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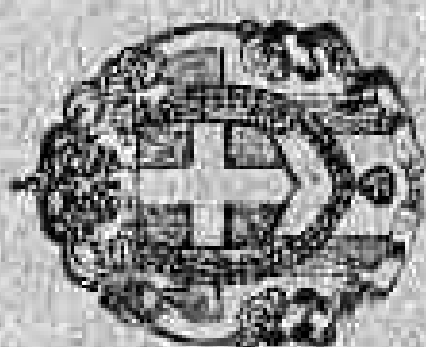
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CASE OF CORTELLESSA & OTHERS (ATTEMPTED
SABOTAGE OF PETROL PIPELINE BY FASCIST YOUTHS)
MAR. - MAY 1945



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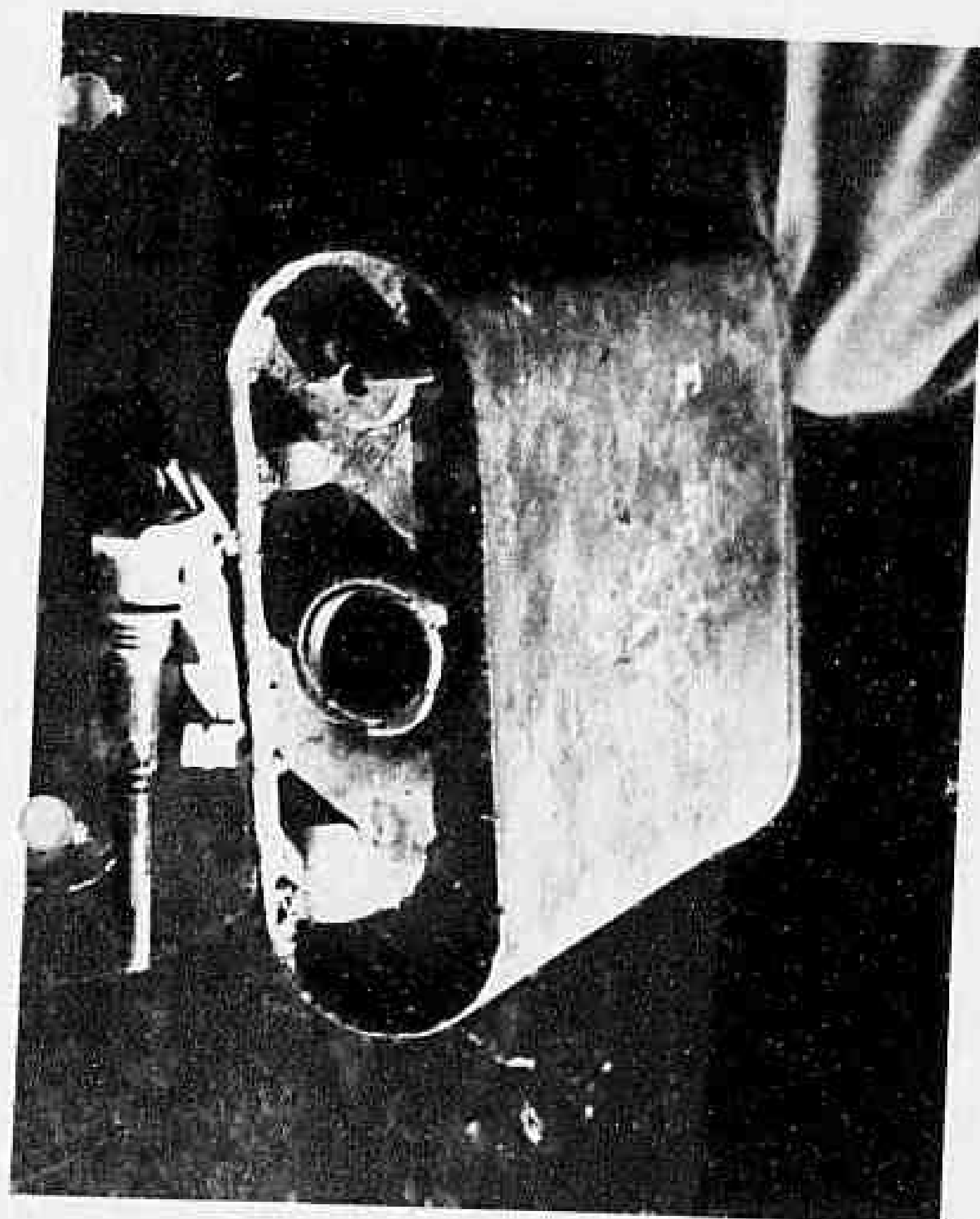
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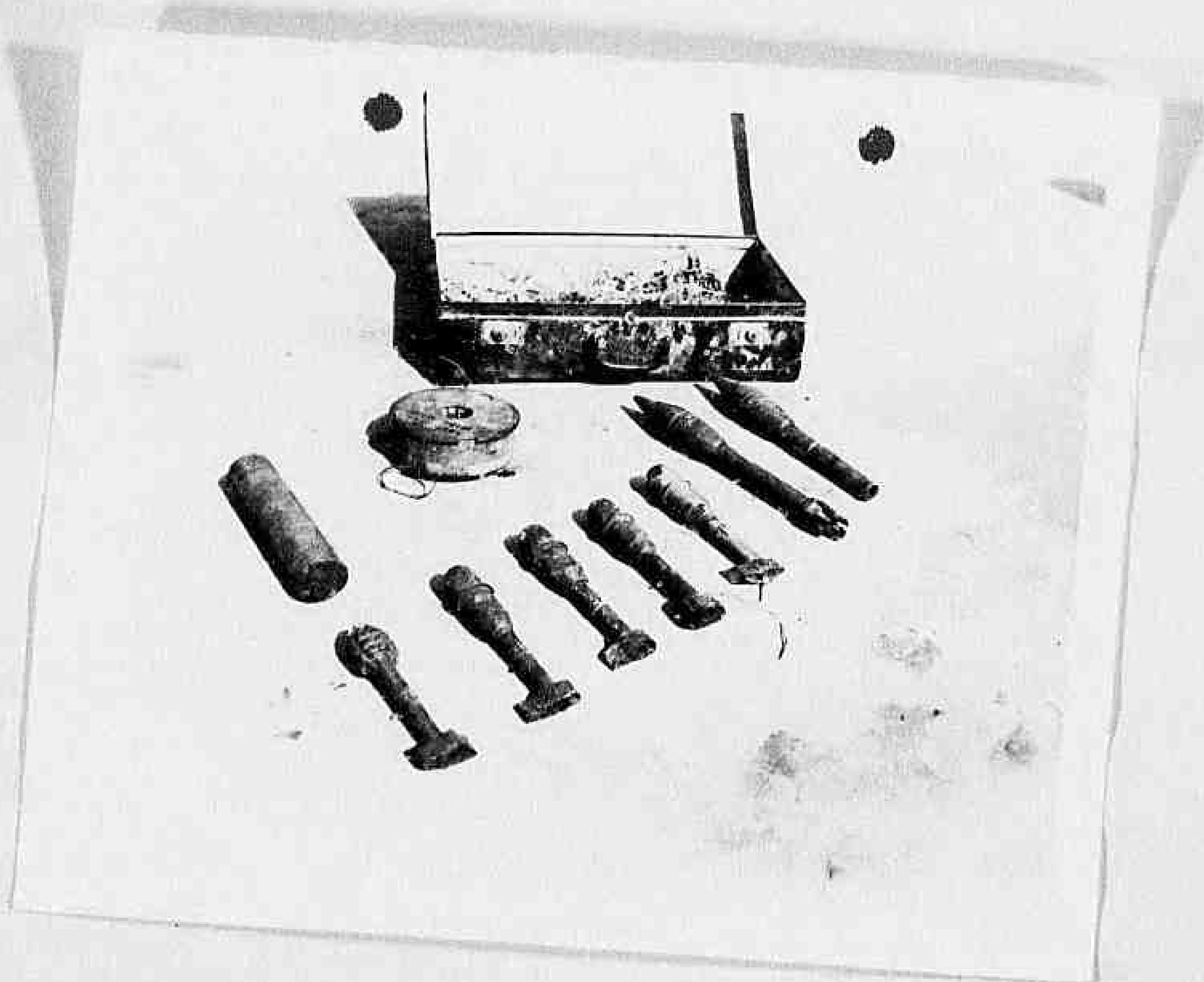
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Shells - Teller mine - and Rifle
Grenades found in the cellar of:

