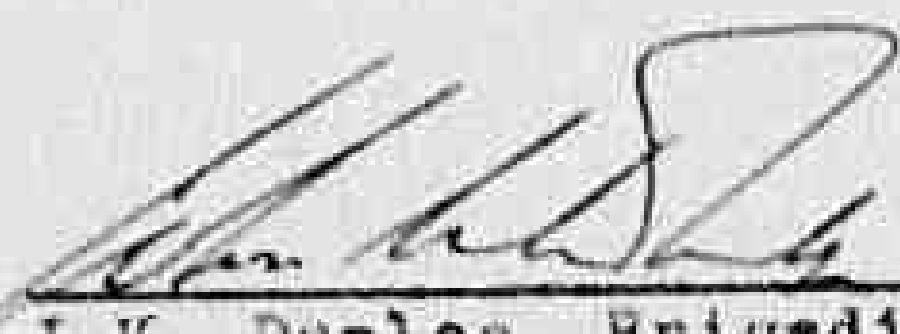
TO : Office of the Executive
Commissioner.

SUBJECT : Reports.

FILE NO : RXII/850.31

Thank you for the report on
Personalities in Friuli attached to your
letter, 542/123/EC 1st June which has
been found most valuable.

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J.K. Dunlop, Brigadier.
Regional Commissioner.

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SECRET

Confidential

Ref: 542/152/20.

11 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Political Report.
TO : Regional Commissioner,
LOMBARDIA Region.

The following report, received from a Secret source, is passed to you for information.

"A usually well informed source reports the founding in MILAN in early May of the following dissident Communist parties:

- (a) GRUPPO COMUNISTA LIBERATORIO
- (b) GRUPPO COMUNISTA ANARCHICO

The GRUPPO COMUNISTA LIBERATORIO, the existence of which is confirmed by an independent informant, is reported by source to be led by a certain MICHELIA and to have established its H.Q. in the former office of the newspaper "ITALIA DEL POPOLO" in VIA ROMAGNOLI, MILAN. The party is said to be very Extreme Left and to number over ten thousand members."

[Talbot

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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SECRET

Confidential 14 June 1943.

Ref: 542/150/80.

SUBJECT: Political Report.
TO : S.O.A.O., 13 Corps.

The following report, received from a Secret source, is passed to you for information.

"A sub-source of TRICULT working in the Yugoslav Civil Administration in TRIESTE reports that 50,000 personal record cards were removed from the Public Registry on 28 May.

The cards are being amended to show that the individuals to whom they refer have left Trieste.

In the event of a plebiscite these individuals will therefore not receive a voting card.

Source states that it is the intention of the Yugoslav authorities to fill in cards with votes for Yugoslav ownership of the territory in question."

For the Chief Commissioner:

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

To: Chief of Chancery
 United States
 Army

From: S. Bulford, Jr.,
 Assistant Secretary
 U.S. Army

From: L.S. G. G.
 Home Area Allied Command

Date: 6th June, 1945

Confidential 1945

1. The following was obtained from the 1st, Commander of the 1st
 US Army Division (USADIV) member of the Italian Army.

2. Present strength of the 1st USADIV is 1,000 men. All
 present weapons including 400 obsolete captured German automatic
 weapons. Some transport. No artillery.

3. Source stated that USADIV leaders were recently contacted by an
 officer from the 1st USADIV with a view to accepting limited men to replace
 USADIV command to other parts of Italy.

4. Source was obtained in one of the first facilities where these
 groups would be formed.

5. He said he has seen prisoners taken by the 1st USADIV. Believed to
 be of the 1st USADIV level. Total actual. USADIV leaders more active
 actively conducted the business of the command. Programs should be
 aimed at.

and a Division of the Italian Army.

2. Present strength of the armed forces is 1,000 men. All present weapons including all complete captured German automatic weapons. Some transport. No artillery.
3. Sources stated that OAS/PA leaders were reportedly requested by an officer from PAIS with a view to recruiting trained men to organize OAS/PA groups in other parts of Italy.
4. Wilson was stationed in one of the first localities where these groups would be formed.
5. He said he had seen documents issued by BARDAINI S.A., believed to be the U.S. Level, to direct all OAS/PA leaders whose activities seriously endangered the success of the communist programme should be eliminated.
6. He stated that the present pay of all active full time members of BARDAINI Brigade is 10,000 lire per month. Sources are told that these funds are provided by the Highways Commanders Party. They are threatened with severe punishment if the source or source of pay is revealed.

Mr. Boston informed

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L.H.B.

To: Dept.
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To: Head of Quarters
Military Section
A.C. 1945

From: L.S.L.S.
Army and Allied Command

Date: 14th June 1945

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1. A sub-source of TRUSTEES advised in the Yugoslav Division that in TRUSTEES reports that (a) personal record cards were removed from the public registry in May 1945.
2. The cards are being amended to show that the individuals to whom they refer have left Trieste.
3. In the event of a plebiscite these individuals will therefore not receive a voting card.
4. Source states that it is the intention of the Yugoslav authorities to fill in cards with votes for Yugoslav ownership of the territory in question.

Major

L.S.L.S.

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Ref: 11/550

To: Head of Embassy
Trinidad
WAS

Copy: S. Gifford, Sec.
Political Section
WAS

From: L. G. G.
New Area Office, Trinidad

Date: 21st June 1955

WALL TALKER

1/11/1955
7/10/55

1. MIAMI Head of Trieste C.I.A. reports that representatives of the Socialist and Communist parties are meeting in MIAMI next week with the intention of finding a formula for a common front on the Venezia Giulia question.
2. The Action Party is not taking part in this meeting, but if any important concession is made to the Communists by the Socialists, they intend to intervene.

[Signature]
L. G. G.

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REF: 12/5/68

TO: Director, Intelligence
British Embassy
Sect.

FROM: Mr. Wilford, Sec.,
Political Section
U.S. Cons.

SUBJECT: I.C.I.A.
Sov. Agent in East Germany

DATE: 2nd June, 1968

Attached is a report dated 2nd June, 1968 on
Soviet Communist Parties.

W. J. J.
I.C.I.A.

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ITALY
POLITICAL
EXTREMIST COMMUNIST PARTIES

1. A source of information reports the founding in
April 1945 of the following extremist communist
parties.

- a) COMUNISTO ITALIANO
- b) COMUNISTO ITALIANO

2. The COMUNISTO ITALIANO, the existence of which
is confirmed by an independent informant, is reported by source
to be led by a certain MICHELLE and to have established its H.Q.
in the former office of the newspaper "ITALIA DEL MATTINO" in
VIA CONDOTTI, MILAN. The party is said to be very extreme
and to number over ten thousand members.

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~~TOP SECRET~~
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To: Chief of Embassy
British Embassy
WDC

Wm. A. Sulford, Esq.,
Political Section
W.D., WDC

From: L.S.D.
Home Army Armed Command

Re: [illegible]

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Enclosed is a further report on the activities of
[illegible].

[Signature]
L.S.D.

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ITALY

POLITICAL

FURTHER REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF

GENERAL FRANCHI

1. An independent source to that of our 11/620
who is closely in touch with General FRANCHI, reports the
latter as growing and steadily friendly towards the extreme left
wing and more bitter in his attitude towards the RSI Government
and the right wing parties.
2. Source also declares FRANCHI to be anti-fascist to the extent
of making unfavourable comparisons between conditions which existed
in Northern Italy during the German occupation under the direction
of the Allies or the RSI Government, and the conditions generally
and the extent were in fact an independent and free area directed in
the North by the North.

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Confidential
Ref: 11/661

To: Head of Chancery
British Embassy
ROME

Copy: A. Halford, Esq.,
Political Section
A.O. ROME

From: I.S.L.D.
Rome Area Allied Command

Date: 3rd June, 1945

The attached report has been submitted by a source
who attended the first meeting and who has been chosen to sit
on the Central Executive Committee.

Major
I.S.L.D.

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ITALY

POLITICAL

FORMATION OF NEW PARTISAN ORGANIZATION

1. A new movement, called the FRONT DEL VOLONTARI DELLA LIBERTA', is in process of formation in Rome, with premises at Piazza Signorcelli 3. The leader is General BRUCIVINCA, former Chief of the Resistance Front during the German occupation of Rome.
2. This is a non-party Association and is in opposition to the National Association of Partisans, which is an affiliation of the C.I.N. and extremist in policy, the Secretary of which is CASARUA, a member of the Communist Party.
3. The new Front has attracted many patriots of the South and of Rome, and intends to enlist those of the North, and especially the autonomous and right-wing groups.
4. The scope of the Front is to maintain the existence of voluntary service according to democratic principles and to grant relief and assistance to its members.
5. Members of the Communist Movement (Sordella) and Partisan Movement (Dr. Andreotti) have joined the F.V.L.
6. General BRUCIVINCA will shortly visit BONCHI in order to legitimize

Association of Partisans, which is an affiliation of the G.L.N. and extremist in policy the Secretary of which is GARNIER, a member of the Communist Party.

3. The new Front has attracted many patriots of the South end of Rome, and intends to enlist those of the North, and especially two autonomous and right-wing groups.

4. The scope of the Front is to maintain the existence of voluntary services according to democratic principles and to grant relief and assistance to its members.

5. Members of the Communist Movement (Bordaberry) and Partisan Movement (Dr. Ardrouin) have joined the F.V.L.

6. General BENOISTE will shortly visit BONCHI in order to legitimize this new Front.

7. Not unnaturally the official Communist Party is strongly opposed to the scheme, a feeling which is shared by some members of the Socialist and Action Parties. On the other hand the Liberals, Christian-Democrats, Monarchists and non-party personalities are favourably disposed towards it.

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Confidential Rec: 11/659

To: Head of Chancery
British Embassy
RMB

Copy: A. Melford, Asst.
Political Section
A.C. RMB

From: I.S.L.D.
Home Area Allied Command

Date: 3rd June, 1945

Attached is a report on an attempt to communicate wireless
from the VARSITY Foundry of the AIRBORNE FORCE.

Major
I.S.L.D.

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Ref: 11/6/99

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To: Head of Chancery
British Embassy
RMB

Copy: A. Holford, Sec.,
Political Section
A.C., RMB

From: I.S.A.D.
Rear Area Allied Command

Date: 3rd June, 1945

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Attached is a report on an attempt to disseminate weapons
from the Vickers Foundry of the ASSALDO works.

Major

I.S.A.D.

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ITALY

POLITICAL

ATTENTION TO COUNCILMAN GRAP-89 4 ON HIS PASSPORT PHOTO
OF THE ASSALDO ROMAN

1. The following information is from a usually reliable source in contact with the directors of the ASSALDO force.

2. In the VALLE DI FUMERY. Via PRIVADA RIVIERA 1, which was some part of the ASSALDO FORCARI force, there are reported to be at present two new tanks, type M.43 and between 20 and 50 automatic weapons.

3. On May 23rd Engineer GIANNINI, a director of ASSALDO FORCARI, was approached by an individual who, claiming to represent the Commander of the PARISTIA Partisan Brigade of the VAL SUSA requested that these weapons be handed over to his formation. GIANNINI replied that this was impossible as the arms had been blocked by the Italian authorities.

4. Some days later the same Partisan again contacted GIANNINI and informed the latter that his Brigade needed these arms badly and intended to have them by fair means or foul.

