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COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI GENOVA (II)
Stato Maggiore-III. Territoriale-III. vari

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Genova, 1 *Genovese* 1947

OGGETTO: Servizio di guardi.

AL COMANDO DELLA LEGIONE CARABINIERI di GENOVA

e, per conoscenza:

AL 2° B.L.U. GENOVA

Con riferimento al foglio n.4/4/C del 2° B.L.U. in data dicembre 1946, inviata a codesto Comando per conoscenza, prego disporre perché il servizio di sorveglianza di cui alla lettera a) del foglio stesso venga senz'altro iniziato e mantenuto in tanto che la mensa del 2° B.L.U. resterà nella attuale sede.

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Subject:- Internal Security Instructions

2 British Liaison Unit
Tel: 36575
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30 Dec 46

To:- GSO I I(b),
GSI, GIC, GIC.

In consequence of the disbanding of this unit Copy No. 38 of Internal Security Instructions is returned herewith. Please acknowledge receipt to Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (MIA), ROSE.

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Quid.
Major,
Commanding 2 British Liaison Unit.

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Major.
Commanding 2 British Liaison Unit.

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CONFIDENTIAL

Subject: - Security - Loss of Correspondence

2 British Liaison Unit.
Tel: 56575
G 4

3 Dec 45.

To: - 25 Port Security Section

1. Ref conversation Major BURKE - HQ IL.

1. Herewith detailed list of correspondence emanating from this HQ which has been lost in transit:-

Letter dated	Ref No.	Subject	Added To	Method of Despatch
4 Oct 45	G 6	Progress Report No. 45	HQ, MILA, ROME	Unregistered on 4 Oct thro' sigs channels
4 Nov 45	G 6	Progress Report No. 46	HQ, MILA, ROME	Unregistered on 5 Nov thro' sigs channels
28 Oct 45	A 1/4	Confidential Re- port General FORNARO	HQ, MILA, ROME	Unregistered on 29 Nov thro' sigs channels

2. It would be appreciated if questions reports on the civilians listed below could be forwarded to this HQ.

Name	Address
BRUNO Lorenzo	Via Vittorio Veneto, 25, Genova
DECAUVE Isa	c/o Sig. a. Massio, Via Trento, 3/11, Genova
FICURENTE Iole	Via D Oliva 10/15, Sestri, Genova
MERLINI Cicciano	Via Bolzano, 4/5, Quinto, Genova
PICUANO Manlio	Via G. Diga, 25/23, Genova
ROSSI Maria	Via Mino Bizio, 1/20A, scalle sinistra, Genova
SCHENA Maria	S. Montebello, 21/1, Genova
VENTURI Fulvio	Corso Caratterara, 4/11, Genova

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Letter dated	Ref No.	Subject	Added To	Method of Despatch
4 Oct 46	G 6	Progress Report No. 15	HQ, MMIA, ROME	Unregistered on 4 Oct thro' sigs channels
4 Nov 46	G 6	Progress Report No. 16	HQ, MMIA, ROME	Unregistered on 5 Oct thro' sigs channels
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FRANCINI Iole	Via D Oliva 10/15, Sestri, Genova
MERLINI Giannina	Via Bolzano, 4/5, Quinto, Genova 3287
RICCIANO Emilio	Via G. Biga, 25/23, Genova
ROSSI Maria	Via Mino Bardo, 1/20A, scalle sinistra, Genova
SCHEIA Maria	S. Montebello, 21/1, Genova
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Major
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Subject:- Security

2 British Liaison Unit
Tel: 56575 (Gannon)
G 4

21 May 46

To:- Land Forces Sub Com A.C. (MMA)

Ref your AG/46 dated 8 May 46.

