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TOP SECRET.V.P., Pol Sec.

May I have your views? (Or 1-4)

(Sgd) M.S.L.

20.Dec

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An intent such as is indicated in paragraph one seems quite possible.

As searching an investigation of this matter as is possible should be made especially to determine the relationship between P.W.B. and "Comando Superiore Partigiano".

It seems most undesirable to place any official agency dealing with patriots under any particular Ministry. The Patriots problem should be kept as non-political as possible.

The Ministry for Occupied Territories as far as possible should be kept within lines of planning for the reconstruction of occupied Italy when it is turned over to the Italian Government.

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(Sgd) W.SCHOTT.
Political Section.

I agree.

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(Sgd) H.H.

26.Dec.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
PATRIOTS BRANCHTel. No 489081
Ext. 321

Ref : 162/PAT

10 May 1945

Subject : Editor Carlo ANDREONI.

To : Public Safety Sub Commission.

Ref attached Correspondence.

1. As far as this Office is concerned the Comando Superiore Partigiano has never been ~~required~~ *requested* by A.C. or by the Italian Govt.
2. A newspaper produced by the Comando Superiore Partigiano and known as Il Partigiano was suspended recently by Allied Authorities. The Editor was Carlo Andreoni. Hence the mail.
3. This Office has nothing further to add.
4. All correspondence is forwarded for any action you ~~may~~ think fit.

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R. Craig
*lt. Col*F. CRAIG,
Lt. Colonel,
Deputy Director,
Local Govt. Sub Com.

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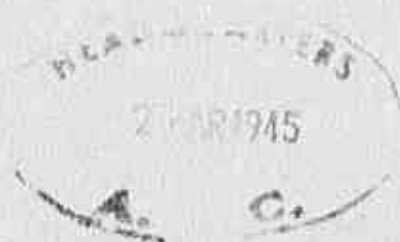
SUBJECT: Alleged Plans of "Comando Superiore Partigiano".

TO : Headquarters,
Allied Commission,
APO 394.

1. Reference your 133/5/PAT of 11 January, 1945 enclosing a report on alleged plans of the "Comando Superiore Partigiano".
2. An analysis of the records of this office and files of other offices available, reflects the strong possibility that the whole report represents an attempt by General ODONE and others to arouse the interest of the Allied Authorities.
3. The sinister suggestion of "delaying the Allied advance" appears likely to have been included for the purpose of securing, in a roundabout way, the intervention of the Allies, if not on behalf of the Monarchist Movement, at least to discredit the Communist Party.
4. It is felt that a detailed investigation is undesirable, as it might be construed by either party as approval of their activities by the Allies. On the other hand, discreet enquiries as to the identity of "Cognami" (apparently an assumed name) might reveal a more complete picture and might therefore be of value.
5. The "Comando Superiore Partigiano" is not considered to have great influence over the conduct of resistance in the North of Italy. It was only one of several organizations in the clandestine resistance movement in Rome.
6. Pending the receipt of additional information, no further action is contemplated by this office.

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For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2:

for SBN initials, Col 95K
S.S. HILL-DILLON,
Colonel, G.S.,
G-2 (CI) Section.

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Ref: 133/5/PAT.

11 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Comando Superiore Partigiani.

TO : Special Investigation Branch
(Counter Intelligence)
Intelligence Section,
Allied Force Headquarters.

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1. I enclose copies of two memoranda on the above subject prepared by the Patriots Branch of this Headquarters.

2. If you have any comments, I should be grateful if I could have them, and would appreciate hearing of any action that you see fit to take.

For The Chief Commissioner:

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ext. 620

Ref: 133/PAT.

20 December 1944.

Subject: Comando Superiore Partigiani.

To: V.P.

The enclosed memoranda are forwarded to you with the recommendation that copies should be sent to C.I.B. (Counter Intelligence).

R. B. Spicer
R. B. SPICER,
Colonel,
Director,
Patriots Branch.

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20th December 1944

To: Director,
Patriots Branch,
Allied Commission.

From: Major Tulloch,
No. 1 Special Force.

Receipt of your 133/PAT of 20th
December is acknowledged.

I am forwarding this, under confidential cover, to our Security Section, and, subject to their approval, will then send it on to Base.

E.L. Tulloch
E.L. TULLOCH,
Major,
for Commander, R.N.V.R.
Comd. No. 1 Special Force.

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MEMORANDUMTOP SECRET

19 December 1944.

General ODORE informed me yesterday that a member of the "Associazione Partigiani d'Italia" had been approached by a member of the "Comando Superiore Partigiani" who believed him to be in sympathy with their movement, with the purpose of having him parachuted beyond the lines supposedly to carry out Allied instructions, but in reality to instruct partisans in occupied Italy, on behalf of "Comando Superiore Partigiani" to do all they could to delay the Allied advance in the Po Valley instead of assisting it, so as to give the Russian Forces and the Forces of Marshal Tito a chance to reach the Italian border before the Allied Forces could break through.