NOTE: We have no reason to doubt the substance of this report but source has produced no evidence to confirm that the individual requesting these arms was in fact a member of the Brigade in question, or a Partisan. Knowledge GIANNINI is in great fear of

3. On May 23rd Engineer GIANNINI, a director of ARSALDO VIGGARI, was approached by an individual who, claiming to represent the Commander of the PARISTIA Partisan Brigade of the VAL D'AGIA, requested that these weapons be handed over to his formation. GIANNINI replied that this was impossible as the arms had been blocked by the Italian authorities.

4. Some days later the same Partisan again contacted GIANNINI and informed the latter that his Brigade needed these arms badly and intended to have them by fair means or foul.

NOTE: We have no reason to doubt the substance of this report but source has produced no evidence to confirm that the individual requesting these arms was in fact a member of the Brigade in question, or a Partisan. Meanwhile GIANNINI is in great fear of some action being taken against him and will probably agree to arrange for the handing over of these weapons if again approached. He is equally apprehensive of any allied action which might implicate him.

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Excerpt

I think he should read
the flagged paper. Major Stearns
has looked them (see 48) but
I don't think he has seen yet.

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Chief Commissioner.

Tabbed pages.

Attached is submitted for your information/approval/signature.

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Memo to be sent from
Temporary Co. files
120. 121. 122.
123. 124. 125.

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SECRET.

Ref: 542/47/50.

7 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Political Report.

TO : Regional Commissioner,
PIEMONTE Region.

I enclose a copy of a report received from a Secret source
for your information.

E. Talt

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Encl.

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SECRET. 165

Ref: 542/46/83.

7 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Political Report.

TO : Finance Sub-Commission.
Regional Commissioner, VENKIE Region.

I enclose a copy of a report received from a Secret source for your information.

E. Talbot

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Encl.

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SECRET. 1215

Ref: 542/45/80.

7 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Situation Report.

TO : S.C.A.O. *13* Corps (for Regional Commissioner, VENEZIA GIULIA)
Regional Commissioner, VENEZIA Region.

I attach a copy of a report from a Secret source for your information.

B. Talbot

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Encl.

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Ref: 542/44/20.

7 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Political/Military Report.

TO : S.C.A.O. 13 Corps (For Regional Commissioner, VENEZIA GIULIA)
Regional Commissioner, VENEZIA Region.

I attach a copy of a report from a Secret source for your
information.

E. Talbot

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Encl.

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Ref: 542/43/EG.

7 June 1945.

SUBJECT: List of Collaborators.

TO : Regional Commissioner,
LOMBARDIA Region.

We have received the enclosed list of Fascist collaborators from an independent source. This is stale news to you but it is forwarded in case it tells you something you do not already know.

E. Taldot

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Encl.

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Ref: 542/42/83.

7 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Report on Partisans.

TO : Regional Commissioners,
LIGURIA Region
PIEMONTE Region
LOMBARDIA Region
VENETIA Region

The enclosed report from a secret source is sent to you
for information.

E. Talbot

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Encl.

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To: Head of Chancery
British Embassy
RNN

Copy: A. Halford, Sec.,
Political Section
A.C. RNN

Mrs
11/17

From: I.S.L.N.
Area Area Allied Command

Date: 24th May, 1985

The attached report, dated 1/21 May, 1985, has been
produced by a British officer from various sources.

Mr. Hopkinson has been given a copy.

Major
I.S.L.N.

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ITALY

POLITICAL & MILITARY

PARCISES REACTION IN NORTHERN ITALY TO THE ALLIED ORDER TO HAND IN ARMS

1. The quantity of arms in the hands of the Partisans in Northern Italy is necessarily very considerable since, in addition to the weapons supplied before the end of the war by various Allied organizations, it includes the booty taken from the German and Republican armies after their collapse.

2. Reports from a number of sources make it clear that at present the Partisans generally, irrespective of their political opinions, have no intention whatsoever of obeying the Allied order to hand over all arms to the authorities. In the majority of cases where weapons are handed in the formations concerned possess a stock of equally good or better arms safely hidden away.

3. Formations controlled by the Liberals and the Christian Democrats, and in some cases by the Action Party, claim that they are forced to adopt this line of conduct since they fear the weapons left to be determined to remain armed. An informant, a monarchist, who holds an official position in Milan, told an Allied officer that he himself had urged formations with whom he was connected not to give up their arms. This is justified as a defensive measure and an insurance against the day when the Anglo-American armies evacuate Italy.

2. Reports from a number of sources make it clear that at present the Partisans generally, irrespective of their political opinions, have no intention whatsoever of joining the Allied effort to head over all over to the authorities. In the majority of cases where weapons are handed in the formations concerned possess a stock of equally good or better arms safely hidden away.
3. Formations controlled by the liberals and the Christian Democrats, and in some cases by the Action Party, claim that they are forced to adopt this line of conduct since they fear the extreme left to be determined to remain armed. An informant, a housepainter, who holds an official position in U.S.A., told an Allied officer that he himself had urged formations with which he was connected not to give up their arms. This he justified as a defensive measure and an insurance against the day when the Anglo-American armies evacuate Italy.
4. Some justification for this attitude may be found in a report dated 16th May, 1945, from a source in Rome who, however, although well-placed is not always reliable or objective. This report alleges that Communist officials from the Ministry for Occupied Territories recently left the capital for the North with secret directives for ten Communist Partisan leaders, instructing the latter not to hand over weapons to the Allied authorities and to take steps to maintain intact the C.G. staffs of their respective formations. These officials are said to have been provided with a travel order signed by SPACOLASANO but not with Allied *orders*.

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5. A usually reliable source asserts that in VENEZIA the local Communist leaders categorically instructed their followers to relinquish rifles to the authorities, but to hide the majority of their automatic weapons in the same manner as they did their from the Germans. Source states that he is aware of certain of these hiding places.
6. Another independent source reports that on about 13th May elements of the MACCHETTI, PASOLIO and MOSCATELLI Brigades returned to the mountains with arms and equipment to "watch events". This action is also reported by another informant who adds that although MOSCATELLI himself remains in NOVARA, large stocks of food have been sent to his men in the mountains.
7. Various sources in TRIESTE declare that the manufacture of automatic pistols and a modified type of sten gun continues in the city. One informant states that he himself has these weapons being used by Partisans in the old CASA DELLA PROLETARIATO FASCISTA at TRIESTE, on 13th May, 1945.

6. Another independent source reports that on about 10th May elements of the MARCONI, PASOIS and MOSCATELLI 2-12ndes returned to the mountains with arms and equipment to 'watch events'. This action is also reported by another informant who adds that although MOSCATELLI himself remains in NOTARE, large stocks of food have been sent to his men in the mountains.

7. Various sources in FUKA declare that the manufacture of automatic pistols and a modified type of sten gun continues in the city. One informant states that on himself see these weapons being used only by Partisans in the old CASA DELLA PENALIZZIONE FASCISTA at FUKA, on 16th May, 1948.

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Confidential

Ref: 11/551

To: Head of Chancery
British Embassy
ROME

Copy: A. Halford, Esq.,
Political Section
A.C., B.M.E.

From: I.S.L.D.
Home Area Allied Command

Date: 2nd June, 1945

Attached is a list of individuals in the
Milan area who are accused of collaboration.

These names were given to a reliable source by a member
of the Lombardy C.I.K. and he was shown letters denouncing these
men to the C.I.K.

Major
I.S.L.D.

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PIRELLI	Tyre industry
ROCCA	President of ANSALDO (Heavy industries)
MAXIMOTTI	President of SIFA VISCOISA (rayon)
DOSSIGANI	President MONTECATINI (Chemical industry)
TRUSSARDI	President of Agricultural enterprises
RENNI	President of MANELLI (Engineering)
AGNELLI	President of FIAT
FURICELLI	President ROAD BUILDING ENTERPRISE
SELUZZO	Head of large Electric Light Companies
BIANCHINI	President of Banking Trust

The U.L.M.A.I. and its chief members stated that the mass of workers insist that these measures be taken against these men who are the chief leaders of Fascist industry. The warrant for their arrest is in preparation. Some of these men are already in hiding.

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Ref: 11/645

To: Head of Chancery
British Embassy
ROME

Copy: A. Halford, Esq.,
Political Section
A.C., RME

From: I.S.L.D.
Rome Area Allied Command

Date: 2nd June, 1945

Attached is a report on Cardinal SCHUSTER's
views, dated 26th May, 1945.

Major
I.S.L.D.

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ITALY

POLITICAL

Cardinal SCHUSTER's views

1. A well placed source who is a friend of GIACOMO MELO, a MILAN prelate, through whom the introduction was made, was received by Cardinal SCHUSTER in MILAN.
2. In the course of conversation the following points were discussed:
 - a) Attitude of Left Wing parties: When asked for his opinion of the political discussions being held in MILAN, the Cardinal said: "We have no competent politicians here in MILAN - they are too turbulent and immature. There is a great deal of talk about the Committees of National Liberation, but not one of the parties represented therein actually follows its alleged programme. The Communists are under the command of foreigners; the Socialists desire to govern at any cost - they would join forces with the devil himself. The Socialists of MILAN are opposed to any union with the Communists. The Christian-Democrats will require to reconstitute their policy and show increased activity if they wish to become a factor in the life of the Nation. Coercive action must be met by violence - this is but legitimate defence - and the Catholics have the right to employ such measures. I

and have sought to

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b) Monarchy While harshly condemning certain individuals including Victor Emmanuel the Cardinal did not condemn the dynasty itself. Having regard to the present internal crisis, the Cardinal said that the constitution of a republic would represent a "leap into the unknown".

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- c) **Warning of Partisans:** The Cardinal thought that if the Allies wish to avoid trouble and "eliminate illegality" this was a matter for them to deal with.
- d) **Allies:** The Cardinal stated that from his conversations with Allied officials, he gathered that assistance will be forthcoming from them for the Italians and that "they will prevent the spread of Bolshevism - the outcome of defeat and impoverishment".

3. The Cardinal concluded the conversation by saying that every morning he pays a visit to one of the many parishes of the city, and enjoins the clergy to use their powers of persuasion upon their parishioners so that they interest themselves in the political life of the community. Above all must they convince the women of the necessity of opposing the power and dangers of Bolshevism in Italy.

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Ref: 11/647

To: Head of Chancery
British Embassy
ROME

Copy: A. Halford, Esq.,
Political Section
A.C., RMA

From: I.S.L.D.
Rome Area Allied Command

Date: 2nd June, 1945

The following is an extract from a letter from
Enrico CASSARI, member of the Directorate of the Socialist
Party to Pietro Nenni.

"In my own opinion we must now - more than ever -
bear in mind the lesson of December last and what you said
at that time, i.e. that never again would the door be
closed by us.

Let us therefore avoid irrevocable steps. If we do not
wish to be fooled by one and all, remaining instead masters
of ultimate decisions and perhaps arbiters of the situation.

To: Head of Chancery
British Embassy
ROME

Copy: A. Halford, Esq.,
Political Section
A.C., ROME

From: I.S.I.D.
Rome Area Allied Command

Date: 2nd June, 1945

The following is an extract from a letter from
Enrico CANNIVARI, member of the Directorate of the Socialist
Party to Pietro Nenni.

"In my own opinion we must now - more than ever -
bear in mind the lesson of December last and what you said
at that time, i.e. that never again would the door be
closed by us.

