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OVRA IN SARDINIA
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COVRA IN SARDINIA

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- I To VP Adm. Section, 21 June, 44 returning papers together with SO's minute and a further detailed report by Captain Fielders which was prepared at request of Director.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

21 June 1944.

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10. I have not drafted the letter to PC & MC since I am only submitting this report to you for your personal information following my independent inquiry.

Returned for filing by Admin

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Section on 22/6/44

Handwritten signature
H. G. B. SPICER

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Colonel
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Interior Sub-Commission

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REGION 6. A.E.C.

18th June, 1944.

SUBJECT :- O.V.R.A STAFF IN SARDINIA.
TO :- Colonel A.E.Young. Director, Security Branch..A.C.C.
Ref. No :-

Sir;

1. Attached to this report are brief particulars of Fabris and his staff, together with all details Dr. COLONNA knows of two other Commissioners who were in the OVRA in Sardinia under FABRIS before the Armistice. Their present whereabouts is unknown.
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Copy ~~MAILED~~ with two complete sets of these lists to Colonel SPICER.

Noted C.I.C.
on special investigation
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at Cagliari. Single.

Guardia P. S. VACCHIO Pasquale di Gaetano. Born at Maddaloni (Naples)
on 10 April 1914. Joined Pubblica Sicurezza on 4 July 1936. Single.
Present address, Via Grazia Deledda 3, Cagliari. On Dr. COLONNA'S {
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Guardia P. S. ROMAGNOLI Giorgio di Carlo. Born at Bologna on 26/1/
1905. Joined Pubblica Sicurezza on 15/9/1929. Married, two children.
Present address, Via Grazia Deledda 3, Cagliari, but wife and family {
in Bologna. ~~XX~~

Guardia P. S. VOLLARO Sebastiano di Michele. Born Gragnano (Naples)
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Present address, Via Grazia Deledda 3, Cagliari. On Dr. COLONNA'S
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General PINNA, High Commissioner for Sardinia, has informed
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AGOSTINI Luigi, Bar, Corso V. Emanuele 2, Carloforte.
ANDANTE Pietro, Via Garibaldi 113, S. Antioco.
ALBANO Vincenzo, Oristano, Now with Special Police Inspectorate.
ANGOZZI Giovanni, Via S. Eulalia 4, Cagliari.
ANTOSSI Francesco, Via Roma 5, Cagliari.
ANGOI Umberto, Caput Aguaf 7, Carbonia
BOERO Giorgio, Via 20 Settembre 40, Cagliari
BICHERE Pietro, Via Amedeo, Guspini
BULLA Cav. Guglielmo, Macomer.
BILANCINI Arturo, Cannelles 2, Iglesias.
BARGELLINI Elbano, Elettricista, Carbonia. Now with Special Police.
BITTI Domenico, Via Pugliese.
BRUGUTTINI Bruno, Via Bellini 24, Cagliari.
BUSINCU Ettore, Nuoro.
CARBONI Gavino, Via Sorso 57, Sassari.
CORTESE Domenico, Via Umberto, Iglesias.
CASTI Stefano, Miniere Bacu Abis.
COLANTONIO Pasquale, Via Unità Italiana 10, Torre del Greco.
CALZOLARI Leontina, Via Gallo 5, Oristano.
COSSU Giovanni, Iglesias.
CASTELLS Mario, Marinaio.
CALI Sebastiano, Via Baylle 23, Cagliari.
CHIAI Giuseppe fu Valentino, Via Garibaldi 14, Bacino Alto Flumendosa
CADORIN Giulio, Mensa Impiegati, Carbonia.
CROBU Salvatore, Via Garibaldi 19, S. Antioco.
CACCIAPUOTI Raffaele, Via Bellini 32, Cagliari.
CUCCA Giovanni, Maresciallo Marina, La Maddalena.
CONTU Pietro, Corso V. Emanuele 23, Lanusei.
COMMODARI Giovanni, Concentramento Telegrafico Militare, Sassari.
COSTA Antonino, Cameriere, SS Garibaldi, Ganziri, Messina.
COPEP Aldo, barbiere, Via S. Domenico 9.
CAREDDU Mario, Via Lamarmora 15, Cagliari.
CARTA Pittau Antonio Angelo, Via Convento 29, Villacidro.
CARTA Vittorio, S. Bartolomeo.
CUGURULLU Ascanio, Pattada.
CAMA Francesco, Marinaio, Olbia.
DE CURTIS Gaspare, Via Clisio 9, Roma.
DARDANI Ernesto, Via Colombo 16, La Spezia.
D'AMICO Franco, Piazza Ariostea 11, Ferrara.
DOMENICANI Luigi, Garage Sirai.
DESSI, Impiegato Municipio, Via Levanto 12, Cagliari.
DE MURTAS Emilia, Via Cagliari 16, Sassari.
DI MARCO Giuseppe, Messina.
DETTORI Giovanni, Iglesias.
DEI ROSSI, Federico, Via Dante 20, Cagliari.

