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APR. 44 - JAN. 45 NSC-1

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NAVY SUB-COMMISSION

| FROM:            | Date: | 19-3-45. | TO: | INITIALS: |
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| : COMD CIRCH     | :     | :        | :   | :         |
| : CAPT BLACKBURN | :     | :        | :   | :         |
| : CAPT BUTLER    | :     | x        | :   | :         |
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| : LIUT GRAY      | :     | :        | :   | :         |
| : LIUT CAMPBELL  | :     | :        | :   | :         |
| : LIUT HARVEY    | :     | :        | :   | :         |
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| : ALL OFFICERS   | :     | :        | :   | :         |

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 REPORT REPLY FOR NAVY SUBCOM:  
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 ACTION COMPLETED FILE:  
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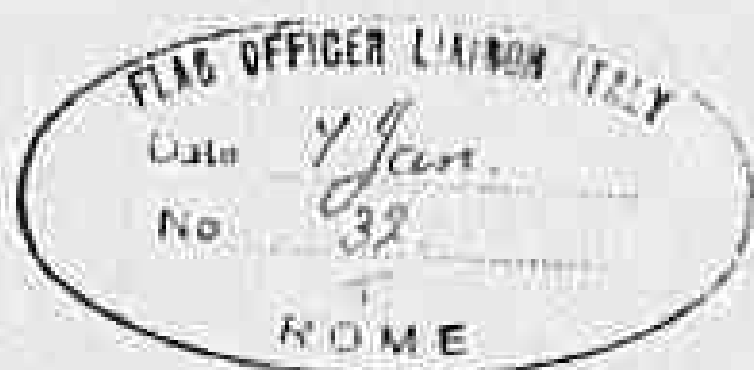
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FROM: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)  
To : H.S.C. - A.C.H.Q.  
Date: 5/1/45  
Ref.: B.102

Subject: I.R.N. Personnel Employed by the  
Allies.

Reference letter NSC/1230 of 29th Nov., from information received at this Ministry, it is shewn that the following Ratings are employed by the Command figuring alongside each one:-

- DE NICOLA 3 EA/Msc Coy R.E.M.E.  
- PIZZELLA Military Bakery - Nola.



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CHIEF OF CABINET

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*Ministero della Marina*  
GABINETTO

*M* NAVY SUB-COMMISSION  
ALLIED COMMISSION

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO MARINA - ROMA

*Det. N. B. 102 Allegato*

ARGOMENTO: Personale della R. Marina impiegato  
dagli Alleati.

Riferimento vostro foglio NSC/1230 del  
29 Novembre, dai documenti pervenuti a questo  
Ministero, risultano le seguenti indicazioni  
relative ai Comandi presso i quali sono impie-  
gati i militari sottonotati:

- DE NICOLA 3 EA/Msc Coy R.E.M.E.
- PIZZELLA Military Bakery - Nola

IL CAPO DI GABINETTO  
C. di V. F. BASLINI



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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION

APC 394

HSC/1226

Navy Sub-Commission

29 November 1944.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. AC.  
To: PBS Headquarters, Naples.  
Subject: Italian Navy Personnel on Active (permanent)  
Service and Volunteers.

1. Navy Sub-Commission letter HSC/1136C of 15 November to your Headquarters requested return to Italian Navy of three of subject ratings from units believed to be under your jurisdiction.

2. It is requested that the following name be added to list:

DI FOGGIA, Andrea, Serg. Nocco, No. 48362,  
HQ 560 "Q", USA, Salerno.

H. W. CIROLI,  
Commodore, U. S. Navy,  
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, AC.

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NAVY SUB-COMMISSION

1. Navy Sub-Commission letter NSC/11353 of 15 November to your Headquarters requested return to Italian Navy of three of subject ratings from units believed to be under your jurisdiction.

2. It is requested that the following name be added to list:

DI FOGGIA, Andrea, Serg. Meech. No. 48362,  
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H. W. ZIROLI,  
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30 NOV 1944

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for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, AG.

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30 NOV 1944

SUBJECT: Discharge - Italian Military Personnel  
from WD Employment.

HQ, ALLIED COMMISSION,  
Navy Sub Commission.

3 District,  
Tel Ext 17,  
362/1A.

23 Nov 44.

Reference your NSC/1136C dated 15 Nov 44.