General ODORE's statement was so serious that before officially transmitting it I have felt it necessary to collect as much information as possible on the accuracy of the facts.

The information I have collected from Mr. ROBERTI, President of the "Associazione Partigiani d'Italia" and from Prof. TERRIBILE, leader of the "Partigiani d'Italia" in the Province of Ascoli Piceno, as well as from General ODORE himself, is as follows:

1. The "Comando Superiore Partigiano" is an organization which has been outlawed by the Italian Government because of its rather shady activity, both political and financial, and is headed by a man of the name of ANDREANI, who uses it also for his personal interests. The Patriotic Branch has always refused to have anything to do with this organization.

It appears, however, that P.W.B. have fairly close contacts with this organization. Specifically they employ at least two of its members, a Mr. FINZI and a Miss BASSANI in the transmission of their radio programme to Patriots "l'Italia Combatta". A former member of the staff of Patriots Branch, Mrs. De BRUNN, is equally employed by P.W.B. on these transmissions. I do not know if she belongs to the "Comando Superiore Partigiano". She is a first cousin to Capt. MAX SALVADORI of Special Force, who belonged to this Branch before I joined it.

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2. The "Comando Superiore Partigiano" has very strong Communist leanings, and is believed to be controlled by the Communist Party and to dispose of Communist funds. Originally this organization opposed the organization "Partigiani d'Italia" which is non-political but known to be of a rather more conservative character, representing the opinions of the majority of its members. Recently the policy of the "Comando Superiore" changed, possibly as a result of its being outlawed by the Government and not recognised by the Allied authorities; all its members, both in Rome and in the Provinces, have been ordered to seek admission to the "Associazione Partigiani d'Italia"

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obviously in order to reverse the policy of this organisation.

General ODONE believes that the "Comando Superiore Partigiano" has taken its orders from Mr. SCOCIMARRO, the well known former head of the Epuration Committee under Count SPORZA, and at present Minister for Occupied Italy. This, however, may be his personal opinion, and I have no proof of it.

3. A few days ago Prof. MARIO DI GIOVANNI, a trusted member of the "Partigiani d'Italia" who, on instructions from the leaders of his association, in order to get inside information about the "Comando Superiore Partigiano", pretended to be in sympathy with their movement, was approached in Ascoli Piceno by an influential member of that organisation and personal friend of its chiefs ANDREONI and Col. DOLEI, who put to him the suggestion which forms the subject of this report. His name, CONTRASERAGLIO CORNANI, is, however, unknown to the Naval Ministry. I will personally endeavour with my friend Capt. MELODIA, head of the Personnel Dept. at the Ministry, to establish whether any officer of this name or of a similar name exists.

This man, whoever he may be, stated that he was in a position to put Prof. DI GIOVANNI in touch with Special Force, with a view to having him parachuted beyond the lines.

Prof. DI GIOVANNI is supposed to come to Rome during the current week and I have requested to see him at once.

Adm. Robilant

Copies to: Col. SPICER
Maj. MAGNUS
A. DI ROBILANT (2)

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be sent to (A) Special Force ✓ 19/12
(B) V.P. with recommendation ✓ 19/12
that which should be sent to
S. I. B. (Counter Int) *Adm. Robilant*
Dec. 20. *Colonel.*

MEMORANDUMTOP SECRET

19 December 1944.

General ODONE asked me, on behalf of H. S. SPATARO, Under Secretary to the Presidency of the Council, and in agreement with H. S. BONOMI, to bring to the attention of the Chief of A.C. that if a Commissariat for Patriots were established, and if this Commissariat is placed under the control of the Ministry for Occupied Territories with Mr. SCOCIMARRO as Minister, the control of patriots would virtually pass into Communist hands.

While it is not contested that a considerable number of patriot bands fighting in the North are Communist, it remains a fact that there are many non-Communist bands, amongst them some with the finest records. Also, it seems to be a fact that the non-party bands are those which have most faithfully obeyed orders to attack and defend.

It was, up to now, been the policy of the Italian Government, backed by the approval of A.C., to treat the patriot problem from a non-political and non-party standpoint. Recent events in Greece, Belgium and France have proved the danger of allowing patriots to get too involved in politics.

While it is difficult for the Prime Minister to take a definite stand in the matter, considering the present formation of the Cabinet and the balance of power of the various parties, it would be appreciated if the Chief of A.C. could see fit to bring his influence to bear on a solution which would assure the existence of an organization as far as possible independent of party influence to deal with all patriot matters, and with independent funds to provide assistance, demobilisation money, pensions to the families of dead patriots, etc.

Adolf Rosenberg

Copies to: Col. SMITH
Maj. LYNCH
A. De ROBIANT (2)

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