CORTELLESSA Domenico,
Via Bacchiglione #3.

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SECRET

From: Deputy Provost Marshal,
Provost & Security Unit,
Sub-Headquarters, North Italy.

To : Allied Military Government,
Legal Branch.
(For the attention of Col. Campbell).

Date: 10th May, 1945.

Ref : SIB/NI/667/45.

Healey

Subject: Attempted Sabotage of Petrol Pipe Line by
Fascist Youths.

Enclosed herewith, in triplicate, is a report, together with supporting statements, concerning the above case which involves 21 Italian civilian youths.

2. It would be appreciated if action could be taken by you for this case to be brought before an AMG Court and, should you require any further information, every effort will be made to assist.

R.W. Johnson
(R.W. JOHNSON)
Wing Commander,
Deputy Provost Marshal.

M.A. Arranged with S/Ldr Healey that they will lead
direct with questions.

Pm

15 May 45

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ROYAL AIR FORCE POLICE
SPECIAL INVESTIGATION BRANCH
SUB HEADQUARTERS - NORTH ITALY

To: Provost Marshal,
M.A.A.F. (Adv.).

Subject: ATTEMPTED SABOTAGE OF PATROL PIPE LINE BY
FASCIST YOUTHS.

Persons Charged:

1. CORTELLISSA, Domenico di Pietro, —
No. 3, Via Bacchiglione, Rome.
2. CORTELLISSA, Luciano di Pietro,
No. 3, Via Bacchiglione, Rome.
3. MARCHEGIANI, Carlo di Augusto, —
No. 125, Corso Trieste, Rome.
4. PESCI, Fausto di Goffredo, —
No. 38, Viale Mazzini, Rome.
5. CAPOLETI, Francesco di Giorgio,
No. 85 Corso Trieste, Rome.
6. CIACCHIELLA, Franco di Enrico, —
No. 26, Via Alessandria, Rome.
7. GIALDRONI, Franco di Luigi,
No. 3, Piazza Fontida, Rome.
8. PENZA, Michele di Ruggero,
No. 22, Piazza Bologna, Rome.
9. MAMMI, Fausto di Armando,
No. 41, Via Pavia, Rome.
10. LAMBUSIER, Carlo di Teresa,
No. 44, Via Pavia, Rome.
11. MASUCCI, Cristofono di Rocchetti,
No. 15, Via Treviso, Rome.

- No. 5, Via Buccigniglione, Rome.
3. MARCHEGIANI, Carlo di Augusto,
No. 135, Corso Trieste, Rome.
 4. PESCI, Fausto di Goffredo,
No. 88, Viale Mazzini, Rome.
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No. 85 Corso Trieste, Rome.
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No. 15, Via Treviso, Rome.
 12. TARANTINO, Benito di Cosimo,
No. 44, Via S. Ippolito, Rome.
 13. SPALMACH, Oscar di Guido,
No. 35, Via Giovanni Soverano, Rome.
 14. GIOVANAZZI, Enzo di Alfonso,
No. 68, Via Michele di Lando, Rome.
 15. VENUTI, Luigi di Luigi,
No. 12, Via Traconi, Rome.
 16. DE ROSA, Giuseppe di Francesco,
No. 31, Via Eleonora D'Arborea, Rome.

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Persons Charged: 17. GRIMALDI, Alfonso di Pasquale,
No. 6, Via Lucca, Rome.

18. GRIMALDI, Lucio di Pasquale,
No. 6, Via Lucca, Rome.

19. ABATI, Marcella fu Domenico,
No. 60, Via Michele di Lando, Rome.

20. VEDANO, Franco di Arturo,
No. 28, Via Lega Lombardo, Rome.

21. BONVICINI, Ciro di Rollando,
No. 88, Viale Mazzini, Rome.

Descriptions:

1. Born: Vallinfrèda (Rome), 15.2.29.
Height: 5 feet 1 inch. Build: Slight.
Hair: Light Brown. Eyes: Brown.
Complexion: Sallow.
Occupation: Student.

2. Born: Tivoli, 26.8.30.
Height: 5 feet 1 inch. Build: Slight.
Hair: Brown. Eyes: Brown.
Complexion: Sallow.
Occupation: Student.

3. Born: Rome, 21.9.29.
Height: 5 feet 5 inches. Build: Slight.
Hair: Brown. Eyes: Brown.
Complexion: Sallow.
Occupation: Student.

4. Born: Rome, 18.2.30.
Height: 5 feet 4 inches. Build: Medium.
Hair: Brown. Eyes: Brown.
Complexion: Fresh.
Occupation: Student.

5. Born: Rome, 23.12.30.
Height: 5 feet 3 inches. Build: Medium.
Hair: Brown. Eyes: Blue.
Complexion: Fresh.

Occupation: Student.

2. Born: Tivoli, 23.8.30. Build: Slight.
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Hair: Brown. Eyes: Brown.
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Occupation: Student.
5. Born: Rome, 23.12.30. Build: Medium.
Height: 5 feet 3 inches. Eyes: Blue.
Hair: Brown. Eyes: Blue.
Complexion: Fresh.
Occupation: Student.
6. Born: Rome, 12.10.28. Build: Medium.
Height: 5 feet 11 inches. Eyes: Brown.
Hair: Brown. Eyes: Brown.
Complexion: Sallow.
Occupation: Student.
7. Born: Rome, 15.12.29. Build: Slight.
Height: 5 feet. Eyes: Brown.
Hair: Brown. Eyes: Brown.
Complexion: Fresh. Scar on right temple.
Occupation: Student.
8. Born: Rome, 17.9.30. Build: Slight.
Height: 4 feet 11 inches. Eyes: Brown.
Hair: Brown. Eyes: Brown.
Complexion: Sallow.
Occupation: Student.