1. Discreet inquiries have been made through various channels and as far as is known no suspicion has been aroused.
2. The information acquired has confirmed my opinion and that of responsible officials who are completely trustworthy.
3. Taking the Territorial Region as a whole I am certain that they are thoroughly reliable. The Territorial HQ are inclined to treat Communist propaganda much too seriously but they are endeavouring to stamp out any signs of subversive elements among the troops. Inf Div Mantova are staunch and completely reliable. I have known the Regimental and Bn Commanders for a long time and I have complete faith in them. The Div have won a certain amount of respect from the general public by their continued good turn out coupled with the obvious showing of a good organised force. Unfortunately this is not the case in respect of 2 Inf Regt. The Regimental Commander is an excellent officer whom I admire and respect. He has had the most tremendous tasks in getting his regiment together and making their accommodation decent and habitable. I cannot say that they will be reliable in the event of a public disturbance. The men of this regiment are subject to the talencous claws of communist propagandists. Officers of the Bns have been instructed to fight this propaganda by winning the men over to the spirit of the regiment. At first I thought this was a task nearly impossible but on my recent visit to the regiment I noticed that this spirit was beginning to prevail. Recently a report from the PSM stated that women were being hired for the price of 6000 Lira per month by the communist party solely for the purpose of selling their propaganda in which they have already been well instructed. This propaganda and method has been made mostly to non-members of the old Combat Groups.
4. Precautions are being taken that the Region shall not be unprepared in the event of any disturbance and units have already been placed at strategic points. The CC, HQ Mobile Bn are based on Sturla Bks with, in support, a Bn of Mantova at the East and West ends of GENOA. The Inf have the task of providing a Mobile Coln to be ready to proceed to any given locality on receipt of Code Word.
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5. In conclusion I feel that the Army, on the whole, are disinterested in the general political situation and would be prepared to back whichever Government is formed after the General Elections.

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Major,
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
LIGURIA LIAISON GROUP
CMF - APO 394

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REF : LOP. 532

9th May, 46

SUBJECT: Hidden Arms

TO : C.S.I. (B)

N. 3 District, Northern Detachment, Milan.

1. I attach herewith a copy report of the CC.RR. Genoa, relating to the finding of a large quantity of arms of various types in Savignone, Renesso locality, Genoa.
2. The finding place was in a magazine, protected by a newly built wall, in the colony U.D.I. (Unione Donne Italiane.)
3. It is suspected, but no proof exists, that members of the Communist Party are responsible for the cache.
4. The first part of the report refers to a motor van with four men that went to the locality on the 2nd April and removed another cache of arms (including sixty German rifles) that have been placed in a locked storehouse by CC.RR. and the Ufficio Raccolta, Genoa, (Official Collecting Agency) informed, for arrangements, for removal. The guardian of the storehouse permitted the four men to take the weapons away under the impression they were acting for the Ufficio Raccolta. This Office denies any responsibility, and the vehicle, men, or weapons have not yet been traced.
5. Active investigation is proceeding by CC.RR., in the matter which is regarded as serious in view of the present political situation.
6. Submitted for your information.

For Chief Liaison Officer:

J. Kane
J. KANE
Major
Liaison Officer.

Copy : 85 P.S. Section
F.S.S.
C.L.O.

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TRADUZIONE

Legione Territoriale dei Carabinieri Reali di Genova
Tenenza Lido di Albaro.

Fu/1/22

Genoa, 5th May 1946

SUBJECT ; Finding of a depot of arms and ammunition in Savignone
(Genoa).

On 2nd inst. at abt. 10hrs as the Lieutenant ROBOTTI Elio, Commanding the CC.RR. Station of Lido 'Albero was informed that on the proceeding day 4 unknown men had took away some arms and ammunition from Savignone (Genoa) by means of a truck, directed towards Montoggio (Genoa) he went immediately at Montoggio in order to trace the motor-vehicle.