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 DETTORI Giovanni, Iglesias.
 DEL ROSSO Federico, Via Dante 29, Cagliari.
 DESSENA Raimondo, (address unreadable).
 FALQUI Eugenio, Via Frigaglia 16, Sassari.
 FERRIGO Angelo, Manganese Italiano, Carloforte.
 FOSSATI Giuseppe, Via Crosa 7, Gavi (Alessandria).
 FALCONI Iva nata Masucci, Via Angoi 50, Cagliari.

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ITAL GOVERNMENT

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FORTELEONE Giovanni, Via Lamarmora, Cagliari.
 FRONCIA Aldo, Assicuratore, Nuoro.
 FANTOZZI Elio, Marina, Cagliari.
 GIORGETTI Marcello, Albergo Miramare, Cagliari.
 GAGLIEGA Angelo, Orto Botanico, Cagliari.
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 MASCIA Salvatore, Monserrato.
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 PANI Luigi, Via Mazzini 6, Arbus.
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 PODDA Felice, Bacu Abis.
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 RIPAMONTI Osvaldo, Sgt Maggiore Marina.
 RUGGIU Giovanni, Via Bonaroti 5, Cagliari.
 RIVOLTINI Erminio, Questura, Lunamatrona.
 SIMBULA Emilio, Villaputzu.
 SACCHERI Giovanni, Via Goceano 14, Cagliari.
 SCAMPUDDU Raffaele, Cagliari. Via Sulis 75.
 SIGNORI Giocondo, Miniera di Montevecchio.
 SENIS Ottavio, S. Antioco.
 SGUOTTI Vito, Carbonia.
 SANTOMMASO, Incurtosu.
 SERVENTI Antonio, Via Tuveri 130, Cagliari.
 SANNA Mario, Mensa Impiegati Bacu Abis.
 STECK Bononi Bianca, Via Sardegna 50, Cagliari.
 SARDI Settimo, Via Baille 16, Cagliari.
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 BANNA Nicolo, Iglesias.
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 6 Bormani Mario, Sgt Inf. Now with Special Police Inspectorate.
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 TOLA Ettore, Segretario Comunale.
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 URAS Lavinio, Via Roma 36, Sassari.
 ULTIMINI Salvatore, Via Romagna 2, Cagliari.
 USAI Gesuino, Via S. Croce 14, Cagliari.
 VALENTI Ernesto, Viale Bonaria 74, Cagliari.
 VIRDIS Giuseppe, Albergatore, Olzai.
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ADAMI AVV. Candido, Alghero (?)
 ARVIZU Reg. Mario, Segretario Comunale di Calasetta.
 AGOSTINI Luigi, Bar, Corso V. Emanuele 2, Carloforte.
 ARDANTE Pietro, Via Garibaldi 113, S. Antioco.
 AIBANO Vincenzo, Oristano, Now with Special Police Inspectorate.
 ANGOZZI Giovanni, Via S. Eulalia 4, Cagliari.
 ANFOSSI Francesco, Via Roma 5, Cagliari.
 ANGOI Umberto, Caput Aguaf 7, Carbonia.
 BOERO Giorgio, Via 20 Settembre 40, Cagliari
 BIGHIERE Pietro, Via Amedeo, Guspini
 BULLA Cav. Guglielmo, Macomer.
 BILANCINI Arturo, Canelles 2, Iglesias.
 BARGELLINI Elbano, Elettrocista, Carbonia, Now with Special Police.
 BITTI Domenico, Via Pugliese.
 BRUGUTTINI Bruno, Via Bellini 24, Cagliari.
 BUSINCU Ettore, Nuoro.
 CARRONI Gavino, Via Sorso 57, Sassari.
 CORTESE Domenico, Via Umberto, Iglesias.
 CASTI Stefano, Miniere Bacu Abbas.
 COLANTONIO Pasquale, Via Unità Italiana 10, Torre del Greco.
 CALZOLARI Leontina, Via Gallo 5, Oristano.
 COSSU Giovanni, Iglesias.
 CASTELLIS Mario, Marinsio.
 CALI Sebastiano, Via Baylle 23, Cagliari.
 CHIAI Giuseppe fu Valentino, Via Garibaldi 14, Racino Alto Flumendosa
 CADONIN Giulio, Mensa Impiegati, Carbonia.
 CROBU Salvatore, Via Garibaldi 19, S. Antioco.
 CACCIAPUOTI Raffaele, Via Bellini 32, Cagliari.
 CUCCA Giovanni, Maresciallo Marina, La Maddalena.
 CONTU Pietro, Corso V. Emanuele 23, Lanusei.
 COMODARI Giovanni, Concentramento Telegrafico Militare, Sassari.
 COSTA Antonino, Cameriere, SS Garibaldi, Ganziri, Messina.
 COPEL Aldo, barbiere, Via S. Domenico 99.
 CAREDDU Mario, Via Lamarmora 15, Cagliari.
 CARTA Pittau Antonio Angelo, Via Convento 29, Villaciadro.
 CARTA Vittorio, S. Bartolomeo.
 GUCURULLU Ascanio, Pattada.
 CANA Francesco, Marinaio, Olbia.
 DE CURTIS Gaspare, Via Clisio 9, Roma.
 DARDANI Ernesto, Via Colombo 16, La Spezia.
 D'AMICO Franco, Piazza Ariosteia 11, Ferrara.
 DOMENICANI Luigi, Garage Sirai.
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 DI MARCO Giuseppe, Messina.
 DETTORI Giovanni, Iglesias.