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Descriptions:

9. Born: Rome, 11.11.30.
Height: 5 feet. Hair: Brown.
Build: Slight. Eyes: Brown.
Complexion: Fresh.
Occupation: Student.
10. Born: Rome, 28.12.31.
Height: 5 feet. Build: Slight.
Hair: Brown. Eyes: Brown.
Complexion: Fresh.
Occupation: Student.
11. Born: Ancona, 3.2.31.
Height: 4 feet 11 inches. Build: Slight.
Hair: Brown. Eyes: Brown.
Complexion: Fresh.
Occupation: Student.
12. Born: Rome, 18.3.29.
Height: 5 feet 6 inches. Build: Slight.
Hair: Brown. Eyes: Brown.
Complexion: Sallow.
Occupation: Student.
13. Born: Bellano (Como), 8.12.29.
Height: 5 feet 5 inches. Build: Medium.
Hair: Brown. Eyes: Brown.
Complexion: Sallow.
Occupation: Student.
14. Born: Rome, 21.10.29.
Height: 5 feet 7 inches. Build: Slight.
Hair: Light Brown. Eyes: Brown.
Complexion: Sallow.
Occupation: Student.
15. Born: Rome, 11.3.30.
Height: 5 feet 6 inches. Build: Slight.
Hair: Brown. Eyes: Brown.
Complexion: Fresh. Freckles.
Occupation: Student.
16. Born: Rome, 10.9.29.
Height: 5 feet 6 inches. Build: Slight.

12. Born: Rome, 18.3.29.
Height: 5 feet 6 inches. Build: Slight.
Hair: Brown. Eyes: Brown.
Complexion: Sallow.
Occupation: Student.
13. Born: Bellano (Como), 8.12.29.
Height: 5 feet 5 inches. Build: Medium.
Hair: Brown. Eyes: Brown.
Complexion: Sallow.
Occupation: Student.
14. Born: Rome, 21.10.29.
Height: 5 feet 7 inches. Build: Slight.
Hair: Light Brown. Eyes: Brown.
Complexion: Sallow.
Occupation: Student.
15. Born: Rome, 11.3.30.
Height: 5 feet 6 inches. Build: Slight.
Hair: Brown. Eyes: Brown.
Complexion: Fresh. Freckles.
Occupation: Student.
16. Born: Rome, 10.2.29.
Height: 5 feet 6 inches. Build: Slight.
Hair: Brown. Eyes: Brown.
Complexion: Sallow.
Occupation: Student.
17. Born: Fiume, 20.4.30.
Height: 5 feet 6 inches. Build: Slight.
Hair: Brown. Eyes: Brown.
Complexion: Sallow.
Occupation: Student.
18. Born: Fiume, 31.5.31.
Height: 5 feet 3 inches. Build: Slight.
Hair: Light Brown. Eyes: Brown.
Complexion: Fresh.
Occupation: Student.

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Descriptions:

19. Born: Rome, 22.7.17.
Height: 5 feet 7 inches.
Build: Heavy. Hair: Brown.
Eyes: Brown. Complexion:
Sallow.
Occupation: Housekeeper.
20. Born: Rome, 14.8.30.
Height: 5 feet 6 inches.
Build: Medium. Hair: Brown.
Eyes: Brown. Complexion:
Fresh.
Occupation: Student.
21. Born: Grosseto, 17.4.30.
Height: 5 feet 4 inches.
Build: Slight. Hair: Brown.
Eyes: Brown. Complexion:
Fresh.
Occupation: Student.

Person Concerned:

1. ROSSI, Giuseppe di Raniero,
No. 26, Via Liegi, Rome.

Description:

1. Born: Rome, 1.5.23.
Height: 5 feet 7 inches.
Build: Slight. Hair: Light Brown.
Eyes: Brown. Complexion: Fresh.
Light Brown Beard.
Occupation: Student.

Offences:

Conspiracy, Attempted sabotage, Possession
of firearms, explosives and explosives,
Pro-Fascist activities.
Charges to be preferred by A.M.G. Legal
Branch.

Origin:

Information received from informer via
F/Lt. L.B. SHERLOCK, D.A.F.M.,
46 Flight.

Result:

Pending.

Witnesses:

Sgt. GURNEY, J. R.A.F., S.I.E.

Occupation: Student.

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Cpl. HERSKOVITS, L. R.A.F., S.I.B.