Let us therefore avoid irrevocable steps. If we do not
wish to be fooled by one and all, remaining instead masters
of ultimate decisions and perhaps arbiters of the situation.


Major
I.S.I.D.

Ref: 11/649

To: Head of Chancery
British Embassy
RMS

Copy: A. Halford, Esq.,
Political Section
A.C., RMS

From: I.S.L.D.
Home Area Allied Command

Date: 2nd June, 1945

1. Attached are the following lists:

- 1) Members of C.L.N.A.I. with some details about them
- 2) Military Junta of C.L.N.A.I.
- 3) Members of C.L.N. Lombardy with some details
- 4) Military Junta of C.L.N., Lombardy
- 5) Appointments of Commissioners made by C.L.N., Lombardy
- 6) People's Committee of Milan
- 7) Municipal Junta of Milan

2. This information was obtained by source in Milan from
the leaders of the parties with whom he is in touch.

Major
I.S.L.D.

1. Attached are the following lists:

- 1) Members of C.I.E.A.I. with some details about them
- 2) Military Junta of C.I.E.A.I.
- 3) Members of C.I.E. Lombardy with some details
- 4) Military Junta of C.I.E., Lombardy
- 5) Appointments of Commissioners made by C.I.E., Lombardy
- 6) People's Committee of Milan
- 7) Municipal Junta of Milan

2. This information was obtained by sources in Milan from the leaders of the parties with whom he is in touch.

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1) MEMBERS of C.L.N.A.I.

i) RODOLFO MORANDI - President
SOCIALIST PARTY
Lawyer. Specialist in economic and social problems.
Age 43. He was arrested in 1937 and sentenced to 10 years imprisonment for political offences. He was released in 1943. Member of Socialist Party. Exiled in Switzerland. On the Executive Committee of the Socialist Party. Is a native of Milan.

ii) SANDRO PERTIDI - Member
SOCIALIST PARTY
Aged 45. He organized the escape of Filippo TURATI in 1927. Exiled in France. Returned to Italy and was sentenced to political confinement and was liberated in 1943. He was again arrested during 1943 and liberated in 1944. Participated in the Rome and Florence clandestine movements. Born in SAVONA. Appointed Secretary of the Socialist Party.

iii) GUSTINO ARFESSI - Member
LIBERAL PARTY
Aged 45. Arrived in Milan from ROMA about two months ago. Leader of the LIBERAL PARTY. A lawyer by profession. Persecuted by the Fascists for his political beliefs. A native of Milan.

iv) STEFANO IACINI - Member
LIBERAL PARTY
Italian Minister

ii) Enndro PERTINI - Member

SOCIALIST PARTY

Aged 45. He organised the escape of Filippo TURATI in 1927. Exiled in France. Returned to Italy and was sentenced to political confinement and was liberated in 1943. He was again arrested during 1943 and liberated in 1944. Participated in the Rome and Florence clandestine movements. Born in SAVONA. Appointed Secretary of the Socialist Party.

iii) Giustino ARRESANI - Member

LIBERAL PARTY

Aged 45. Arrived in Milan from ROME about two months ago. Leader of the LIBERAL PARTY. A lawyer by profession. Persecuted by the Fascists for his political beliefs. A native of Milan.

iv) Stefano IACINI - Member

LIBERAL PARTY

Aged 42. Grandson of Stefano Iacini, an Italian Minister before the advent of Fascism. Affluent. Persecuted by the Fascists.

v) Achille MARAZZA - Member

CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT PARTY

Aged 52. A member of the Catholic Action. Is a lawyer by profession and leader of the Christian-Democrat Party. Born in Milan. Persecuted for his political beliefs.

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vi) AUGUSTO DE GASPARI (Dr.) - Member CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT PARTY
Aged 50. Brother of the Italian Foreign Secretary.

Industrialist. Born in Trentino. Member of the Christian
Democrat party. Persecuted by Fascists.

vii) LEO VALLIANI (Elis VALLIANI) - Member PARTITO D'AZIONE
Aged 40. Journalist - one of the founders of the 'Justice
and Liberty' Movement. Suffered political oppression.
Exiled in France, Algeria and Mexico. Born ISTRIA. Secretary
General of the Partito d'Azione.

viii) PIRUCCHIO PARI (Prof.) - Member Partito d'Azione
Aged 55 - born Milan. Suffered at hands of Fascists. Member
of the Resistance Movement. Commander of the 'Justice and
Liberty' Groups of Partisans. Subject is held in high
esteem by all Parties by reason of his political maturity
and balance.

ix) LUIGI LONGO - Member COMMUNIST PARTY
Age 45. Journalist. During the Spanish Civil War he was an
inspector of the International Brigades. Exiled and
persecuted for his political beliefs. Leader of the
Communist Party in Northern Italy. Commander of the
'Garibaldi' Brigades.

General of the Partito d'Azione.

viii) Perruccio PARI (Prof.) - Member Partito d'Azione
 Aged 55 - born Milan. Suffered at hands of Fascists. Member
 of the Resistance Movement. Commander of the "Justice and
 Liberty" Groups of Partisans. Subject is held in high
 esteem by all Parties by reason of his political maturity
 and balance.

ix) Luigi Longo - Member COMUNIST PARTY
 Age 45. Journalist. During the Spanish Civil War he was an
 inspector of the International Brigades. Exiled and
 persecuted for his political beliefs. Leader of the
 Communist Party in Northern Italy. Commander of the
 "Garibaldi" Brigades.

x) Enrico SEMERARI (Dr.) - Member COMUNIST PARTY
 Age 38. Doctor of Agrarian Economy. Sentenced to 15
 years imprisonment by the Fascist Special Tribunal.
 Persecuted by the German SS. Delegate of the Communist
 Party on the C.I.N.A.I.

2) MILITARY JUNTA OF C.I.N.A.I. (GENERAL COMMAND)

General Raffaele CADOREA - Commander in Chief

Perruccio PARI Deputy Commander PARTITO D'AZIONE

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2) MILITARY JUNTA OF C.L.N.A.I. (Continued)

Luigi LONGO	Deputy Commander	COMMUNIST PARTY
Fermo SOLARI	" "	Partito d'Azione
Aldo LANFRERI	" "	COMMUNIST PARTY
Giov. Battista STUCCHI	Chief Gen. Staff	SOCIALIST PARTY
Enrico MATTEI	Attache	CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT
Mario ARGENTON	"	LIBERAL PARTY
Vittorio FALCETO	A.D.C. (Lt. Col. Regular Army)	
Walter AUDISIO	Chief of Secretariat	
Vittorio TULLI	Paymaster	
Alberto COSATTINI	Chief Liaison Officer and Chief of Spies Delegation	
Enzo BORRI	Chief Intelligence Service	
Amedeo CHILACOV	Relief officer	
Giuseppe CIRILLO	Head of Wireless Communications	
Giuseppe DEL VECCHIO	Chief of Parachute Service	

3) C.L.N.A. MEMBERS

- i) Dr. Emilio AMBROSI - President
COMMUNIST PARTY
 - ii) Dr. Ettore TULLIO
COMMUNIST PARTY
- Born Trieste 1.5.1910. Clerk by profession. Active anti-Fascist. Connected with clandestine press and worked with the

A.D.C. (Lt. Col Regular Army)

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| Elder AUBISIO | Chief of Secretariat |
| Vittorio FULLI | Paymaster |
| Alberto COSENTINI | Chief Liaison Officer and
Chief of Swiss Delegation |
| Enzo BOCHI | Chief Intelligence Service |
| Amos CILABOV | Relief officer |
| Giuseppe CIRILLO | Head of Wireless Communications |
| Giancarlo DEL VACCHIO | Chief of Parachute Service |

3) G.L.A. LOBARDI

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| i) <u>Dr. Emilio SERRI</u> - President | COMMUNIST PARTY |
| ii) <u>Dr. Cesare FULLI</u>
Born Trieste 1.5.1910. Clerk by profession. Active anti-Fascist. Connected with clandestine press and worked with the C.L.A. as delegate of the Communist Party. | COMMUNIST PARTY |
| iii) <u>Prof. Arturo CAMERIA</u>
Born Milan 13.10.14. Participated in the anti-Fascist struggle before and during the resistance period. Did not join the Fascist Party. Was imprisoned for a few days by the Fascists. | PARTITO D'AZIONE |
| iv) <u>Dr. Paolo PIERRE</u>
Born Padua 17.7.09. Clerk by profession. Joined in the struggle for liberation as member of his Party. Registered member of the Fascist Party. Was imprisoned on two occasions. | PARTITO D'AZIONE |

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v) Conte Pier Maria ANNICHI DI GUSSOLA CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT

Born Milan 16.3.14. Profession: industrialist. Always a convinced anti-Fascist and belonged to the CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT Party. Was imprisoned by Fascists.

vi) Avv. Mario SCIA (1900) CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT

Born ALBERTO (Syrin) 20.10.02. Lawyer by profession. Has always been anti-Fascist and member of Christian Democrat Party; spent two months in prison - escaped on 24.6.44.

vii) Avv. Giorgio BERGAMASCO LIBERAL PARTY

Born Milan 30.1.04. Lawyer by profession. Became member of the Liberal Party in 1923/25. Joined in the resistance movement after 25th July 1943. Never registered with the Fascist Party.

viii) Avv. Cesare GUZZI LIBERAL PARTY

Born Milan 31.3.12. Lawyer by profession. From July to November 1943 he operated with the Juvenile Group. He has been representative of the Liberal Party with the C.L.E. of VARESE since November 1943. Registered member of the Fascist Party since 1934.

ix) Dr. Giorgio BERGAMASCO MOVIMENTO LAVORATORI
CHRISTIANI

Born Rome 18.12.16. Clerk in the employ of industrial enterprises and a firm of publishers. Not interested

two months in prison - escaped on 24.6.44.

- vii) Avv. Giorgio BERGAMASCHI LIBERAL PARTY
Born Milan 30.1.04. Lawyer by profession. Became member of the Liberal Party in 1923/25. Joined in the resistance movement after 25th July 1943. Never registered with the Fascist Party.
- viii) Avv. Cesare GUILLIEMINI LIBERAL PARTY
Born Milan 31.3.12. Lawyer by profession. From July to November 1943 he operated with the Juvenile Group. He has been representative of the Liberal Party with the C.L.N. of Varese since November 1943. Registered member of the Fascist Party since 1934.
- ix) Dr. Giorgio BERGAMASCHI MOVIMENTO LAVORATORI CRISTIANI
Born Rome 18.12.16. Clerk in the employ of industrial enterprise and a firm of publishers. Not interested in politics prior to 8th September 1943. After this date and until January 1944 he was employed by the Partito d'Azione. Thereafter he became a member of the Central Board and Executive of the Christian Workers' Movement. Registered member of the Fascist Party.
- x) Avv. Achille NOCCHI REPUBLICAN PARTY
Born Treviso, Pavia, 19.7.55. Lawyer. Active anti-Fascist. A warrant for his arrest was issued by the "MUR" Legion and referred to Public Security (Political) of Milan for execution.