1. Steps are being taken to endeavour to trace the personnel listed in your above quoted letter but it would be appreciated if further details might be submitted.

- (a) DE NICOLA. It is not understood what British Unit this man is presumed to be employed by. No abbreviation Ar.U.MA is known.
- (b) DI FOGGIA. The unit is presumed to be 560 "Q" Bn. U.S. Army - no longer in SALEFNO. Any application for release should be addressed to PES. *if the employing unit is US Army.*
- (c) PIZELLA. No RA Bty (or equivalent U.S. Army formation) is known to be at NOLA.

SGT/SM.

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*W. Dampier*  
Lt Col Gen. John  
Comd.

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
Navy Sub-Commission

NSC/1136C

15 November 1944

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.  
To : Headquarters No. 3 District, Naples.  
Subject: Italian Navy Personnel in Active (Permanent) Service  
and Volunteers.

1. In order to regularize the legal and administrative position of subject Italian Navy personnel employed by Allied Commands and controlled industries, the Ministry of Marine requests the release of the following named personnel, who appear to be under your jurisdiction.

DE NICOLA, Salvatore, C.M.N. 2, No. 17388, Commanding British Ar. U. NA.  
PERSICO, Antonio, 2. C. Cann. No. 59914, U.H.Q. Mov. Cast. Stabia.  
DeOtolo, Francesco, Serg. N.I. V.A.W. REME, NA.  
DI FOGGIA, Andrea, Serg. Nocch. No. 48362, Headquarters, 2.560 SA.  
Pizzella, Raffaele, S/C. Mecch. No. 54700, Military Battery-Nola.

2. The Navy Sub-Commission has approved the above request in principle since a small number of individuals with rather special service obligations is involved.

3. Information is requested as to the earliest date above personnel can be returned to active duty with the Italian Navy.

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Commodore, U. S. Navy,  
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, AG.

S E C R E T

Tel. 638

HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
ECONOMIC SECTION  
APO 394

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8 Aug 44

SUBJECT: Sen. Leopoldo Parodi Delfino.

TO : Commodore Palmer,  
Naval Sub-Commission.

Ref. NSC/674 of 4 Aug 44.

1. In reply to your request, investigation has been made concerning any information known by the Economic Section regarding Senator Delfino. To the best of our knowledge his employment is not contemplated by any branch of the Allied Control Commission and his identity is entirely unknown to the Sub-Commissions of this Section.

*Wallace M. Washer*  
WALLACE M. WASHER,  
Major, C. E.,  
Staff Officer,  
Economic Section.

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Employment - Delfino  
Letter to  
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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Naval Sub-Commission  
APO 394

NSC/674

SECRET:

4 August 1944.

TO:

Economic Section, ACC.

Senator Leopoldo PARODI DELFINO

L. Senator Leopoldo Parodi Delfino, who resides at Via Aldrovandi 25, Rome, has performed useful services in the economic field for Flag Officer Western Italy, and is under consideration for employment. Before taking any action, advice is requested as to whether the Economic Section has any information regarding Senator Parodi Delfino and whether employment is contemplated in any branch of the Allied Control Commission.



COMMODORE

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5 May 45

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Navy Sub-Commission  
APO 394

NSC/692

5 August 1944.

To:- Staff Officer Liaison (Italian),  
Office of F.O.W.I.T.

Subject:- Senator Leopoldo PARODI DELFINO.

Reference S.O.L.(I), G.24/744 of 30 July 1944.

1. The Allied Control Commission do not contemplate making use of this man's services.

COMMODORE. R.N.

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COMBINED OPERATIONS  
NAVAL LIAISON OFFICE

NAFLES, 30th July, 1944

Office of POWIT

Tel. "Navy" 45

Ref. No G.24/744

SUBJECT : Senator Leopoldo PARODI DELFINO.

Submitted attached for your information is a written statement by Senator Leopoldo PARODI DELFINO, who was the subject of a telephone conversation between yourself and myself on July 27th last.

The present position is that the Security authorities have not given any definite decision as to this man's integrity and until that has been done, Flag Officer Western Italy cannot make use of his services. In any case, Rear Admiral MORSE wishes to know whether Allied Control Commission are contemplating using this man, before he offers him employment.

*Richard Long*

Lieutenant, R.N.V.R.

Staff Officer Liaison (Italian)

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Submitted attached for your information is a written statement by Senator Leopoldo FARODI DELFINO, who was the subject of a telephone conversation between yourself and myself on July 27th last.