Exhibits:

	Exhibit No.
Length of string	" 1
Italian 4 Kg. prepared charge	" 2
American lever release detonator	" 3
4 Anti-tank grenades Mk. 9	" 4
2 H.E. rocket shells Mk. 6	" 5
Compressed T.N.T. demolition charge	" 6
One American anti-tank mine Mk. K	" 7
One American rifle grenade	" 8
One .38 colt revolver No. 74913	" 9
One .45 revolver (unknown make) No. 5081	" 10
One Smith & Zesson .44 revolver No. 34037	" 11

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Exhibits:

One .25 Mauser automatic
pistol No. 8198 Exhibit No. 12
One round .45 auto. ammunition " 13

How Disposed of:

Entered in Property Register and
retained pending disposal.

Observations:

On 25.3.45 information was received from an informant via T/Lt. L.B. SHILLLOCK, D.A.P.M., No. 46 Flight, of the existence of a clandestine group of Fascist youths in the Piazza Ledro district of Rome. These youths intended to sabotage the petrol pipe line in the vicinity of the Via Salaria. Our informant was in touch with the leader of the group and it was arranged that he should report to us on the future activities of the group.

On 27.3.45 at 16.50 hours a message was received from our informant stating that an Italian youth CORTELESSA, Domenico and his brother Luciano were in possession of a mine and were going to blow up the pipe line that evening. Arrangements were made for our informant to accompany CORTELESSA and his brother and to delay their departure from Piazza Ledro until our arrival in the vicinity. I immediately went to Piazza Ledro in company with Cpl. HERSKOVITS, L., R.A.F., S.I.B., arriving at 17.05 hours. I followed CORTELESSA, Domenico, CORTELESSA, Luciano and our informant to a rough track approximately 400 yards east of the Ponte Salaria where the three youths entered a cave (see sketch W). At this point the P.B.S. pipe line crosses the Rome-Ancona railway and runs by the side of the rough track in the direction of Via Salaria. I apprehended the youths as they came out of the cave. CORTELESSA was in possession of a piece of string approximately 10 yards long. I searched the cave and found a mine complete with detonator (exhibits 2 and 3). This mine was shown to Lt. TURNER of No. 4 B.D.S.

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Details of these arrests and the facts of the case were given to Capt. ZULLO of the 426th Section, C.I.C. and arrangements were made for liaison between Special Agent H. MURPHY of the C.I.C. and N.C.O.s of this Sub Headquarters.

W/C. R. V. Johnson.

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Observations:
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The mine, together with other explosives exhibits 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8), had been taken by CORTILLESSA, Domenico, PESCI and CAPOLET from a dump in a field approximately 10 kilometers from Rome on the Via Salaria (see statements "A", "B", "D" and "E"). Visited this dump and found that there was a large quantity of ammunition of all types including some similar to the above mentioned. CORTILLESSA, Domenico, had hidden all the explosives in the cellar of his house at No. 5, Via Benediccionne, Rome. The detonator had been obtained by PESCI who states that it was given to him by DONVUTTI, Carlo, a youth living in the same district as himself. DONVUTTI was interviewed and denied having given a detonator to PESCI, but admitted having been in possession of some detonators of the same type (see statements marked "G"). It was ascertained that many youths in the district had been seen playing with detonators which had been found on a dump by the side of the river.

Further interrogation of those arrested revealed the existence of another group in the Piazza Bologna district and in consequence the following were apprehended and interrogated: - GIALDRONE, Franco, PIERA, Michele, MALFI, Fausto, LAMBUSIER, Carlo, MASUCCI, Cristoforo, TARANTINO, Benito, SPALMACH, Oscar, GIOVANAZZI, Enzo, VELTI, Luigi, DA ROSA, Giuseppe, GRIMALDI, Alfonso and GRIMALDI, Lucio. All these youths were members of a clandestine Fascist group with GIALDRONE, Franco, as the leader and were engaged in typing and distributing Fascist propaganda see statements marked "F", "G", "H", "I", "J", "K", "L", "M", "N", "O", "P" and "Q". Numbers 7 to 18 (inclusive), 20 and 21 were released into parental custody.

In the house of TARANTINO, Benito, I found a Colt .45 revolver (exhibit 9) and a .45 revolver of unknown make (exhibit 10). These belonged to GIOVANAZZI and VENUTI respectively and were given to TARANTINO to repair. GIOVANAZZI obtained the Colt revolver from ABATI, Marcello, who had found it while cleaning her flat. (see statement marked "S"). VENUTI stated that he found the other revolver in some rubble caused by bomb damage in Via Lega Lombardo, Rome. It is an old type revolver and not in working

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During the interrogation of TARANTINO, Benito, he disclosed that DA ROSA, Giuseppe, was in possession of 2 pistols. In company with Cpl. HERZKOVITS, L. and Brigadiere PORTURA, C., I searched the house of DA ROSA. He was not present at the time and I explained the reason for the search to his mother. No firearms were found in the house and a summons was left for DA ROSA to come to this Sub Headquarters. The following morning DA ROSA came to Sub Headquarters' office at the Questura Centrale and handed me one .25 Mauser automatic pistol (exhibit 12) and one Smith & Wesson .44 revolver (exhibit 11). He explained that they had been given to him by a certain ROMANO, Giuseppe and that he (DA ROSA) had taken them to the house of his friend VEDANO, Franco (see statements marked "O" and "U").