After having started carefully done enquiries and having interrogated numerous persons, he went in Savignone, where, with the aid of the Commanding of CC.RR. Station, Brigadiere Bottaro Carlo, continued diligent and patient enquiries in Benasso locality, near the U.D.I. colony. While searching the premises of the colony, in the inspection of the outside wall, he suspected that a short piece of wall, which appeared of new construction, may hide some surprises. He proceeded then to break the same and found that the empty space which divide the house by the mountain overhanging, filled with the following arms and ammunition and explosive. : -

Machine gun 20 m/m without pedestal	1
Italian and German machine guns	5
German rifles (Ta pun)	12
Italian rifles and muskets (cal .6,5 and 7,35	45
Mortar basement 81 m/m	5
Mortar mouths 81m/m	5
Part of mortar 81 m/m	3
Panzerfaust	20
Mines (magnetyc- anti-tanks, anti-man)	47
Boxes containing romite, tritol, donna- rter - 25-90 Kg.)	113
Boxes containing ammunition of various caliber	282
Grenades for "Bazzucca"	174
Field-telephones	2
Transmitting radio sets	1
Telephoning apparatus	4

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Five fountain pens	100
Plastic small sacks	20
Boxes containing electrical apparatus	7
Polish hand-grenades	2
Grenades for "tromboncino"	20
Projectiles for machine gun of 20 m/m	
setting fire and piercing	20
Jute small sacks	an undetermined number

Said materials which was recovered and handed over, after three days of work, to the "Nucleo Rastrellatori" of Genoa, presumably were hidden during the days of liberation.

Sgd. The Lieut. Commanding the Tenenza
Elio Robotti.

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TO BE COMPLETED AND RETURN IMMEDIATELY TO:

GSO 1 I(b), GSI, GHQ, CMF.

Held by Major Duffy.

RECEIPT is hereby acknowledged of Secret and Personal document entitled "Internal Security Instructions, CMF (excluding BTA and LF(G) and BTNA" dated 11th February, 1946, Copy 38

signed...F.P.Duffy, Major

Date 3/5/46.

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Secret Personal Pro-Memoria -

Genoa, 25th April 46

To

Major Kane of Allied Police
Genoa,

According to confidential informations worth to be considered, members of the left wing parties are preparing themselves for an insurrection with arms in hand, in the Province of Genoa.

The organizers are said to be in contact with elements belonging to other regions of Upper Italy. It is said that during recent days the S.A.P. have been re-constituted and the partisan brigades re-organized. It is further maintained that the province is to be subdivided into military zones, to be placed under the command of men who distinguished themselves already during the partisan fight. Plans to get immediate hold of the town are said to have been prepared in all details.

These special squads are said to take possession of the public offices when the moment for it will have arrived, and specially telephonic and telegraphic installations as well as radio-stations are to be occupied.

The Prefettura, Questura, P.S. Offices and the Carabinieri barracks are to be occupied and neutralized by the aid of the auxiliary P.S. agents belonging to the former brigades "Severino" and "Salilla". The calls formed within the Army, which are considered to be numerous, would have to neutralize whatsoever activity from the part of the military commanders.

It is said that the revolt could take place in the evening of 2nd of 3rd June of this year, when the police forces will be split up by providing for the maintenance of order in the electoral sections. According to the plan a big demonstration will be held in the main streets of the town in honour of the probable electoral victory of the social-communists. While the masses of the people would take part at the demonstration the armed action-squads would have to occupy the places assigned to them.

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The hidden activity of the left-wing parties are not completely ignored by the exponents of the other political parties, who are said to be rather preoccupied by it. There is also anxiety among the population and there is talk about a second wave of blood-shed.

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26th April 1946

REF : LOP:501

TO : Chief Liaison Officer
LIGURIA

SUBJECT : Communist Party.

1. Reference your note of 23/4/46, I have caused information to be obtained from the available sources with the following results :

- a) P.S.S. - That the members of the P.C.I. are instructed to maintain cordial relations with other party members and so influence the population generally before the Constituent Elections; by shewing the good conduct and discipline of the party.
Informations in their hands reveal that in the Trieste area certain Communist agitations on a large scale are anticipated, with the idea of embarrassing the American-British Government.
- b) QUESTURA - No information to shew any effort by P.C.I. to attain power by illegal means.
- c) CARABINIERI - I attach a copy of a report submitted by CC.RR. (Squadra Investigativa) to Ministry of the Interior on the matter, which is revealing.
- d) Other sources. - A general opinion that although apparently well conducted that considerable underground activity is being made, and an attempt by force to seize power a possibility.