The present position is that the Security authorities have not given any definite decision as to this man's integrity and until that has been done, Flag Officer Western Italy cannot make use of his services. In any case, Rear Admiral MORSE wishes to know whether Allied Control Commission are contemplating using this man, before he offers him employment.

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*Richard Long*

Lieutenant, R.N.V.R.

Staff Officer Liaison (Italian)

TO: COMMODORE J.M. PALMER, D.S.C., R.N.

Naval Sub-Commission

Allied Control Commission

ROME

C.N. & A.F.H.Q.

31 AUG 1944

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ADVANCE HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Navy Sub-Commission  
APO 394

NSC/536

14 July 1944.

TO : F.O.W.I.T., Naples.

SUBJECT : Port Captain Pietro MORETTI.

Forwarded for your consideration.

Commodore,  
S.B.N.O. ROME.2-Incls  
Orig. & transl. ltr. Navy Comm.  
City of Rome.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Navy Sub-Commission

STAFF MINUTE SHEET

Subject: ..... Port Captain Pietro Moretti .....

Referred to:

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F.O.W.I.T.

Forwarded for your  
consideration.

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circulation

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MINISTRY

Rome, 4 July 1944.

TO: Commodore I.M. PALMER  
British Liaison Flag Officer

File No. B.879

SUBJECT: Port Captain Pietro MORETTI.

The Port Captain MORETTI Pietro is greatly experienced  
in navigation on the Tiber.I state his name to Y.E. in case the Authorities concerned  
with the work of clearing the mouth of the river, wish to avail them-  
selves of his work.THE NAVY COMMISSIONER FOR THE CITY OF  
ROME  
Divisional Admiral  
EMILIO FERRERINo. 90 Rome, 5 July 1944  
LIAISON OFFICE WITH THE NAVIES OF  
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COPY OF TRANSLATION

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No. 90 Rome, 5 July 1944  
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GREAT BRITAIN AND THE UNITED STATES.

COPY OF TRANSLATION

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Roma, 4 Luglio 1944

Al Commodoro I.M. PALMER  
British Liaison Flag Officer



MINISTERO DELLA MARINA  
COMMISSARIATO PER LA CITTÀ DI ROMA

SEGRETERIA GENERALE

Prot. N. B.879 Allegati 2

ARGOMENTO: Capitano di Porto Pietro MORETTI.

Il Capitano di Porto MORETTI Pietro è assai pratico della navigazione sul Tevere.

Ne segnalo il nome a V.S. per il caso le Autorità in teressate ai lavori di sgombrò della foce del fiume, volessero avvalersi della sua opera.

IL COMMISSARIO DELLA MARINA  
PER LA CITTÀ DI ROMA  
Ammiraglio di Divisione  
(Emilio FERRERI)

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*E. Ferreri*

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PER LA CITTA' DI ROMA  
Ammiraglio di Divisione  
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*F. Cerini*

N° 90 di prot.

Roma, 5 Luglio 1944

UFFICIO COLLEGAMENTO  
CON LE MARINE DELLA GRAN BRETAGNA E DEGLI  
STATI UNITI

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ADVANCE HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Navy Sub-Commission  
APO 394

NSC/524

10 July 1944.

Dear Admiral Biancheri:

Your letter of 6/7/44 to Captain Callan. I am  
noting their names and will inform F.O.T.A.L.I.

COMMODORE

Copy to Captain Callan  
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Encl - Lt. Comdr



MINISTERO DELLE CORPORAZIONI  
IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

*write up for  
Commodore's sig*

*For Admiral Biancheri,*

*Your letter of 6/7/44 to  
Captain Latham. I am noting their names  
and will inform F.O.T.A.L.I.  
L. sign.*

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MINISTERO DELLE CORPORAZIONI  
IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

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Commodore's sig*

*Dear Admiral Biancheri,*

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Y. sinc.*

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MINISTERO DELLA MARINA

Rome, 6/7/44

Dear Captain Callan

Following your kind request I am sending two memoranda on Captain Levi and Colonel Coop belonging to my same class in the Naval Academy and now on the Retired list.

Both speak some English and have splendid qualities to be employed in any task implying organization or leadership.

As far as loyalty is concerned I can give you full assurance.

I would be very grateful if you could support them in order to get employment in a American or British organization.