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 CORPESSE Domenico, Via Umberto, Iglesias.
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 DI MARCO Giuseppe, Messina.
 DETTORI Giovanni, Iglesias.
 DEL ROSSO Federico, Via Dante 29, Cagliari.
 DESSENA Raimondo, (address unreadable).
 FARQUI Eugenio, Via Frigaglia 16, Sassari.
 FERRIGO Angelo, Manganese Italiano, Carloforte.
 FOSSATI Giuseppe, Via Crosa 7, Gavi (Alessandria).
 FALCONI Lya nata Masuocci, Via Angoi 50, Cagliari.

FORTELEONE Giovanni, Via Lamarmora, Cagliari.
 FROMCIA Aldo, Assolunatore, Nuoro.
 FANTONZI Elio, Marina, Cagliari.
 GIORGENTI Marcello, Albergo Miramare, Cagliari.
 GALLIGA Angelo, Orto Botanico, Cagliari.
 GARDINI Nello, Minatore, Carbonia.
 CAROFARO Salvatore, S. Gavino.
 GIORGONI Andrea Galetta, Tunisi.
 GARGIA Giuseppe, Via S. Giacomo 28, Cagliari.
 GIOIA Ubaldo, Carbonia.
 GHINI Mario, Elmas.
 IACONI Franco, 13 Squad. Aerea, Gendar, AOI.
 IRDE Antonio, Via V. Emanuele 39, S. Gavino.
 LORI Renzo, Via Raccarini 2, Nuoro.
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 MASTATI Alberto, Avicere, Elmas.
 MEGHI Bruno, Reg. Ferrovie Complementari, Sfoliato Osili.
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 LORIA Luigi, Nuoro.
 LISIA Luigi, Ferroviere, Isili.
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 MASTATI Alberto, Aviere, Elmas.
 MESCHI Bruno, Rag. Ferrovie Complementari, Sfoliato Osili.
 PILIA Salvatore, Assuntore IV, Monteponi.
 PANI Vonzio, Rag. Dacu Abis.
 PAPI Luigi, Via Manzini 5, Arbus.
 PELLAGRINI Carlo, Radio, Via Garibaldi, Nuoro.
 PORDA Felice, Dacu Abis.
 PORRA Enrico, Medico, Cagliari.
 PITITU Antonio, Via Trieste, S. Gavino.
 PALMIERI Stefano, Via Lemarmora 63, Cagliari.
 PISU Luigi, Via S. Giorgio 5, Cagliari.
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 PERINOZZI Piero, Via Spano 29, Cagliari.