2. CONCLUSION - My opinion purely as the result of sifting the various pieces of information is that no attempt by force to seize power will be made until Allied Forces have left Italy, but that it will be made is a certainty if the P.C.I. are not successful in the forthcoming elections.

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J. KANE,
Major
Liaison Officer.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
LIGURIA LIAISON GROUP
CMF - APO 394

REF : LOP. 535

24 th April 1946

SUBJECT: Attempted illegal immigration of 1014
Jewish subjects from La Spezia.

TO : Director
Public Safety Sub-Commission
Allied Commission - H.Q. - ROME -

1. Reference my previous report dated the 11th April 1946,
File N° 535, relating to the above quoted subject, the following
developements have occurred :

a) On 19/4/46 at 18.00 hrs., the Jewish subjects on the
Ship "FEDE" La Spezia, received the following telegram
from Professor Laski, President of the British Labour
Party :

"Owing to gravity of question involved a decision can-
not be made at a moments notice and if you will wait
patiently until next week-and I am expecting a favour-
able answer."

2. The Action Committee of the Jewish subjects above held
a meeting on the ship on the 20/4/46, discussed the telegram and
arrived at the following decisions :

a) Having no doubt about the sincerity of Prof. Laski and
about his intention to solve their problem, they accept
to wait for the answer of Mr. Bevin, until and no more
the end of next week.

b) They hope it will be clearly understood that no partial
solution is acceptable by them.

c) They ask that the Italian prisoners arrested in connection
with the case be released in accordance with the promise
made by Prof. Laski and Capt. Hill of A.F.N.Q.

3. It is the opinion of competent observers, Italian Authorities,
etc., that unless a satisfactory reply for the Jews is forthcoming by
Sunday next, an attempt will be made to sail the ship unlawfully, or
some other action, possibly mass suicide will occur which they believe
will focus world attention to their case.

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4. For your information.

For Chief Liaison Officer:

J. Kane
J. KANE
Major
Liaison Officer.

Copy to : C.L.O. ✓
N° 2 District
59 Area
D.P. Section
British Consul General
American Consul General
Major Stewart
Lt. Duffy - 2 B.L.U. Genoa ✓

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Subject:- Illegal Migration

2 British Liaison Unit
Tel: 96575 (Cenca)
G 4.

13 ~~13~~ Apr 46

To:- Lead Forces Sub Commission AG (MIA)

1 RLS

1. Att report from AG Liaison Co Liguria is passed to you for info.
2. CORP det were previously on pt under the supervision of the Quastura Int, as can be seen in the report, these have now been withdrawn.
3. No incidents have occurred involving military or CORP personnel.
4. As there is a Bty of 155 Arty Bgt, Mantova Inf Div in LA SPERIA they have been advised to keep completely out of the area inhabited at present by the Jews.

[Signature]
Major
G II.

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ALLIED COMMISSION
LIGURIA LIAISON GROUP
CMF - APO 394

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REF. : LOP. 535

SUBJECT : Attempted illegal emigration of 1014 Jewish subjects
from La Spezia to Palestine.

11th April 46

TO : Director
Public Safety Sub-Commission
Allied Commission - H.Q. - ROME -

1. On the 4th April 1946 at 04.00 hrs. in La Spezia Harbour, La Spezia, a convoy of some 38 Allied vehicles arrived at the quay-side, and commenced to unload some 1014 Jewish subjects from the vehicles into the 500 Ton Italian Sailing (auxiliary motor) Schooner "FEDE".

2. Agents of the Questura, aided by Guardia di Finanza, who had received prior information of the movement, detained all concerned, including the ships crew.

3. Following a message from the Questore of La Spezia I immediately informed 85 Port Security Section, S.A. Military Police, and sent a telegram of the facts to ALCOM, 2 District, 59 Area, Public Safety Sub-Commission, Displaced Persons Sub-Commission; vide telegram 1866 of the 4/4/46.