Thanking you in advance and with kindest regards

sincerely yours

*Luigi Brancaccio*

MEMO

Captain Aldo LEVI R.I.N.R. born in Venice November 1<sup>st</sup> 1890 -  
married - two sons.

Entered the R.I.N. in 1907 has served for long time on  
Submarines and in the office of the Chief of Staff for the  
R.I.N. left service January 1<sup>st</sup> on account of the Racial Law.

Since then has been employed for some time in a

"Gasogen" factory.

Knows well english, french and german.

Could be employed in leadership or organization for  
any branch, after a short training.

Rome, 5<sup>th</sup> July, 1944.

*Amministratore D'Iniziativa  
Luigi Brancheri*

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Knows well english, French and  
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any branch, after a short training.

Rome, 5<sup>th</sup> July, 1944.

Amunro N' Dignou  
Luigi Brancheri

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COLONEL PILOT ITALIAN AIR FORCE - RETIRED LIST - ERNESTO COOP

Born in Naples in 1890 - His family was of ancient british origin.- Can speak french, and english - very little german.-

As officer on the effective list of the R.I.N. has served in the Lybian Campaign (1911-1912) and in the great world war.-

Left the Navy in 1923, after having commanded several small units, to join the newly created Italian Air Force.-

Colonel Pilot in 1928, was coinvolved in 1929, beeing executive Officer in the operational bureau of the Italian Aviation Chief of the Staff, in the retirement of General de Pinedo wanted by General Balbo, and passed on the retired List with a monthly pension of 1400 lire.-

As a civilian in 1933 was appointed to the Italian Royal Automobile Club (R.A.C.I.) and subsequently called to the Direction of the important Center of Turin organized many national and international races and meetings.-

At the end of 1938 the RACI following a fascist order dismissed all the State Pensionates among whom was Colonel Coop.-

Has been since employed at the FIAT WORKS in Turin.- At the entrance of Italy in the war on June 1940 was recalled on military service and appointed at the Control Commission for disarmament of Corsica.- Then in Rome as Director of the "Linee Aeree Transcontinentali Italiane" (L.A.T.I.) firm in charge of the aerial service between Italy and Brazil.- When this service had to be stopped, Colonel Coop. was appointed in North Africa to the Intendence Service of the 5th Air Corps; maintained this appointment till the end of January 1943, when, wounded, left Tunisie for Italy.- Was dismissed from active service in September 1943; since September has given no cooperation to german or fascist.-

Could be efficiently employed to organize or direct any branch, especially in aerial or motorcar transport activity.-

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Roma, 5th July, 1944

Ernesto Coop

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Roma, 5<sup>th</sup> July, 1944

*Luigi N' Dujone*  
*Luigi Brancher*

*Presumably genuine "released"*

REAR HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
NAVY SUB-COMMISSION  
APO 394

P/tum

11 June 1944.

Mr. Giuseppe Lisi,  
Via Tito Angelini,  
al Vomero No. 8,  
Napoli.

S i r :

In answer to your communication of the 5th instant regarding application for work with the Navy, we suggest that you get in touch with Admiral Casardi, Staff Officer of the Italian Navy in Naples, who will give your request any possible consideration.

COMMODORE

Copy to:  
Lt Commander Davies,  
C/o FOWIT, Naples.

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Navy SC (Rear Adm)

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

NAPOLI

I, hereby, Giuseppe LISI, leaving in Napoli, via Mito Angelini al Monero n. 8 (phone 17961), aged 38, formerly Master of Merchant and Passenger ships and, during four years of war, Lieutenant on Submarines and Lieutenant Chief-Officer on Torpedo-boats of the Royal Italian Navy, now furloughed from arms, apply to that Authority to be undertaken at its dependence at any way relatively to my capacities and the eventual necessities of that Office.

I declare to be ready to go everywhere and to follow the troops too. I also declare to be able to talk and to write english and to talk and to write correctly french.

I hope and desire to do the best in the employ which that Authority will assign to me and, in this waiting, I beg to agree my best thanks and greetings.

Napoli, June 5th 1944

GIUSEPPE LISI

*Giuseppe Lisi*



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*Giuseppe Lisi*



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Office of Flag Officers,  
Northern Italy,  
Rome.

18th April, 1944.

TO: MR. L. M.  
SUBJECT: L. M. M., B.T.O., R.T.  
HEAD OF ITALIAN SUB-SECTION,  
ARMED FORCES, DEPARTMENT.