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xi) Dr. Lamberto JORI SOCIALIST PARTY OF PROLETARIAN
UNITY
Born Milan 25.7.05. Profession: Doctor of Commercial Sciences.
Member of C.L.E. from its inception. Was not a member of the
Fascist Party.

xii) Luigi OTTINI SOCIALIST PARTY OF PROLETARIAN
UNITY

xiii) AVV. ANTONINO BARDESSA - Secretary CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT

4. COMPOSITION OF MILITARY JUNTA OF LOBARDY

- i) Gustavo RIZZET - Commandant PARTITO D'AZIONE
- ii) Guido MASMA - Deputy Commandant SOCIALIST PARTY
- iii) Pietro VERGARI * * COMMUNIST
- iv) Paolo Cecilio DOMINIONI Chief Gen. Staff. CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT
- v) Valentino BANDINI - Press LIBERAL PARTY
- vi) Enrico GANDOLFI - Operations
- vii) Andrea GRAZIANI - Secretary
- viii) Cirilio GAMBACORTA - Services

5. APPOINTMENTS OF COMMISSIONERS BY C.L.E. LOBARDY

In compliance with Decree concerning the creation of REGIONAL
COMMISSIONERS issued on 26th April, 1945, by the COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL
LIBERATION OF LOBARDY operating as Regional Junta of the Government.

4. COMPOSITION OF MILITARY JURY OF LOMBARDY

- i) Gastavo RIBBEZ - Commandant PARTITO D'AZIONE
- ii) Guido MARELLA - Deputy Commandant SOCIALIST PARTY
- iii) Pietro VERGARI " " COMMUNIST
- iv) Paolo Cecile DOMINIONI Chief Gen. Staff. CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT
- v) Valentino BARNIERI - Press LIBERAL PARTY
- vi) Enrico GANDOLFI - Operations
- vii) Andrea GRAZIANI - Secretary
- viii) Giorgio GARROCCIA - Services

5. APPOINTMENTS OF COMMISSIONERS BY C.L.E. LOMBARDY

In compliance with Decree concerning the creation of REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS issued on 26th April, 1945, by the COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL LIBERATION OF LOMBARDY operating as Regional Junta of the Government, the following appointments have been made:

- i) Prof. Vittorio RONCHI Commissioner for Agriculture & Food
- ii) Ivan Matteo LOMBARDI " Industry
- iii) Ing. Ugo BONICCHI " Commerce
- iv) Dr. Carlo COMPTI " Banking
- v) Dr. Sergio TUMESCHI " Transport
- vi) Dr. Mario FLIEZ " Communications

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APPOINTMENTS OF COMMISSIONERS BY C.I.F. LOMBARDY (Continued)

vii)	Prof. Mario APOLLONIO	Commissioner for Schools
viii)	Avv. Antonio D'Abbrosio	" Labour
ix)	Prof. Gustavo BONTADINI	" Religion
x)	Giuseppina Palumbo	" Belief
xi)	Avv. Aurelio BRUCCIA	" Justice
xii)	Dr. Amedeo PIRALDO	" Health & Hygiene

Offices: Via Vivaldi 1. Milan.

6. THE PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE OF MILAN

i)	Luigi MADA - President	CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT
ii)	Vincenzo PIGAMONTI	COMMUNIST PARTY
iii)	Samuele POLISTINA	SOCIALIST PARTY
iv)	Giovanni POMILIARI	PARTITO D'AZIONE
v)	Ernesto CAFFARENO	LIBERAL PARTY
vi)	Amedeo PIRALDO	REPUBLICAN PARTY
vii)	Carveria CAIRALI	MOVIMENTO LAVORATORI CRISTIANI
viii)	Mario RULLIER	VOLONTARI COME
ix)	Lucia CORTEI	WOMEN'S PROTECTION GROUP
x)	Bruno CALABRINI	YOUTH FRONT
xi)	Samuele OLIVARETTI	COMMITTEE INCUBATOR OF WOMEN
xii)	Bianca PIZZONNO	Secretary

6. THE PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE OF MILAN

i) Luigi MADA - President	CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT
ii) Vincenzo RICAMONTI	COMMUNIST PARTY
iii) Samuele POLLISTINA	SOCIALIST PARTY
iv) Giovanni POGGIARI	PARTITO D'AZIONE
v) Ernesto CATRAMEO	LIBERAL PARTY
vi) Amleto FERRARO	REPUBLICAN PARTY
vii) Evaria CAIRALI	MOVIMENTO LAVORATORI CRISTIANI
viii) Mario RELLIER	VOLUNTAR CORPS
ix) Lucia CORRI	WOMEN'S PROTECTION GROUP
x) Bruno CALLEGARI	YOUTH FRONT
xi) Carmelo CLEMENTE	COMMITTEE INVOLVEMENT OF WORKERS
xii) Bianca FIZZORNO	Secretary

7. MUNICIPAL JURY OF MILAN

i) Antonio GREPPI	Mayor
ii) Antonio JARNA	Secretary General
<u>Town Councillors</u>	
iii) Mario BONASCHI	Revenue
iv) Piero USSELLI	Health & Hygiene
v) Samuele POLLISTINA	Town Planning and Public Works
vi) Ugo ZANCHETTA (Deputy Mayor)	Private Building

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MUNICIPAL JURY OF MILAN (Continued)

vii)	Mario TANGI	Technical Office
viii)	Vincenzo MIRAMORTI	War Damage
ix)	Napoleone ROSSI	Food Office
x)	Eugenio MORANDI (Deputy Mayor)	Legal Assistant
xi)	VAZZOLA	Staff
xii)	TALLINO	Registrar
xiii)	Alessandro PARRA	Police
xiv)	MAGNI	Education
xv)	Elena BRUNER	Relief

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xiii) Alessandro PARRA
xiv) MACHI
xv) Elena BACHER

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Examination
Relief

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To: Head of Chancery
British Embassy
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Copy: A. Halford, Esq.,
Political Section
I.C., ROME

From: I.S.A.D.
Rome Area Allied Command

Date: 2nd June, 1945

Attached is a list of prominent people in MILAN who
source thinks may at some future date play a part in Italian
politics.

Major
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1. Prof. Mario RUFORDI
Professor of Civil Law at the
BOCCONI and CATHOLIC Universities.
He is a prominent Italian jurist who was always independent of the
Fascist Regime. Is a Liberal.
2. Arr. Antonio GRAPPI
Criminal lawyer. Writer of
comedies and memoirs of the first
World War. A Socialist since his youth. His son, a young officer,
was murdered in Milan by the Nazi-Fascists. He is now Mayor of
Milan. Fled to Switzerland during the Nazi occupation.
3. Vittorio Scrosati ALBASINI
Lawyer. One of the Milan founders of
the Partito d'Azione which he
represented on the C.L.N.A.I. He was imprisoned for many years at
Rocca di Spoleto. His father was a Liberal Deputy.
4. Arr. Roderico MAINO
A prominent lawyer and one of the
best known jurists of Milan. Son
of Luigi MAINO, a famous jurist at the beginning of the century.
Appointed Commissioner of the lawyers of MILAN by the SALONICO Government.
He maintained his position after 8th September 1943, denounced
criminal acts, and upheld the independence of his profession.
5. Dr. Mario BORSA
Journalist. Reporter and correspondent
on the SPOGLIO, official organ of

was murdered in Milan by the Nazi-Fascists. He is now Mayor of Milan. Tied to Switzerland during the Nazi occupation.

3. Vittorio Scorsati Albacini Lawyer. One of the Milan founders of the Partito d'Azione which he represented on the C.L.N.A.I. He was imprisoned for many years at Rocca di Spoleto. His father was a Liberal Deputy.

4. Avv. Riccardo Maino A prominent lawyer and one of the best known jurists of Milan. Son of Luigi Maino, a famous jurist at the beginning of the century. Appointed Commissioner of the Lawyers of Milan by the Badoglio Government. He maintained his position after 8th September 1943. denounced criminal acts, and upheld the independence of his profession.

5. Dr. Mario Borsari Journalist. Reporter and correspondent on the SECOLO, official organ of democracy. During the Fascist Regime he was correspondent of British newspapers (TIMES). Political writer and novelist.

6. Prof. Francesco Massimino Fellow of Civil Law at Catholic University. President of Epuration Commission of Milan.

7. Avv. Giovanni Battista Borelli Liberal Deputy of the 1924 Fascist Legislature, who subsequently joined the opposition after the Matteotti murder, and made several trips

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forthright speeches in the Chamber. He thereafter inclined to the Left and joined the Partito d'Azione.

8. Avv. Lelio Basso

A writer and disciple of Carl Marx

wrote for the "QUARTO STATO" and "PIEMONTE", which were suppressed by Fascism. Sent to political confinement for three years. He is a revolutionary Socialist and prior to the 25th July, 1943, he founded the MOVIMENTO DI UNITA' PAVESANA which after a series of accords and differences, amalgamated with the Socialist Party. During the clandestine struggle he became leader of the Party in Milan.

On July, 1949, he founded the MOVIMENTO DI
UNITA' PROLETARIA which after a series of accords and differences,
amalgamated with the Socialist Party. During the clandestine
struggle he became leader of the Party in MILAN.

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Copy: A. Halford, Esq.,
Political Section
A.C., ROME

From: I.S.L.D.
Rome Area Allied Command

Date: 23rd May, 1945

The attached report on Communists and Expiration in
Factories in the North has been received from the RUC Group,
dated 23rd May, 1945.

The leader of the group is a Jewish industrialist from
MILAN. Since he has a large stake in the North his report
is probably coloured, but it is considered substantially correct.

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ITALY
POLITICAL

Communists and Duration in Factories in the North

1. During the long period of the Fascist regime there always were Communist groups in the big factories, whose organization revealed itself in March 1943 by an attempt to initiate work (an attempt which was immediately suppressed by the authorities) and later in the first part of 1944, during the German occupation, by the formation of gangs of a military nature composed of exclusively communist elements. Their task was to defend the factories from eventual destruction or damage. But, in reality, having quite clearly as a programme the seizing of all the plants and factories, their officers and all the volunteers which they contained.
2. The present movement for the occupation of the factories was prepared about two months ago with the constitution of the so-called "squads of Patriotic Action" (S.A.P.) with the exchange of defending the premises against the Germans and the Fascist, but the cadres were kept purely communist. This became obvious when an attempt was made to introduce liberal and other parties amongst the Communist ranks. The Communists refused because they foresaw in such a step an obstacle to the realization of their plans.
3. These groups were meant to act in an emergency to protect

the factories. When they obtained the collaboration of the S.F.I., they

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3. These groups were meant to act in an emergency to protect factories, but when they obtained the collaboration of the C.L.M. they entered into a tacit resolve to seize the factories.

4. The execution of such a movement consisted of handing over to supreme management of the firms to the Internal Committee with power to appoint, carry out orders and exert a permanent control entire undertaking. Later the C.L.M. established the following

- a) Committee of technical management
- b) Committee of economical management
- c) Communist police corps
- d) Military corps composed of armed communist group

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The Communist police in particular has reached such a degree of power that they are present at all talks amongst the leaders, and every office is guarded by a policeman or a communist militiaman.