4. Resultant enquiries by F.S.S. and S.I.B. 2 District reveal that the movement was a well organized attempt to illegally effect entry into Palestine; in which the services of 38 vehicles of the 179 G.T. Coy. R.A.S.C. (Palestine) stationed at Cepus, were utilised to convey the subjects from an unknown point in North Italia to La Spezia.

5. S.I.B. have arrested three sergeants, in charge of the convoy and one soldier driver, and sent all the vehicles with their soldier drivers back to their depots. A very large quantity of Allied food (whether Military or U.N.R.R.A. property is not yet determined) was found on board the ship; and in a magazine some 100 yds distnat; also 117 drums of diesel oil of Allied origin, which was evidently destined for fuel.

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6. S.I.B. have arrested the following Italian subjects:
 - (a) MUSSO Giuseppe - of Savona - Shipping Agent.
 - (b) MARANZANA Matteo - La Spezia - Engineer.
 - (c) BARGIACCHI Renzo - La Spezia - Ship builder.for the offences of illegal possession of Allied property, illegalities in connection with the vessel concerned, and direct responsibility in the evasion of the emigration laws.

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7. F.S.S./ S.I.B. have obtained useful information from the arrested civilians above, but from the Military personnel arrested and the Jewish subjects themselves no informations can be elicited as to the origin of the movement, route of convoy, or the organizers responsible.
8. The subjects are comprised of 611 men, 400 women, and 3 children, all the adults being between the ages of 18/60, and 95 % being beneath 40 years; they are mainly Polish Jews.
9. On the 7th April 1946 an attempt was made to sail the ship to Chiavari by a R.N. Party, where the subjects would have been cared for in a excellent camp under ~~U.N.R.R.A.~~ D.P.S. organizations; but the subjects declined any assistance stating they would refuse to proceed to any destination other than Palestine, and would mutiny and burn the ship if such an attempt was made. The attempt to place them under better conditions was therefore abandoned, and the R.N. party withdrawn. A telegram of this development was sent to the authorities quoted in Par. 3 vide telegram No 1870 of the 7th April 1946.
10. At dawn 8/4/46 the Jewish subjects commenced a hunger strike; as a weapon to cause decisive action to be taken in their case; and made it clear they will accept no other solution to their problem except the necessary authorisation to proceed to Palestine. They are not prepared to accept any assistance; and are ready to suffer any difficulties to reach their goal. Telegrams covering this phase were sent vide No 1871 of the 8/4/46 and No 1873 of the 9/4/46, to authorities quoted in Par.3, urging immediate action.
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7. F.S.S./ S.I.B. have obtained useful information from the arrested civilians above, but from the Military personnel arrested and the Jewish subjects themselves no informations can be elicited as to the origin of the movement, route of convoy, or the organizers responsible.

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and report of C.L.O. vide corres A.O./18 of the 11th/4/46, in which the points of the discussion by Professor Laszki were enumerated.

12. Following the above discussion all Police guards have been withdrawn by the Italian authorities, and the Jewish subjects are keeping good order and discipline on the ship and quay to which she is moored. Tenting and food are being provided by the American Joint Distribution Committee.

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COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI GENOVA (II)
S. M. Ufficio Informazioni

Genoa, 12th. December 1945

PRIVATE --PERSONAL

SUBJECT:- Occupation Tenda's region.

TO : 2 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

GENOVA

Reference to this morning's conversation I beg to inform that the Ministry of War has supplied me with the following informations

" The British Ambassador has confidentially informed that the french troops have requested to occupy the Tenda's area at the time that the British troops shall withdraw.

Following the reply given by the Allied Command to the effect that the region, as others area on the frontiere, should be occupied by italian troops, the french renewed the request alleging as excuse that the italian would exercise hostilities against people and/or person in any way connected with France.

The British Ambassador asked our advise on the opportunity to insist with the Allied Command in the sense that the region may be kept occupied by the British. He received the following reply:

" If the Tenda's area should continue to be occupied by the Anglo-American troops such circumstance would give rise to the presumption that the said zone is under contest. It is strongly advised that also such region be at once occupied by italian troops. The Government, if necessary, is ready to give a formal undertaking that on our side no action shall be taken against anyone.