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Observations:
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ROMANO, Giuseppe was arrested by the American C.I.C. prior to this investigation in connection with the printing and distribution of the underground Fascist Newspaper "ONORE" and is known to have had contact with the Republican Fascist Party.

The interrogation of CIACCHIELLA, Franco and ROMANO, Giuseppe is being carried out by Special Agent H. MURPHY as both MARCHEGIANI and PESCI state that they received copies of "ONORE" from CIACCHIELLA (see statements marked "C" and "D"). CORTELESSA, Domenico, GIALDRONE, Franco and GIOVANAZZI knew that CIACCHIELLA and ROMANO were in touch with members of the Republican Fascist Party. CIACCHIELLA and ROMANO were no doubt acting as the connecting link between the Republican Fascist Party and the gangs of youths and were inspiring these youths to commit acts of sabotage and to distribute Fascist propaganda. Results of the interrogation of CIACCHIELLA and ROMANO will be passed on to this Sub Headquarters when complete.

ROSSI, Giuseppe, was interrogated as a result of the statements of GIOVANAZZI and GIALDRONE, Franco. ROSSI was conscripted in the Italian army in October, 1943, and was sent to North Italy. Just before the liberation of Rome he deserted and returned to Rome. He was friendly with MAFFI, Oscar, together they produced leaflets inciting Italian youths to cut the hair of Italian women who were seen in the company of Allied Military personnel. MAFFI, Fausto, found a copy of the leaflets, together with documents stating that ROSSI had been in the Republican Fascist Army in North Italy, in his brother's room and took them to his chief, GIALDRONE, Franco. GIALDRONE thought that ROSSI was still a member of the Republican Fascist Party and arranged with members of his group to have him watched to find out the nature of his activities. ROSSI is being kept under observation by the C.I.C. The fact that CORTELESSA, Domenico, had knowledge of an experimental camp for amphibious tanks at Ponte Felocia has been communicated to Major H.B. THEUNISSEN, No. 1 of C Field Security Section, S.A. Intelligence Corps. Copies of statements relating to this matter have been forwarded to him.

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PESCI, Fausto and MARCHEGIANI, Carlo, both state that they had the intention of going to Northern Italy and to cross the lines in order to join the Republican Fascist Army and would go via Ponte Felocia to see if the information given to them by CORTELLISSA was true. They hoped that they would be paid for this information when they crossed into enemy territory. During interrogation, both PESCI and MARCHEGIANI showed ardent Fascist sympathies and it is possible that for this reason CIACCHIELLA had spoken to them with regard to a mission to enemy territory. There is no evidence to show that MARCHEGIANI and PESCI had a rendezvous with anyone in the Siena district.

Lt. BELLI, Giuseppe, R.M., was interviewed as a result of the interrogation of VENUTI, Luigi (see statement marked "N"). This officer works in connection with the Intelligence Branch of the R.M. and

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Observations:
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confirmed that he had been in contact with VENTURI and GIOVANAZZI in connection with one of his investigations. I visited the Intelligence Branch Dept. 2) of the R.M. and saw Cap. CALOSSI, A., Officer Commanding this Branch. He confirmed the bona fides of Lt. BELLI.

No evidence has been obtained that any one of these youths is directly connected with enemy agencies. If there is any indirect communication it will presumably have been through those arrested by the C.I.C. mentioned as being responsible for the distribution of the clandestine newspaper "ONORE".

Recommendations:

respectfully suggest that copies of this report be forwarded as follows:-

- 2 copies to The Assistant Chief of Staff,
- 3.2., R.A.A.C.
- 1 copy to the Officer Commanding, 426th section, C.I.C.
- 1 copy to the Officer Commanding, No. 97 F.S.S.
- 1 copy to the Provost Marshal (Br.), R.A.A.C.
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TRANSLATIONSTATEMENT "A"

ROYAL AIR FORCE POLICE
SPECIAL INVESTIGATION BRANCH
SUB HEADQUARTERS - NORTH ITALY

I, CORTELESSA, Domenico di Pietro, No. 3, Via Bacchiglione, Rome, have been cautioned by Cpl. HERSKOVITS, L., R.A.F. Police, that I am not obliged to say anything unless I wish to do so, but whatever I do say will be taken down in writing and may be given in evidence, and to show that I understand the caution and make the following statement voluntarily, I here sign my name.