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 RIPAMONTI Osvaldo, Sgt Maggiore Maria.
 RUGGIU Giovanni, Via Bonarroti 5, Cagliari.
 RIVOLPINI Eraldo, Questura, Lunamatrone.
 SARDULA Emilio, Villaputzu.
 SACCHERI Giovanni, Via Coccone 14, Cagliari.
 SCAMPORRU Raffaele, Cagliari. Via S. Elis 75.
 SIGHORI Giacomo, Miniera di Montevaccchio.
 SENSIS Ottavio, S. Antoco.
 SQUICINI Vito, Carbonia.
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To V.P.

Subject: O.V.R.A. JARVISIA.

① Re attached report the O.V.R.A. are being scattered according to this, and furthermore those ^{Fascists} that are being charged are only being admonished.

② Immediate action is required.

① To issue instructions to ^{the} ~~Regiment~~ ^{are} that O.V.R.A. officials will be arrested, in accordance with Administrative Orders.

② Going to motion of Principle of Justice the fact that it is essential that

(a) All known O.V.R.A. and Fascists are properly dismissed.

(b) That what is being done is a feeble effort and that A.C.C. are most dissatisfied

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9 JUNE 44.

REGION 6 AGC

SUBJECT : Weekly Report on Sardinia.

4TH June, 1944

TO : Colonel A.E. YOUNG, Director - Security Branch, AGC.

Ref. No.: 5B/311-5/615.01

Sir:

1. Our enquiries and work have been somewhat handicapped this week for lack of transport. Our Jeep has broken down, and a borrowed one has been involved in an accident.

2. Further to my report on the O.V.R.A., dated 29th May, 1944, the break up of the old O.V.R.A. staff is about to be completed. Dr. Colonna has arranged for the exchange of three of his ex-OVRA men with three agents of public security. When this exchange has taken place the staff of 8 ex-O.V.R.A. agents will be split up as follows:-

One transferred to mainland.

Five working as agents of public security for different Questores in various parts of the island.

Two still working with Dr. Colonna amongst his staff of eight men.

Merely a transfer!

3. With further reference to paras. 4, 5, and 6 of my weekly report, dated 29th May, 1944, Batta has now been arrested and two other fascists, making a total of eight. This week all eight appeared before a committee of four, consisting of the Prefect of Sassari, the Procurator del Re, the Lt. Col. in charge of Carabinieri for Sassari and the Questore. ALL EIGHT men were released from custody and ordered to abide by certain conditions, copy served on them, in the future, (Copy of conditions attached).

4. The release of these men has caused concern and great disappointment in Sassari province. As already reported the Prefect is a fascist and appointed during the fascist regime. Previously he worked in the Ministry of Interior in Rome. The Procurator del Re and the Questore are said to be under his influence. The Lt. Col. Batta of Carabinieri has been sent here with the approval of General Magli, the fascist commander-in-Chief of the Italian forces here, to replace Major Aielli, who was too friendly and who co-operated much too whole heartedly with the Allies, especially with Lt. Col. Dale-Glossop, for General Magli's liking.

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I will speak of Gen. Batta.

5. General Magli has transferred several other Italian Officers who co-operated and worked with the Allies last year, most of them being sent to the mainland.