In such sense the British Ambassador has telegraphed to the Allied Command "

Awaiting the decision and executive dispositions from the Allied Command the Ministry of War has given me order to prepare a plan and keep ready the italian forces necessary for Tenda's garrison, taking the necessary accords with this B. L. U.

(sd) The Military Commander
General E. Frattini

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COMANDI MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI GENOVA (II)
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03/885 inf. di prot.

Genova, 12 dicembre 1945

OGGETTO: Occupazione zona di Tenda

RISERVATO PERSONALE

2° BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

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In riferimento al colloquio di stamane, informo che il Ministero della Guerra mi ha comunicato le seguenti notizie:

" L'Ambasciatore d'Inghilterra ha informato confidenzialmente che le truppe francesi hanno chiesto di occupare la zona di Tenda all'atto del ritiro delle truppe britanniche. In seguito alla risposta del Comando Alleato che la regione, come tutte le altre zone della frontiera, avrebbe dovuto essere occupata da truppe italiane, i francesi hanno riconfermato la richiesta, motivandola col pretesto che gli italiani avrebbero adottato rappresaglie contro popolazioni e persone in qualche modo compromesse con la Francia.

L'Ambasciatore d'Inghilterra ha chiesto il nostro avviso sull'opportunità di insistere presso il Comando Alleato perché la zona continui ad essere occupata dagli Inglesi, e gli è stato risposto nei seguenti termini:

" Se la zona di Tenda continuasse ad essere occupata da truppe Anglo-americane, tale circostanza creerebbe indubbiamente la presunzione trattarsi di zona in contestazione, raccomandando vivamente che anche quella regione sia subito occupata da truppe italiane. Il governo, se necessario, è pronto a prendere formale impegno che non sarà da parte nostra adottata alcuna rappresaglia contro nessuno."

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In tal senso l'Ambasciatore ha telegrafato al Comando Alleato."

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In attesa delle decisioni e delle disposizioni esecutive del Comando Alleato, il Ministero mi ha ordinato di creare un progetto e di predisporre le forze italiane ritenute necessarie per il presidio della zona di Tenda, prendendo i relativi accordi con codesto B.L.U.

IL COMANDANTE MILITARE
Generale E. Frattini)

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Communist Activities in GEMOA

In the Palazzo Belle Opole, Piazza De Ferrari, GEMOA, on the floor below that of the Russian Military Mission there is a business organisation formerly called U.V.S.E.M., and now called U.R.I.S.E.. This organisation is the headquarters for NORTHERN ITALY of the Russian Secret Service now known as Novicoff, formerly called The Comintern. The firm URSAL has two offices, one of which is apparently used for legitimate business purposes. The other is used for interviews of a political nature. Persons whose business is political call first at the commercial office and are from there conveyed to the political office to be presented to the head of the Russian Military Mission.

The society is involved in the following activities:-

- (a) To prepare an insurrection by the Communist Party.
- (b) It is accumulating arms ammunition and supplies including foodstuffs, for the equipment of Communist Brigades.
- (c) It receives representatives of other branches of the organisation. Personnel involved are:-
 - (i) Signor Armando NANO - A shareholder in the organisation.
 - (ii) Marchese Ilario MARLITELLI - whose name is given to the organisation for the purpose of respectability.
 - (iii) A third person whose name is not yet available but who is known as the "Ingegnere".
 - (iv) A fourth person also unidentified.

It is suspected that Col STANICOFF, whilst outwardly maintaining his position as head of the Russian Military Mission, is engaged in other activities. For this purpose it is believed, he has assumed the role of a painter known as Signor CARRA. The painter CARRA receives the Communist leaders of GEMOA in his studio which is in the same building.

Some of these leaders have been identified as representatives of the Brigata Partigiana Buranello.

This individual was obtained in part from an individual acquainted with Signor Armando NANO and who posed as a communist sympathiser. Let this individual induced Armando NANO to disclose other items of information but largely of the nature of personal scandal.

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