5. The Liberal and Democratic Christian representatives on the C.L.N. are closely watched to such a degree that they are completely terrorised.
6. With the help of the C.L.N. extremist meetings take place in factories nearly every day in order to inflame the people against the organisations and personalities and also against the forces of occupation.
7. The effect of all this is to force the working class to join the Communist and Socialist parties, thus achieving a majority on the C.L.N. which is obtainable only according to the proportions representation of the number of members in every party.
8. To remedy this, the dissolution of the communist police and military groups is insufficient, as they would continue to operate secretly. The only efficient solution is to suppress the C.L.N. operating in factories, whose activities if allowed to develop will surely bring about the ruin of all the industries of the

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9. There is no doubt that epuration is necessary in order to exclude from all posts the guilty Fascists, and those whose activities are now inconsistent with the directive of the new regime of liberation.
10. For this purpose Regional Commissions have been established the power of deliberating and taking decisions, taking as found denunciations or requests of the factory C.L.M.s. The power Commissions has, however, been much reduced. In theory the the factory C.L.M. is entirely consultative, though it has the

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right to suggest names for epuration. In practice however, the C.L.N. have claimed the right of eliminating from the factories the officials, and sometimes even the owners, they dislike.

11. A still more serious factor lies in the fact that the Regional Commission for the Epuration, i.e. the one entitled to direct the epuration, decides and deliberates without consulting or hearing the various directors, basing itself exclusively on the denunciations of the Factory C.L.N. believing everything they say and without allowing the accused to defend themselves.

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To: Head of Chancery
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ROME

5 JUN 1945

Copy: A. Halford, Esq.,
Political Section
A.C., ROME

From: I.S.L.D.
Rome Area Allied Command

Date: 30th May, 1945

The attached is from TRUCULENT and is in amplification
of paragraph 5 of report sent under cover of my letter 11/636
of 29th May, 1945.

Major
I.S.L.D.

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POLITICAL / MILITARY

IX Corps orders to Mission in Friuli

The following report, dated 15th May, has been compiled by the 'I' Service of the Volunteer Liberty Corps (Osoppo Division).

1. A member of the above-mentioned service has returned from Prestanto, where he had attended a meeting of the Slovene Mission of Tito's IX Army Corps. He reports the following:

The Mission held a meeting on May 11th at which the President, after having explained the purpose of the meeting, gave a general outline of the programme of work of information and propaganda. He then suggested that all those present should go to their respective areas in order to report immediately on the following:

MILITARY

- a) Movements of the British and American divisions and even Italian
- b) Means of transport available for troops, of armoured vehicles, of divisional artillery (type and calibre), of reserves of ammunition, of light arms, etc..
- c) Origin and destination of the divisions
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- c) Origin and destination of the divisions
- d) Condition and morale of the troops
- e) Volume and quality of food and clothing
- f) State of the armoured material
- g) Number of factories in Udine area and Treviso, Venice, Padova; condition and ~~maxim~~ maximum production of these factories; names of the owners and shareholders; financial possibility; number of workers and clerks; present, during and before the war.

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- a) To find out from Anglo-American troops (and later Italian) the prevailing political trend, but without putting out any communist propaganda, even though circumstances might be favourable.
 - b) To corrupt all the anti-communist elements of the Osoppo by any method and to spread all kinds of information which could upset their organisation.
 - c) To give the names of the most prominent people of the Osoppo, to get all particulars of their political background before and during the patriotic movement and to report on their family and financial situation.
 - d) To locate and fight the organisations they have which put out information and propaganda against the communist movement.
2. The task of obtaining this information has been entrusted mostly to Slovenes who are provided with considerable funds. Their operating area is the Veneto, chiefly Friuli, but they are allowed to extend as far as central Italy. They can easily be identified owing to their accent when speaking Italian.
3. The IX Corps H.Q. is worried about the hostility its organisations had encountered in the Friuli areas. A definite order was given to

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 3. The IX Corps H.Q. is worried about the hostility its organizations had encountered in the Friuli areas. A definite order was given to the Yugoslav troops to behave themselves well and forbidding them to take part in any political discussion, even if the circumstances were favourable.
 4. According to source it is the impression of the 'I' Service that this information will also be sent to the Russian military authorities.

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Ref: 11/633

To: Head of Chancery
British Embassy
ROME

Copy: A. Halford, Esq.,
Political Section
A.C.. ROME

From: I.S.L.D.
Rome Area Allied Command

Date: 29th May, 1945

The attached report has been received from
CRUST, dated 23rd May, 1945.

Major
I.S.L.D.

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ITALY

POLITICAL

Situation in Reggio Area

The following is from a source in the Reggio area.

1. Friction is expected between the Christian Democrats and the Communists as the former are requesting that enquiries be made into the acts of violence and murders that are taking place at this time in the area.

2. According to LIDIA RIVA, the leader of the Action Party women in the "Union of Italian Women", the union has 4000 Communists, 1000 Socialists and Christian Democrats and 30 Action Party members.

Other leading figures are:-

Manda CASTAGNETTI	Christian Democrat
Melvina MEDONI	Socialist
Lucia BIANCOFFO	Communist

3. The Prefect of Reggio, Avv. Vittorio GALLIZZI, who is described as reliable by source, told latter that in the Commune of BARGO, the Communists are trying to force everybody to join the Communist Party by threatening reprisals to any who refuses.

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Malvina MEDONI	Socialist
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To: Head of Chancery
British Embassy
RMS

5 JUN 1945

A. Halford, Esq.,
Political Section
A.C. RMS

From: I.S.I.D.
Middle Area Allied Command

Date: 24th May, 1945

By 11/604 of 23rd May, 1945

Source of this report now gives correct
name of RMS as Dino FERRARI. He states also that
RMS served six years imprisonment for common crime
in the early thirties.

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Ref: 11/626

To: Head of Embassy
British Embassy
RMS

5 JUN 1945

Copy: A. Holford, Maj.
Political Section
A.G., RMS

From: I.S.S.P.
Zone Area Allied Command

Date: 24th May, 1945

Attached is a report from a British officer now
in T-100.

Report, which is dated 23rd May, was delayed in
transmission.


Major
I.S.S.P.

Copy to Mr. Boston

ITALY

POLITICAL

YUGOSLAVIAN FRONT, MAY 1945

1. Tension between GRUPO and GAMBARDI Partisans is very high.
2. The GAMBARDI are directly under Yugoslav orders and actually control a large area in Vojvodina for the Yugoslavs.
3. The Yugoslavs are using the GAMBARDI to penetrate far west of the ISCRE.
4. A source of untried reliability states that there is a Slovene Communist Colonel at PORTA de LIVENZA working under GAMBARDI cover. He arrived three months ago.
5. On May 11th at a meeting under the auspices of Partisan IX Corps the following orders were given:-
To representatives in every area:
 1. Report on all British and American dispositions, movements, morale etc.,
 2. Report on financial position and antecedents of all leaders of GRUPO and do everything possible to discredit them.
6. In general Italians in TRIESTE are too bewildered and too frightened of Yugoslav reprisals to offer effective resistance to the

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6. In general Italians in THINSEN are too bewildered and too frightened of Yugoslav reprisals to offer effective resistance to the Yugoslav policy of complete military control.

7. There are signs however of Italian unenlightenment. The focal point of this is the reconstituted C.I.R. The following are the leading lights:

Professor M. Mario FUMANI, Action Party President

Giampa RATTI, Christian Democrat

Stefano MARINO, Liberal

Captain Emilio SIANI, Action Party

THINSEN, Socialist.

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8. This C.I.B. in Trieste works closely with C.I.B. Venice whose overt activities are designed to make the Yugoslavs believe that the C.I.B. in Trieste is dead and C.I.B. in Venice consequently the only representative.
 9. The C.I.B. is trying to broaden its representation by securing the admission of Italian Communists and some Slovanes. Evidence is available that some Italian members of U.S.A.I.B. (Communist run Liberation Committee) are becoming disillusioned with the CIAIS policy.
 10. The activities of the C.I.B. Trieste have so far only reached the stage of distributing clandestine propaganda. Its immediate objective cannot be more because the Committee was disbanded by the Yugoslavs on the occupation of the city.

Liberation Committee) are becoming disillusioned with the G.I.'s policy.

20. The activities of the G.I.'s in Trieste have so far only reached the stage of distributing clandestine propaganda. Its immediate objective cannot be more because the Committee was dispersed by the Germans on the occupation of the city.

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Ref: 11/523

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To: Head of Chancery
British Embassy
ROME

Copy: A. Halford, Esq.,
Political Section
A.C., ROME

From: I.S.I.D.
Some Area Allied Command

Date: 20th May, 1945

NY No. 11/523 of 23rd May, 1945

A very reliable British officer confirms the size and composition of this band, but states that though it is essentially anti-Communist he does not believe that it is necessarily essentially Fascist.

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I.S.I.D.

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Ref: 11/622

5 JUN 1945

To: Head of Chancery
British Embassy
ROME

Copy: A. Halford, Esq.,
Political Section.
A.C. ROME

From: I.S.I.D.
Rome Area Allied Command

Date: 25th May, 1945

The attached report, dated 25th May, 1945, has been received from CRUNT.

Source has been asked for further information.

Major
I.S.I.D.

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ITALY
CRIMINAL

Communist Fund in Verona

A source in the North of Italy states that SPENCER DAVIDSON, an ex-officer of the Carabinieri and a relative of the Director of the Bank of Italy in Verona told Captain Germano FANTI (FANTIA) of the Carabinieri that gold to the value of fourteen million lire is deposited in Fogliatti's name in the Bank of Italy in Verona.

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To: Head of Chancery
British Embassy
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5 JUN 1946

Sgt: A. Halford, Esq.,
Political Section
A.C. 11002

From: I.S.L.D.
Some Area Allied Command

Date: 24th May, 1946

The attached report, dated 24th May, 1946, on the present attitude of the Partisan Commander in PIEDMONT has been received from TRUE BLUE, who is a partisan leader of right wing tendencies.

Major
I.S.L.D.

ITALY

POLITICAL AND MILITARY

PRESENT ATTITUDE OF THE PARTISAN COMMANDER IN PIEDMONT

1. General TRABUCCHI, commander of all Partisan formations in PIEDMONT, has recently developed strong communist sympathies. This is considered to be due to a great extent to TRABUCCHI's desire to follow what he believes to be the prevailing trend and to his fear that he can expect little sympathy from the ROME Government, which he believes intends to hold an enquiry into his conduct as G.O.C. the Italian 5th Army at the time of the Armistice.
2. TRABUCCHI was requested by the Italian Minister for War, CASATI, to attend, as the latter's representative, a military funeral held in ROME on May 16th. TRABUCCHI failed to attend owing, it is alleged, to his desire to avoid being publicly associated with the ROME Government.
3. CASATI, informed of TRABUCCHI's attitude, has sent him a personal message reassuring him regarding the Government's attitude towards him and pleading with him not to fan extremist flames.

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To: Head of Chancery
British Embassy
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2 JUN 1945

Copied: A. Salford, Esq.,
Political Section
A.C. 2000

From: I.S.S.D.
Home Area Allied Command

Date: 25th May, 1945

The attached report, dated 23rd May, 1945, has been received from TRUS BLUM. A British officer reports that TRUS BLUM is undoubtedly an ardent monarchist but is apparently showing sound judgment of the present situation and is carefully avoiding labelling his activities as such. It is certain that the Italian Minister for War, CASATI, is aware of and encouraging TRUS BLUM's activities in general if not in detail.

Major
I.S.S.D.