6. My colleagues and I found that the houses of these eight Fascists had not been searched when they were arrested. We saw the Prefect, Procurator del Re and the Questore. They maintained they had no power to search, but only arrest. We suggested to the Prefect that it might be that some of the persons possessed radio transmitters, had been engaged in the preparing of the fascist underground paper now in circulation in the island, were engaged in spying, had firearms and bombs in their possession, or were attempting to leave the island to join the Germans or were organizing the Fascist Republican Party here and had a list of the members in their possession. The Prefect still said he could not order houses to be searched and agreed that such evidence would be missed and NOT brought to the notice of the Committee.

most unfortunate.

7. The prestige of the Allies gets lower and lower. The Anti-Fascists cannot understand why the Allies allow such things to happen, and chiefly, for ex-Fascists to be still largely running the island. The people are losing faith in us, although they are most grateful for all the food from America, which has saved them from starvation. The Anti-Fascist Committee are wondering if it is really worth while submitting names for people (Fascists) to be interned, if after a few days in prison they are released. One can understand the disappointment in the hearts of men, here, who have suffered internment under Fascism, when they see so very few changes in the administration of the island and no one interned.

8. My colleagues and I are doing everything possible to improve matters. I sincerely hope to report more favourably next week.

Richard Fielders,
Captain
Security Branch AGC

*To V.P. Admin
for info*

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TRANSLATION OF NOTICE GIVING CONDITIONS
SERVED ON FASCISTS.

To live honestly, to respect persons and property, to give no reason for suspicion, to being a definitely established new work within 15 days, to settle definitely his abode, letting the authorities of Public Security know within 5 days the address, and not to leave this abode without advising the Public Safety authorities beforehand.

He also receives the order not to go with prejudiced persons and suspected for political reasons.

He must not go out in the morning before 6-0am from November to March, and not earlier than 5-0am in the other months, and not return home in the evening later than 7-0pm from November to March, and in the other months not later than 8-0pm.

Not to bear arms, not to stay in bars or inns, or other public shops, or in brothels.

We also advise him that if he does not obey these orders, he will be arrested and sent to the Judicial authorities for trial.

We make a record of all that is said, which was written by me, a Magistrate, and by the aforesaid admonished man, who declares he will live at;.....

Signature of the Admonished.....

Signature of the Officer of Public Safety.....

Note/ Public Safety in this translation means the Questore and his agents of Pubblica Sicurezza.

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SUBJECT:- O.V.R.A.

TO :- Colonel A.E. Young, Director - Security Branch. ACC, Hq.

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Sir.

1. The O.V.R.A. in Sardinia consisted of an Inspector General and eight men. The headquarters was located in a private house in Cagliari. There were about 70 paid informants. The informants were paid 250 to 500 lira per month, according to the value or the information they supplied. In exceptional cases they were given as much as 1,000 lira.

2. The Inspector General received 20,000 lira per month to pay all expenses, informants, the salaries of himself and his staff. The money was sent from the headquarters in Rome, and the Inspector General was responsible directly to headquarters.

3. His staff of 8 men carried out investigation work and obtained information. They also visited from time to time the paid informants to pay them and collect what information they had, which had to be written. The paid informants also used to send information by post to the Inspector General, who had a post office box for this purpose. The paid informants were drawn from all walks of life, waiters, bar tenders, Fascist Party members, professional men, and anti-Fascists. The last named men were forced to become paid informants in order to ensure that they were not sent to internment on the Lipari Islands or elsewhere.

4. There were also in Sardinia a number of O.V.R.A. agents, or more probably paid informants, who were unknown to the Inspector General or his staff. The persons used to report by post direct to the headquarters in Rome and from time to time copies of their reports were sent to the Inspector General in Sardinia for investigation and verification. The names of these persons were never given in the copy reports. Some of these persons were undoubtedly big Fascists, who were spying on other Party members, but the last Inspector General, Dino Fabbri, told me that he did not know the identity of any of these persons.

5. In May, 1943, Cagliari was very heavily damaged by Allied bombers and the City was evacuated. The O.V.R.A. staff and headquarters then moved to Sassari. On 24th July, 1943, the day before Mussolini fell, instructions were received from Rome that the O.V.R.A. in Sardinia should come out into the open and *1744* to be a secret organisation. They were known as the Special Police, with Fabbri still in charge and still known as the Inspector General. Fabbri was also made Questore of Sassari, and the man who was the Questore was transferred to North Italy.