(signed) CORTELESSA, Domenico.

Through my brother Luciano, I became acquainted with GIALDRONE, Franco, who had formed a Fascist youth group in his district about a month earlier. This group had about twenty members. I made his acquaintance in the second half of February and he ordered me to form a group in my own district. I assembled about fifteen boys and our aim was to spread Fascist propaganda. About the end of February I received from GIALDRONE thirty one typewritten Fascist leaflets and, together with four other boys, I stuck them along the Corso Trieste.

At the beginning of March I thought of carrying out some act of sabotage against the Anglo-American Armed Forces. I spoke of this to my friends, MARCHEGIANI, Carlo and PESCI, Fausto, who were known to me as Fascists. PESCI told me that he may be able to obtain some explosive material and that if he could find some on the Via Cassia he would bring it to me. On 18th March, 1945, PESCI and MARCHEGIANI came to see me at my home and PESCI told me that he had been unable to bring any explosive. We agreed to meet at 10 o'clock the following day in the Via Salaria and go together to collect some mines from a place eleven kilometres along that road. MARCHEGIANI was present during that conversation.

The same day, I saw CAPOLEI, Francesco, told him of my conversation with PESCI and MARCHEGIANI and asked him if he would lend me a bicycle. He agreed and said that he may go along with us. The following day, 19th March, 1945, CAPOLEI and I met PESCI at the agreed place. We went along the Via Salaria for approximately eleven kilometres and then went into a field where PESCI showed us an abandoned explosive dump.

I assembled about fifteen boys and our aim was to spread Fascist propaganda. About the end of February I received from GIARDONE thirty one typewritten Fascist leaflets and, together with four other boys, I stuck them along the Corso Trieste.

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On the afternoon of 27th March, 1945, I fired a detonator to the mine and taking about ten metres of cord to tie to the ring of the detonator, went with Luciano and BAGNASCO, Franco, to a place near the pipe line. On the way there, I thought that the cord was too short and the place not suitable for a quick escape. I also doubted whether the detonator would work and thought it better not to proceed with

I have nothing more to say. I am sure over the above statement and it is true.

Rome
19.4.45.
(signed) CORTELLISSA, Domenico.

I wish to add that I informed MARCHEGIANI and PESOTI that I did not have a detonator and the former told me that he could supply one. This happened on 24th March, 1945. We fixed an appointment for 10.00 hours the following day, but I was late and missed it. Later, my brother Luciano gave me the detonator, telling me that he had received it from MARCHEGIANI. This is the detonator which I later fixed to the mine.

Rome
19.4.45.
(signed) CORTELLISSA, Domenico.

This statement was taken down by me in Italian at the dictation of CORTELLISSA, Domenico. He was properly cautioned.

19.4.45.
(signed) L. HIRSKOVITS Cpl.
R.A.F., S.I.B.

The above statement was translated by me from Italian into English and it is a true translation to the best of my ability.

(signed) L. HIRSKOVITS Cpl.
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TRANSLATION
STATEMENT "E"

ROYAL AIR FORCE POLICE
SPECIAL INVESTIGATION BRANCH
SUB HEADQUARTERS - NORTH ITALY

Statement of:

CORTELLESA, Luciano di Pietro,
No. 3, Via Bacchiaglione, Rome.

I am undersigned CORTELLESA, Luciano have been mentioned by Col. HERKOVITS, L., R.A.F. Police, that I am not obliged to say anything unless I wish to do so, but whatever I say will be taken down in writing and may be given in evidence, and to show that I understand this caution and make the following statement voluntarily, I here sign my name.

(signed) CORTELLESA, Luciano.

From 1935 until it was disbanded, I was a compulsory member of the G.I.L. organisation. After that time I did not enter any other Fascist organisation.

At the beginning of March, 1945, at the school of Giovanni da Procida which I attended, GIARDONI, Franco who knew me to have Fascist ideas, asked me to join a group which he had formed. The group dealt with Fascist propaganda. I accepted and so did my brother who approached some of his friends, but they refused, saying that they were already members of another group led by CIACCHIELLA, Franco I believe.

At the beginning of March, 1945, my brother and MARCHIGIANI, Carlo went to CIACCHIELLA's house and told him that we had formed our group. My brother told me later that MARCHIGIANI and CIACCHIELLA had decided that their groups should work together.

On the 15th March, 1945, GIARDONI, Franco handed to me 29 leaflets which I gave to my brother. With him and some other friends I stuck them on walls in the Savoia quarter. The text of the leaflets was, "Italians who have fought against Russia, England and America, remember that our dead are asking for a vendetta. Long life to the Italian Fascist Republic."

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My brother had an idea of doing an act of sabotage and explained it to MARCHIGIANI, Carlo and PESCI, Fausto. PESCI told my brother, Domenico, that he knew a place where we could find some mines and hand grenades and was ready to show us where it was.