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ITALY

POLITICAL

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ANTI-COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN PIEDMONT

1. Certain leading industrialists recently met in Turin to discuss means of combating Communism in Piedmont. The only concrete results achieved was the reaching of an agreement to supply funds to any organization which demonstrated the willingness and capacity to undertake this task.
2. Source was invited to this meeting but did not attend. He is, however, taking a leading and very active part in constituting an anti-communist front and intends to create the necessary basis from these industrialists. Source worked in Northern Italy during the past year under Allied auspices and commanded the MONTESANO Partisan Brigade. He is well known as an industrialist and landowner in Piedmont.
3. Source believes in the possibility of civil war breaking out as a later date, particularly should Anglo-American forces evacuate Italy before political and economic conditions have been reasonably stabilized. He intends to be prepared for this eventuality. His main preoccupation at present is to prevent the complete disintegration of right wing Partisan formations such as the RAISI Division. Major MAURI and many other regular Italian officers have become indoctrinated through their Partisan activities during the past

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3. Source believes in the possibility of civil war breaking out at a later date, particularly should Anglo-American forces intervene early before political and economic conditions have been reasonably stabilized. He intends to be prepared for this eventuality. His main preoccupation at present is to prevent the complete disintegration of fighting Partisan formations such as the MAJAI Division. Major MAJAI and many other regular Italian officers have become impoverished through their Partisan activities during the past eighteen months and now find themselves with no means of subsistence unless they continue their army careers. They will necessarily prevent their holding together the Partisan formations they have commanded.

4. Source, therefore, is now organizing the following:-
- a) Centres of assistance and clubs where Partisans from the Christian Democrats, Liberal and other anti-communist units may obtain help of very kind from the purchasing of clothing at reduced prices to assist them in obtaining

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employment. It is intended that these centres shall be controlled by officers such as Major HANCOCK, who would thus find employment and at the same time be able to maintain contact with their respective formations and particularly with their R.A.C. staffs.

b) A secret anti-communist information service. Source claims already to have infiltrated agents into the communist organisation.

5. Source states that his own and - he is certain - other anti-communist formations will not disarm until sure that their possible future opponents have handed in their weapons. He claims that at present the former units are well equipped with light and heavy automatic weapons, mortars and some German tanks.

6. Source especially emphasises the defensive character of all his activities.

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Source reports following statements made by Professor
Henry MOLINARI an important member of the Socialist party
and attached to A.M.G.

BEGINS: As leaving MILAN at 0830 hours to-day (May 31st)
by air for ROME to take to Togliatti agreed
invitation from Socialist and Communist parties of
North that he and other Communist members resign
immediately from BONOMI Cabinet. Resignations to
be handed in June 1st or soon after.

Unless present political crisis is solved in favour
of Socialists and Communists civil war will break out
in North Italy within three months.

Ties between Socialist and Communist parties daily
growing closer. Nenni will NOT go to Moscow before
settlement of present political crisis. ENDS

Source states that NENNI had definitely been invited to MOSCOW.

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To: Head of Chancery
British Embassy
ROME

Copy: A. Halford, Esq.,
Political Section
A.C., ROME

From: I.S.L.D.
Rome Area Allied Command

Date: 30th May. 1945

The attached has been received from two British officers in Trieste.

Major
I.S.L.D.

Mr. Benton informed

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ITALY

MILITARY / POLITICAL

Views on the Garibaldi Units

1. Following are the views of a British officer based on conversations with various units and interrogation that has been carried out.
2. The MARISCHE Division (19 Brigade) on arrival in Trieste became restive because they were confined to barracks by the Yugoslavs until after the ceremonial parade on May 20th. Now there is a steady flow of deserters and many more are anxious to desert but are afraid of reprisals.
3. The officers are in the main strongly communist, pro-Yugoslav and anti-Allied. The rank and file tell of the cool reception from the Italians in TRIESTE and are disillusioned at finding themselves countered in Yugoslav policy. Soldiers have been on several occasions detected tearing down TITO posters. Many are attempting to fraternise with Allied troops to the annoyance of the Yugoslavs. Source considers that less than half the total force are prepared to fight the Allies or Italy.
4. Units west of the ISONZO are disillusioned at finding the peasants reluctant to provide supplies now that protection from the Germans is no longer needed. Supplies are now obtained chiefly by threats to landowners. These units are closely supervised by political commissars. They represent a security rather than a military problem since while their fighting value is small they form an extensive information network for the

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3. The officers are in the main strongly communist, pro-Yugoslav and anti-Allied. The rank and file tell of the cool reception from the Italians in TRIESTE and are disillusioned at finding themselves counted in Yugoslav policy. Soldiers have been on several occasions detected tearing down YITO posters. Many are attempting to fraternise with Allied troops to the annoyance of the Yugoslavs. Source considers that less than half the total force are prepared to fight the Allies or Italy.
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5. Another British officer visiting Trieste has been informed by VARDI of the OSOPPO that members of the NAZIONALE GARIBOLDI Brigade have approached him stating they want to cut away from the Slovenes.

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6. They admit they made a mistake and want to return to the OSOFTO area.
7. VERDI agreed to accept their return to the fold but insisted that they remain where they are to strengthen anti-Slovene block in that area.

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To: Head of Chancery
British Embassy
ROME

Copy: A. Holford, Esq.,
Political Section
A.C., RME

From: I.S.L.D.
Rome Area Allied Command

Date: 30th May, 1945

The following is the text of a letter dated May 20th
from COS 4th Army to British Liaison officer, Major Vintour.

- a) We will not permit Allied troops to move from TRIESTE and
GORITZA into inland areas occupied by Yugoslav troops. If
Allied troops attempt to move in those areas without passes
they will be prevented from doing so. We consider we have a
right to take these precautions as you evidently do not still
regard us as Allies in view of action by your troops in destroying
material captured by us in battle.
- b) We are not in a different position from that of 1941 when we
were alone. We are not frightened by your aeroplanes and tanks
and force will be answered by force.
- c) Our U.S.A. has rejected with scorn Field Marshal Alexander's
proposals to Allied troops.

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- b) We are now in a different position from that of 1941 when we were alone. We are not frightened by your aeroplanes and tanks and force will be answered by force.
- c) Our G.H.Q. has rejected with scorn Field Marshal Alexander's message to Allied troops.

Major
I.S.L.D.

Copy: Mr. Benton

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To: Head of Mission
British Embassy
Rome

JUN 3 1945

Copied: A. Halford, Maj.
Political Section
A.C. 323

From: I.S.L.D.
Rome Area Allied Command

Date: 6th May, 1945

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Attached is a report on the situation in Trieste
dated from 17th - 31st May, 1945.

Major
I.S.L.D.

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ITALY

POLITICAL / MILITARY / ECONOMIC

The following are extracts from situation reports rendered to
37 Military Mission by a British officer in Trieste.

17.5.55

1. A draft proclamation of a military call-up has been seen ordering males between the ages of 17 and 30 to report at a given recruiting centre between 15th and 17th May with a blanket and one day's rations. The proclamation however, has not yet been published and a check kept on the recruiting centre shows no manifestations of the call-up.
2. The railway's TRIESTE to FUMS and LJUBLJANA to MARIBOR are working.
3. Present banking situation: All accounts and safe deposits are blocked. A single withdrawal of 3,000 lire only per account has been allowed from May 11th to date. No indication has been given of the date for the next permission to draw. Business is consequently at a standstill.
4. Reports are current but unconfirmed by any reliable witness that several hundred civilian prisoners were removed from TRIESTE on the nights of May 15th and 16th.
5. Food situation: The Yugoslav food manager states that there is enough flour in the city to last for three days. Requirements per day are 60,000 kg. of which 50,000 is for civilians and 10,000 for the army. The Yugoslav request for assistance in transporting grain to CERVIGNANO

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 5. Food situation: The Yugoslav food manager states that there is enough flour in the city to last for three days. Requirements per day are 60,000 Kg. of which 50,000 is for civilians and 10,000 for the army. The Yugoslav request for assistance in transporting grain to CHRYVONANO for milling was refused by 55 Area. There was a meat issue of 100 grams per head on May 16th. It is highly doubtful whether all the population received the issue, and no indication has been given of the date of the next issue. Fruit and vegetables are available in fair quantities.
 6. A reliable source reports that ammunition is being brought into the town by Yugoslavs in food lorries.

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7. The manager of CANTIERI RICHITI reports priority orders from the Yugoslavs for 350 coffins and the repair of all air raid sirens. Source is believed to be reliable.
8. A prisoner just released from CORONADO prison states that there is no evidence of physical maltreatment of detainees except for Fascists under interrogation.
9. A reliable source reports that Italian judges in TRIESTE are being suspended on the grounds that the Italian code of law will not be used. There is no evidence of Slovene replacements being made.
10. 19.5.45 Three orders were issued on May 19th by the Regional Committee of National Liberation signed FRANCO BENE president and ROGDAN BENEKELJ Secretary. The first orders the confiscation of all property of German state and German nationals, except of those who fought with Yugoslav or Allied Forces, of all war criminals and collaborators, and of those who have fled from the area. The second confirms the sub-division of Slovene littoral into the District of GORIZIA, Hinterland of TRIESTE and the autonomous city of TRIESTE. The third orders the dissolution of all "Fascist organizations".
11. The following are confirmed to be the leading lights of CLN functioning clandestinely in TRIESTE:

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Prof. Vittorio FULFANI	Action Party President
Ing. Gianni BARTOLI	Christian Democrat
Stagio MARINO	Liberal
Capt. Ercola MIAZI	Action Party, member of former Military Council of CLN
BENEDUZZI	Socialist

Overt CLN activities in TRIESTE are taking place, designed largely as cover for the clandestine action in TRIESTE. The TRIESTE Committee is attempting to broaden its representation and secure the adhesion of Italian Communist and Slovene members. It is its intention to publish a clandestine paper.

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12. A GUY source reports that the following two members of GRAIS have sent letters of resignation:

Prof. Marina LAPRENA	} Independent Democrats.
Ing Silvio LUZZATTI	

They also maintain that ZORATTI, President of GRAIS will shortly resign his post.

13. Though no call-up notice has as yet been published, there is considerable evidence that conscription is in fact being enforced by the Yugoslavs by house to house search methods, chiefly at night. There is an unconfirmed report to the effect that in place of a proclamation, their policy is to serve call-up notices direct on those considered liable for service. The conscription episodes are exaggerated by rumour as usual and the apprehensions of the Italian population increased.

14. There is a report from the Director of Education TRIESTE, to the effect that he has been ordered by the Yugoslav authorities to detail two teachers from each school to proceed on a course on the following subjects: 1) Democracy. 2) Yugoslav rights in Europe.

15. The first meeting of the General City assembly was held in TRIESTE on the evening of May 17th. The main decision was to form a tribunal to execute efficient execution. Additional members were elected to broaden the basis of GRAIS. Considerable security precautions were

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16. 20.5.45 Garibaldi brigades about 2500 strong held a ceremonial parade in the town this morning. The ceremony attracted almost no spectators. A change of policy about displaying Garibaldi personnel is evident, since until to-day the latter were confined to barracks, but are now circulating in the streets in strength. The reaction of the population studied is disinterested.