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6. Fabbri's O.V.R.A. staff then became known as the Special Police and they come out in the open and carried out arrests and searches in the normal way. As the O.V.R.A.; however, they had been working completely under cover and not effecting arrests. When an arrest had been found necessary as the result of their investigations, or upon orders from Rome, the Inspector General had directed the Questore or the Carabinieri to effect the arrest.

7. Upon the arrival of the Allies in September, 1943, Fabbri came with local Major of Carabinieri in Sassari to meet the Allies on their arrival in the town. Fabbri never tried to hide the fact that he and his men were ex-O.V.R.A., and he gave the Allies all possible assistance.

8. Early in March, 1944, Fabbri was relieved of his position and ordered to report to the Badoglio Government at Salerno. Dr. Colonna was then appointed Inspector General of the Special Police, and like Fabbri since 24th July, 1943, was responsible direct to the Minister of Interior. A man named Tisso was at the same time appointed Acting Questore. The two small forces in Sassari were then separated working under Colonna and Tisso respectively. Tisso was responsible for Sassari province, and Colonna and his Special Police covered the whole island.

9. Fabbri left Colonna his list of about 70 paid informers, and many of them are now being used by Colonna. Colonna has changed three of the ex-O.V.R.A. men for agents of public security. One of the three ex-O.V.R.A. men has been transferred to the mainland, whilst the other two are working as agents of public security under different Questore's in this island. Colonna is hoping to be able to exchange some more of his five remaining ex-O.V.R.A. men.

10. Colonna has little left of the O.V.R.A. records, whilst Fabbri says some were destroyed in the bombing of Cagliari, and the remaining secret files he burnt when the Germans temporarily took over Sassari in September 1943, in order to expedite their evacuation of Sardinia.

11. Tisso, the Acting Questore of Sassari, is from all accounts, honest and anti-Fascist, but he is obviously a man of no great ability. He was previously an Commissario under the old Questore, who held office up till 24th July, 1943.

12. Colonna, like Fabbri has worked very well with the Allies. There is no doubt that his ex-O.V.R.A. men are better trained and have more ability than most of the Questore's agents of public security. Colonna was previously in the agents of public security on the Yugo-Slav boarder. Then he came to Alghero in Sardinia and was in charge of the agents of public security responsible for checking all persons coming from Spain, who used to arrive in Sardinia by air and sea at Alghero. 1743

13. Colonna is anti-fascist, but unfortunately not honest.

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From all accounts he and his wife are mixed up in the Black Market in Sassari. However, he has worked very well with the Allies, secured some good information and effected a number of very good arrests involving Fascists. Colonna and his eight agents are shortly transferring their headquarters to Cagliari on the instructions of General Pinna, the High Commissioner for Sardinia. (Italian)

14. There is no evidence that the O.V.R.A. is still active as the old Fascist O.V.R.A. On the contrary its staff here is actively working in co-operation with the Allies. However, the members of the O.V.R.A. who were unknown to Fabbri, may still be individually working and collecting information, but unless they have radios then cannot get their information to the O.V.R.A. headquarters in German Occupied Italy.

15. Commandatore Dino Fabbri became a member of the Fascist Party only in 1933. He was 33 years in the agents of public security, eventually becoming Vice-Questore of Trieste. In 1937, he was sent by O.V.R.A. No. 1, chief of all Italian police, to become Inspector General of the O.V.R.A. in Sardinia. Whilst here Fabbri reported many gerarcha to Rome for graft and corruption.

16. As already stated Fabbri co-operated whole-heartedly with the Allies, and when General Martini was arrested trying to leave the island to join the Germans, in this General's possession was found a note saying that Fabbri was dangerous and that all Fascists must keep away from.

17. Fabbri is a man of considerable ability, and was, in my opinion, the best informed man in Sardinia. His information was also reliable. If it is possible for him to be found work as a Questore in any part of liberated Italy, I am quite certain he would be invaluable and continue to work in conjunction with the Allies. He has served in Rome many years ago.

/s/ Richard Fielder?

Captain.
Security Branch, A.C.C.

Copy to C.I.C. Detachment, Sardinia, for their information

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