REPLY TO MR. L. M.

The attached statement of his past and his circumstances by Colonel A. Allen Jones, is forwarded for your consideration.

1. Colonel Jones has been employed by the Engineer Officer on my staff since he first arrived in Italy on release from Ventotene. He has given most useful advice to the Allied cause, and it would be an act of justice to regulate his position in any way possible.

2. It is requested that his situation may be represented through the Allied Central Commission to the Italian Government, with a view to their annulling Colonel Jones' "conviction", and restoring his civil rights and military rank, together with his pension. He is at present without means and his former base is in Northern Italy.

(SIGNED) J. A. V. HORS

FOR ACTION

149/44 Political Section

Passed to you for action

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## MEMORANDUM

I was born 61 years ago of English parents and baptised at St. Michael's Church (Trieste) an Anglican and British subject. After my father's death, which took place in Italy (1897) I naturalised an Italian subject, joined the Army and became a Regular Army cavalry officer - later went through the Staff College in Turin (1912 - 1915).

I speak English, French and German.

My military career was rather brilliant, as I was promoted a full Colonel in 1920 and held the command of a cavalry regiment during 5 years. After Fascism had got into power and had taken the upper hand, also in the Army, my troubles began.

At the end of 1934 (I was not a subscriber to the fascist party) I was put with rank of Colonel on the retired list, and 6 months later, promoted a Brigadier, but on the same list.

On March 15th 1935, I was arrested and sent to "Confino" (political deportation) for 5 years and accompanied to the Island of Tylos (Dodecanese) on the alleged charge of being "in touch with anti-Fascists in France, belonging to the Revolutionary Movement of Justice and Freedom" - I was arrested in Turin, accompanied to Rome and not even examined!!!. On New Year 1938 I was released and allowed to return to my home. I was then recalled on active service, but only, to be tried by a Military Board of Enquiry, which found no evidence of the alleged charge; the War Minister, however, put me on "Absolute Retirement" - rank of Colonel and lowest pension (1939). He had power to do this for political reasons by the system introduced by the Fascist Government.

In June 1940, Italy joined the 2nd World War - only 2 years later on the 12th June 1942, I was again arrested in Turin and accompanied to Rome to be tried by the TRIBUNALE SUPREMO (Mussolini's and the Party's special court) and sentenced to life imprisonment on 14.12.42 on the following charges:-

Of having been during the winter 1939-40, in touch with the British Consul in Turin (Mr. Leach) as a paid British spy.  
The charge is false.

Of listening to London Radio - the charge is true.

Of having always criticised the institutions of the Fascist Regime - the charge is true.

Of having criticised also in writing the alliance with

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Of having criticised, also in writing the alliance with Germany and the methods of war followed by Germany during the Polish Campaign (1939-40) - the charge is true.

Of not having changed my religion - evidence by Baptism Certificate from an Anglican Church.

On September 8th 1945 an U.S.A. Comando released me from the worst Italian Jail, that of S. Stefano di Ventotene, with a batch of other political convicts, which was brought over to Capri. The rest were sent to G. . . . Palermo, and I was retained in Capri and put to work with the local A.M.C.C.T.; then transferred to Naples. My prison file, I believe, has been sent over to G.N.Q.

These are the facts - according to Italian Law - Life imprisonment means civil death, no more rank, no more honours, no pension etc.; and I am also afraid that my home and property in Turin have been confiscated.

As I have got into this scrape, only on account of my feelings and of always having been very proud and stuck to my English origin, I should very

much like the...

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much like the British Government to be informed of my very unhappy situation and I firmly believe that only the "Foreign Office" can testify that I have never been a spy or a paid agent of that State Department. Any-how the former Consul in Turin could give evidence in regard to this.

During the last World War, as an Italian Staff Officer when British troops came over to Italy, autumn 1917, I was attached to Lord Gavan's M.C. I was then awarded the M.C.

During the years 1918-19 with rank of Major I was appointed Secretary to the Italian Section, Supreme War Council (Versailles) when the British Military Representative was General Sir C. Sackville-West and Chief of the Joint Secretariat was Lt. Colonel Sir H. Henkey. I was then awarded the D.S.O.

I have asked and I am very happy to work now with the British, the people to whom with all my heart I have always belonged; still may I point out that my situation should be solved.

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