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17. Yugoslav nocturnal activities are on the increase. There are numerous reports of house to house conscription hunts. There have been several reports of columns of civilians marched through the streets at night, in some cases with their hands tied behind their backs. There have been several instances of looting of personal effects, and one report of Yugoslav soldiers entering a house when Italians were listening to the BBC on an unduly loud set and confiscating the set on the grounds that British propaganda is not suitable material for listeners. Such incidents are exaggerated by rumour with the effect of increasing both tension among civilians and hostility of Allied troops to the Yugoslavs. Isolated reports of bad behaviour of Allied troops when drunk have been received, and one official complaint from the Yugoslavs alleging the robbery of a Yugoslav soldier by three New Zealanders.
 18. The local press remains calm about the political situation, which receives less prominence than local events. The most critical passage refers to 'the reactionary English press, taken in by the propaganda of the Imperialist BUNCH government'.
 19. The relaxation of financial regulations is reported, though no public announcement to that effect has been made. Safes were permitted to be opened in some banks on May 18th under Yugoslav supervision.
 20. Travel permits are being issued in a fair quantity, including some

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19. The relaxation of financial regulations is reported, though no public announcement to that effect has been made. Sales were permitted to be opened in some banks on May 15th under Yugoslav supervision.
20. Travel permits are being issued in a fair quantity, including some to South Italy. Restrictions on the quantity of effects allowed to be taken have not been relaxed. Applications may now be made by post but as yet there is no evidence of any postal application having been answered.
21. An American Battalion left TRIESTE this morning as part of a regrouping scheme decided some time ago. It is anticipated that there will be a rumour to the effect that there has been a split between the British and Americans over the TRIESTE question.

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21.5.45

22. FRISCHER of OSS had a farewell interview to-day with JAKSIC.

The General made the following observations:

- 1) That the Yugoslavs repudiated with scorn BAKIC's references to Yugoslav Marxist techniques over the territory in question.
- 2) The Yugoslavs were prepared to abide by the decision of the peace conference even if they were unfavourable to them.
- 3) He complained about the alleged press references to slovenly appetites and dubious morals of the female partisans whom he declared to be superior in morals if not in makeup to "Italian whores of TRIESTE" now consorting with Allied troops.
- 4) He stated that the Yugoslavs and Western Allies were no longer on the previous basis of cooperation and sympathy for the Allies was rapidly dying.
- 5) He stated that the Yugoslavs had already shown their quality as allies and could display the same qualities as opponents.

The British officer's personal view is that the interview was irresponsible and naive on both sides, but it is reported as a possible weathercock

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APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

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1 June 1945.

Ref: 542/123/1.

SUBJECT: Reports.

TO : E.O. Media Region. (1)

cc:

Attached are copies of reports received from a secret source (2)

- (a) Strength of forces in the Reggio and Parma Areas.
- (b) Personnel in the Reggio and Parma Areas.
- (c) Hidden arms in the Reggio-Parma Area. (3)

E. Talbot
 Brigadier,
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TO : H.C. Lombardella Region.

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Attached is copy of a report on hiding of arms in N. Italy
which has been received from a secret source.

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1 June 1945.

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SUBJECT: Reports.

TO: : R.C. Venice Region. *RI-172*

Attached is copy of report on Personalities in Prudi which has been received from a secret source.

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Executive Commissioner.

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To: Head of Chancery
British Embassy
ROME

Copy: A. Halford, Esq.,
Political Section
A.C. ROME

From: I.S.L.D.
Home Area Allied Command

Date: 1st May, 1945

The attached report on Personalities in Friuli has
been received from TRUGULANT, dated 15th - 19th May, 1945.

Approved by R.C.
VENEZIA

MAJOR
I.S.L.D.

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ITALY

POLITICAL

Personalities in Friuli - UDINE

1. Personalities in the Geribaldi Division

a) GIOVANNI PADOVANI (VANNI) Political Communist. About 33 years old. Imprisoned for political offenses in 1929, released 1932. At one time was known as LADUT CARBONARI. Very intelligent and pro-Slav. Directed propaganda for the inclusion of FRIULI with Yugoslavia and also against the Allies.

b) FANTINI (RANNO) Commandant of the Geribaldi Division. Born at Ronfalcone and was formerly a worker or charge hand in the Ronfalcone workshops. Has 12 brothers several of whom were Syndicalist. Fanatical Communist.

c) Mario LITZNERO (ANDREA) Political Communist of the Geribaldi Division. Born MORTIMILLANO 26.6.13. Formerly clerk in grocery store, now living in CIVIDALE, Via Histori 36. Very intelligent. Communist and pro-Slav. Described as having great personality. Takes his orders from Yugoslav H.Q. Was imprisoned for seven years by Fascists for political offenses.

d) Doctor BELTRACCHI (MILIO) Communist by profession. Is a member of the U.L.M. and is a probable future choice for the office of Vice-Prefect of UDINE. Although a member of a rich family, he is one of the pillars of the Communist Party in UDINE.

- b) ZANTINI (SASSO) Commandant of the Garibaldi Battalion Division. Born at Monfalcone and was formerly a worker or charge hand in the Monfalcone works. Has 12 brothers several of whom were Squadristi. National Communist.
- c) Mario LIZZANO (ANDREA) Political Commissar of the Garibaldi Brigade. Born MONFALCONE 28.6.13. Formerly clerk in grocery store, now living in CIVITAVECCHIA. Via Vittoria 3a. Very intelligent. Communist and pro-Slav. Described as having great personality. Takes his orders from Yugoslav H.Q. was imprisoned for seven years by Fascists for political offences.
- d) Doctor MELLARINI (MILIO) Chemist by profession. Is a member of the C.L.M. and is a probable future choice for the office of Vice-Prefect of UDINE. Although a member of a rich family, he is one of the pillars of the Communist Party in UDINE.
- e) Ave. PIRELLI (GIUSEPPE) Political Commissar of the Garibaldi operating in the plains. Has belonged to the Squadristi, Sciarpa Littorio and Legionario Fiumano.
- f) MICHIELI: Military commander of the Garibaldi Brigade. Slovene, was deported from Italy by the Fascists. Fought in Spain, afterwards attended courses in Russia. Went to France from where he was deported after the outbreak of war. Not a strong character, easily influenced and completely overshadowed by ANDREA. Has no initiative, but enjoys complete confidence of those under him. His family lives in TRIESTE.
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2. Other Personalities

a) Professor Don Aldo MORRELLI, Captain of the OSORPO

b) Political Leaders:

Avv. Agostino CAMMOLINI: Christian Democrat

Avv. Giovanni COSATTINI: Socialist

Prof. Azze VARISSO: Liberal

Avv. Manlio GARZI: Liberal

Dott. Sel BIANCO: Action Party

3. Personalities in the OSORPO

a) Professor Candido GRASSI (VARDI): Head of the movement. He

is decided not to let Triuli pass under Yugoslav domination.

Very friendly to the Allies and quite prepared to let them

solve the political problem of Triuli. Intelligent and

capable leader. Enjoys wide popularity. Blacklisted by

"CACHIBALDI".

b) Lt. Col. Ascanio de LUCA (AUSCHIO): Together with VARDI is

founder of the "OSORPO". Anti-Yugoslav.

c) "MAKIO": Captain of Alpini and enjoys the same popularity

as the two former. Member of the Action Party.

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Dott. Del BIAIO:

Action Party

3. Personalities in the OSIRIO

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- b) Lt. Col. Ascanio de LUCA (AUSILIO): Together with VARESI is founder of the "OSIRIO". Anti-Yugoslav.
- c) "MARIO": Captain of Alipini and enjoys the same popularity as the two former. Member of the Action Party.

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To: Head of Chancery
British Embassy
ROME

Copy: A. Malford, Esq.,
Political Section
A.C., ROME

From: I.S.L.D.,
Rome Area Allied Command

Date: 23rd May, 1945

The attached report on the hiding of arms in
N. Italy has been received from a source operating in
the North West.

Approved R.C.

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Major
I.S.L.D.

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ITALY

POLITICAL

Hiding of Arms in N.W. Italy

A source operating in North-West Italy reports that the
N. 105th Communist Patriot Brigade operating in the area
ACORE, MERATE, BARZANO, BRIVIO, ALEUNO has ordered that each
patriot is to retain and conceal all arms and ammunition. This
has been carried out and the patriots have hidden all their
arms in their houses. As a result patriots belonging to
other parties have also hidden their arms in order not to be surprised
without them.

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To: Head of Chancery
British Embassy
ROME

Coppy: A. Halford, Esq.,
Political Section
A.O., ROME

From: I.S.L.D.
Rome Area Allied Command

Date: 23rd May, 1945

Attached is a report on the Strength of Parties
in the Reggio and Parma Areas, dated from 19th - 21st May, 1945.

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ITALY

POLITICAL

Strength of Parties in the Reggio and Parma Areas

1. A source who lives in the Reggio area has been given the following

figures of Party strengths by Dr. ZANONI, General Secretary of the

Deputazione Provinciale:

COMMUNIST PARTY:

About 15,000 counting both
inscribed members and sympathizers.

SOCIALIST PARTY:

About 7,000 counting both inscribed
members and sympathizers

ACTION PARTY:

About 200

2. The same source has been informed by Professor Giuseppe DOSSETTI,
an executive member of the Christian Democrat Party that the number of
members and sympathizers of his party is 11,000.

3. Another source describing the position of the Parties in PARMA
states that as in REGGIO the most powerful are the Christian Democrat
and Communist Parties. The Republican Party is small, its membership
confined to town dwellers. The Action Party has little following.
The Liberal Party, though small is composed of members who are held in
esteem by the population. The Socialists are not numerically strong.

4. Many of the Leftist Patriots have not yet joined any particular party,
but the Communist Party is very active and carrying out substantial
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4. Many of the Leftist Patriots have not yet joined any particular party, but the Communist Party is very active and carrying out substantial recruiting.
5. The Communist Party is also urging mass organizations of Partisan units in the Italian army. It is the general opinion that the aim of this is to avoid the handing in of arms and disarming of the partisans.

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To: Head of Chancery
British Embassy
ROME

Copy: A. Halford, Esq.,
Political Section
A.O. ROME

From: I.S.I.D.
Rome Area Allied Command

Date: 23rd May, 1945

Attached is a report on some personalities in
the Reggio Parma area.

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POLITICAL

Some Personalities in the Reggio Parma Area

1. Provisional Questore Dr. Pietro LOTTI:

Dr. LOTTI belongs to no political party but according to source he is suspect owing to his dealings with Fascism.

Provisional Vice-Questore Colonel ROVERELLI:

Is described by source as a well balanced and serious man. Member of no party.

Provisional Vice-Questore Valeriano DAVIDE:

Member of the Communist Party. Source describes him as an indefatigable organizer of Communist cells among the partisan formations in the mountains.

2. Ferrari DIDIMO (AKA):

Lives in COMPIONE. General Commissioner of the Corps Volontari Liberta. Medium height, strongly built, red hair slightly bald, blue eyes, ruddy complexion. Described by source as a very cunning man, violent, clever but not cultured. Is considered the best Communist propagandist in the area. For some time before the liberation of the Reggio Parma area was spreading anti-British propaganda through the Communist cells he had set up amongst the partisans.

Provisional Vice-Questore Valeriano DAYLINO:

Member of the Communist Party. Source describes him as an "undefatigable organizer of Communist cells among the partisan formations in the mountains.

2. FERRARI DIDIMO (KRDG):

Lives in COMPEGLIO. General Commissar of the Corps Volontari Liberti. Medium height, strongly built, red hair slightly bald, blue eyes, ruddy complexion. Described by source as a very cunning man, violent, clever but not cultured. Is considered the best Communist propagandist in the area. For a month before the liberation of the Reggio Parma area was spreading anti-British propaganda through the Communist cells he had set up amongst the partisans.

3. Ing. PLANI:

Democratic Christian member of the Reggio G.L.N. Described by source as the most competent man on the Committee and one who has the confidence of the whole people in the area.

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h. Alberto Augusto SANCHEZ:

Secretary of the Socialist Federation and member of the

C.L.M. Working to bring about a fusion between the Socialists
and Communists.

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To: Head of Chancery
British Embassy
ROME

Copy: A. Halford, Reg.,
Political Section
A.C., ROME

From: I.S.I.D.
Rome Area Allied Command

Date: 23rd May, 1945

Attached is a report on hidden arms dumps in
the Reggio-Parma area.

R.C. Smith

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Hidden Arms Dumps in the Reggio-Parma area

1. A source in Parma states that Captain RAMIL of 145th Garibaldi Brigade has hidden four 75 mm guns and a quantity of ammunition in Castel NOVO MONTE. He is said also to have concealed there large quantities of automatic arms, ammunition and material abandoned by the Germans during their retreat.
2. The parish priest at POLANO, Don ORLANDINI di SATURNIO, who was leader of the Christian Democrat Brigade "ITALO" has told another source in Reggio that there are ammunition dumps in the old religious hostel at RUBIERO and in a cave at SUCCISO. The parish priest of SUCCISO is said to know the exact location of the latter dump.
3. It is the opinion of the senior member of the local C.L.N. that it would be possible to arm 10,000 men in the Parma area and provinces with hidden arms and "arms acquired from other sources".

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Ref: 342/110/20.

SUBJECT: I.S.L.D. Report.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.
Economic Section.
Finance Sub-Commission.

The following extract from a report from I.S.L.D. dated 6 May 1945 may be of interest to you. The source is said to be reliable.

"Eaffaele MATTEOLI, a Director of the Banca Commerciale Italiana was approached by SCOCIMAURO on 6 May to enquire whether the banks would be willing to continue advances to the industries in the North in spite of the dismissal of the directors in order to enable salaries to be paid until coal and other raw materials could be imported. MATTEOLI assured SCOCIMAURO that provided the Allies sent coal and raw materials, the banks could go on advancing money to the industries.

MATTEOLI pointed out to SCOCIMAURO that it was a pity to dismiss the directors who would have been willing to finance the industries for a while with their own money, much of which could probably have been re-exported from Switzerland."

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Ref: 542/109/RO.

27 May 1945.

SUBJECT: Report.

TO : S.C.A.O., Fifth Army.
S.C.A.O., IV Corps.

The following extract from a report received from a reliable Secret source is passed to you for information.

"An Allied officer who was recently in the North was introduced by CAMERANO, Vice-President of FIAT, to Marquis Maurizio FRACASSI, the leader of a group of Royalist Partisans. FRACASSI claims to have a following of about nine thousand fully armed partisans, all Royalists, who would be willing and are in fact eager to fight the Communists immediately. FRACASSI states that his band is recruited from ex-army officers, peasants, and from the sons of the old Piedmontese families.

According to VALLETTA, President of FIAT and CAMERANO, FRACASSI's band have already received ten million lire through the FIAT Company. CAMERANO states that all this money has been provided by the AGNELLI family, which owns the majority of FIAT shares, in order to keep the band together and to penetrate the Communists."

For the Chief Commissioner:

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: RO, PIEDMONT Region.

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To: Head of Chancery
British Embassy
ROME

MAY 27 1945

Copy: A. Halford, Esq.,
Political Section
A.C., RME

Art. Henry

From: I.S.L.D.
Rome Area Allied Command

Date: 23rd May, 1945

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Attached is a report on anti-Communist Partisans
in TUNIS.

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ITALY

POLITICAL

Anti-Communist Partisans in Turin

1. A British officer who was recently in the North was introduced by CAMERANA, Vice-President of FIAT, to Marquis Maurizio FRACASSI, the leader of a group of Royalist Partisans.
2. FRACASSI claims to have a following of about nine thousand fully armed partisans, all Royalists, who would be willing and are in fact eager to fight the Communists immediately.
3. FRACASSI states that his band is recruited from ex-army officers, peasants and from the sons of the old Piedmontese families.
4. This band is in touch with O.S.S. who arranged to finance it through the FIAT Company. According to VALLETTA, President of FIAT and CAMERANA, Fracassi's band has already received ten million lire, the last million of which was handed over in the presence of the British officer on May 14th.
5. CAMERANA states that all this money has been provided by the AONELLI family, which owns the majority of FIAT shares, in order to keep the band together and to penetrate the Communists.
6. According to CAMERANA the money advanced to Fracassi will not now

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5. CAMERANA states that all this money has been provided by the AGRICOLI family, which owns the majority of FIAT shares, in order to keep the band together and to penetrate the Communists.

6. According to CAMERANA the money advanced to Fracassi will not now be refunded by O.S.S. as was originally intended, as FIAT are unwilling to accept it; FIAT are, however, discussing future business with the Americans on a scale in comparison with which the above sum is very small.

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To: Head of Chancery
British Embassy
ROME

Copy: A. Halford, Sec.,
Political Section
A.C., RMC

From: I.S.L.D.
Home Area Allied Command

Date: 22nd May, 1945

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Attached is a report on Communist views on the present situation, dated 13th May, 1945.

Dr. Fontato is a friend of source, and although not a Communist, is thrown into fairly close contact with Spano whose confidence he is said to enjoy.

Major
I.S.L.D.

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ITALY

POLITICAL

Communist Views on the Present Situation

1. Following the firmer attitude taken by the Allies with Tito's Government on the Trieste question, several Communists have expressed the fear that Marshal Alexander's recent statement is an indication of the stand the Allies will take to any attempt by their party to force a left-wing and principally Communist Government in Italy.
2. Doctor FUMICATO, one of the editors of the independent paper MOMENTO, which shares printing facilities with L'UNITA, informed a usually reliable source that he heard SEANO tell his sub-editor two days ago that it is the opinion of the Communist Party that as long as the Allies have any control in Italy they will never allow an Italian Government to be formed entirely from left-wing parties.
3. SEANO stated that this was a question of great importance and one which the Communist Party were considering in making their future plans for the North, as it meant either revolution or the renunciation of all progress in their democratic programme.
4. According to Dr. Fumicato, SEANO added rather significantly that the problem of the Partisans had not yet been solved, and that they still had their arms which they intended to retain. Rather than

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4. According to Dr. Fondato, SPANO added rather significantly that the problem of the Partisans had not yet been solved, and that they still had their arms which they intended to retain. Rather than give them up, he said, they would return to the mountains.
5. In reply to a question, SPANO admitted rather grudgingly that the Communists had lost a great deal of prestige over their handling of the Trieste question, and that they had also lost a number of their members to the Socialist Party for the same reason.

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To: Head of Chancery
British Embassy
Rome

Copy: A. Balford, Esq.,
Political Section
A.C., Rome

From: L.S.L.D.
Rome Area Allied Command

Date: 22nd May, 1945

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The British officer we have in Trieste has been sending a telegram to the 37 Military Mission daily covering points of political interest in the area. It was understood that 37 Military Mission would pass these on to me, but I have received nothing so far except the copy of the telegram of May 15th sent to me by bag direct from Trieste. Independent arrangements have now been made for these daily reports to reach me through other channels.

The following items appear inter alia in the above mentioned telegram:

1. CSAIS has been upgraded to COMSIGIO in view of its new responsibilities.
2. A Slovene newspaper reports the division of the Slovene seaboard into the following three administrative areas: GORIZIA province, TRIESTE province, autonomous city of TRIESTE.
3. An anti-CSAIS pamphlet has been circulated by GUR STILANO. The contents are petulant and Italian nationalist rather than democratic in tone.

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3. An anti-CHAIS pamphlet has been circulated by GLE CIVILNO. The contents are petulant and Italian nationalist rather than democratic in tone.
4. A report from a ULM member released from prison yesterday gives the total number of political prisoners held in TRIESTE as 1100. They were all put in since May 3rd.
5. The Yugoslavs are looting the Italian owned warehouses in the port area. The only goods so far identified are tinned foods, ropes and tins of paint.
6. Barter market in the town is opening up. Allied troops are being asked for tinned food in exchange for goods. The exchange value of a tin of meat is 1100 lire.

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1.
It is reported from a former General Agent, Trieste, for the Guard companies that GALLICH, former seaman agent, now head of the Port Office, is trying to form a new group of ship agents, largely composed of former seaman agents, with the idea of cornering agencies and excluding agents of main lines.

2.
Leaflets distributed in ALABAMA say that the Military Government of the Yugoslav Army is established in the whole of liberated CROATIA and that the population is cooperative.

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To: Head of Chancery
British Embassy
ROME

Cc: A. Hafford, Reg.,
Political Section
A.C., RME

From: I.S.L.D.
Rome Area Allied Command

JUN 1 1945

Date: 21st May, 1945

The attached report on the Adriatic League is
further to our No. 11/482 of 4th April, 1945, and comes
from the same source.

Major
I.S.L.D.

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POLITICAL
The Adriatic League

1. A local member of the Adriatic League, Bari, states that the League is reorganising as a political party and will shortly publish its constitution and programme.
2. It intends to publicise its aims by means of the press and by means of contacts in the Italian Government, and it intends to deal openly with the Allies. Immediate aim is to press for a plebiscite in the Venezia Giulia, which will raise the possibility of voting for a Venezia Giulia republic, as an alternative to Italian or Yugoslav sovereignty.
3. The League is also going to turn its attention to the fate of the Italian population in ZAKA, and has already contacted the Italian Foreign Office on this subject.

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Lt. Col. Talbot*

To: Head of Chancery
British Embassy
ROME

Copy: A. Halford, Esq.,
Political Section
A.C., ROME

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From: I.S.L.D.
Rome Area Allied Command

MAY 25 1945

Date: 14th May, 1945

Attached is a report on the situation in
RGO10, dated 12th May, 1945, which has been received
from CHIST.

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for Major
I.S.L.D.

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POLITICAL
Situation in REGGIO

1. Source in Reggio reports that a serious situation is developing in that province.
2. The majority of patriots have hidden newer weapons and handed in old ones.
3. It has been openly stated at provincial Liberation Committee meetings that they intend to store arms to "demonstrate the same force as a fortnight ago, but this time to the BONOMI Government and others".
4. The Communists and Socialists are working under the MILAN C.L.N.A.I. directives of the respective parties.
5. Reports following.
6. Looting is being carried out in the guise of a Fascist purge and is rampant.

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To: Head of Chancery
British Embassy
ROME

Copy: A. Halford, Esq.,
Political Section
A.C., RMC

MAY 25 1945

From: I.S.L.D.
Home Area Allied Command

Date: 14th May, 1945

Attached is a report on the situation in
PIACENZA Area, dated May 12th, which has been received
from PHILOSOPHER.

E. C. W.
for Major
I.S.L.D.

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1. Source reports similar situation in the PIACENZA area to that in REGGIO.
2. Only the older Communist leaders are genuine as regards a policy. The remainder are concerned with looting and storing arms and obtaining vehicles for black market activities.
3. The Americans are reported as having approached most industrial establishments offering to send material and machinery in exchange for financial interest in business.
4. A full political report follows.
5. The strongest organized party in PIACENZA, REGGIO and PARMA is the Socialist.

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