One day in March my brother told me that he was going with CAROLIE and PESCI to Via Salaria to see if they could find arms and ammunition. At 15.00 hours on the day, my brother, with CAROLIE and PESCI, returned with two mines, a dynamite and four or five hand grenades. They handed me the two wrappers, telling me to hide them in the cellar. I did this and a few days later my brother told me that he had brought some more hand grenades. I asked to see them, and we went down to the cellar where we left them.

On the 24th of March, my brother informed me that on the following Sunday he was going to blow up the pipe line which passes near to the river Aniene, and that I was to communicate this to GILDORNI Franco. The following day at school, I told GILDORNI, he answered that the act of sabotage would not be done on Sunday. When I returned from school I told my brother that GILDORNI was not happy about the act of sabotage being done on a Sunday. So he decided to carry it out on Tuesday the 27th of March. My brother informed me that he had told PESCI Fausto, MARCHIGIANI Fausto, BAGNASCO and CAPOLBI of the sabotage act that he intended to carry out.

On the 25th of March, my brother sent me to keep an appointment with MARCHIGIANI which he had been unable to keep. At 10 o'clock I kept this appointment, I met PESCI Fausto and MARCHIGIANI. The latter gave me a detonator, he told me it belonged to the mine, and that by pulling the ring, the mine would explode. He told me to put it in my pocket, and to be careful that it did not explode. PESCI Fausto was present the whole time I spoke with MARCHIGIANI, but he did not speak a single word.

On Tuesday the 27th of March, my brother Domenico in the presence of BAGNASCO and myself, attached the detonator to the mine. As soon as my brother had finished, he took a piece of cord and tied it to the ring of the detonator and to the mine itself. The three of us left the house, and went to the pipe line which passes near the Ponte Salaric.

There we left the mine in a cave just near to the pipe line, as we wished to make certain that nobody was in sight. Just as we were leaving the cave, a Sergeant and a Corporal of the R.A.F. Police stopped us, and took us to the Police Station.

My father, who works near Civita Castellana, said that in an enclosed place just near, the Allies are experimenting with tanks. My brother told this to PESCI Fausto, MARCHIGIANI Carlo and BAGNASCO in my presence. MARCHIGIANI intended to connect the control lines into

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My father, who works near Civita Castellana, said that in an enclosed place just near, the Allies are experimenting with tanks. My brother told this to PESCI Fausto, MARCHIGIANI Carlo and BAGNASCO in my presence. MARCHIGIANI and PESCI had already decided to pass the control lines into Northern Italy. They told my brother to draw a plan of the place before their journey. The plan was needed by PESCI and MARCHIGIANI, so that during their journey to Northern Italy, they would be able to see the place where the experiments were done.

My brother promised that during the holidays he was going to pass there, and with my help, he would get confirmation and photo's of the place, and give them to PESCI and MARCHIGIANI. PESCI told my brother, that if he should get some money for the information, there would be something for him.

Rome. 17th April 1945.

With faith.

(signed) CORNELIUS Luciano.

This statement was translated by me from Italian into English, and it is a true translation to the best of my ability.

(signed) ROCCIO James.
Official Interpreter.
R.A.F. S.I.B.

TRANSLATION.

STATEMENT "C"

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE
SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION
SUB-HEADQUARTERS, NORTH WYLLIE.

Statement of:-

MARCHETTI CARLO di Augusto.
165 Corso Trieste, Rome.

I, the undersigned MARCHETTI CARLO di Augusto have been cautioned by Col. Harukovits, L. R. P. Police, that I am not obliged to say anything unless I wish to do so, but whatever I say will be taken down in writing and may be given in evidence, and to show that I understand this caution and make the following statement voluntarily, I here sign my name.

Rome. 13-4-45.

(signed) MARCHETTI CARLO.

A few days after the arrival of the Allies in Rome, GIACCHIELLA Franco told me that he had heard from his friends that there was a clandestine Fascist organization in Rome, and that he had joined them. After hearing of this I also joined the movement. The aim of our group was to spread propaganda. The other members of this group that I knew, other than MARCHETTI and myself, were ROBERTO Belpino and PESCI Fausto. I have not carried out any propaganda activities until now, as I have not had the opportunity.

On the 11th February, 1945, I went with PESCI Fausto to GIACCHIELLA's house, he gave to each of us a copy of the paper "ONORE". I burnt the paper the same night after reading it.

About the beginning of March, CORNELIUSA Domenico asked me if I wanted to join the clandestine Fascist group of which he was a member. I told him that I did not want to join as I already belonged to another group. CORNELIUSA wanted me to introduce him to the other members of my group, so I introduced him to PESCI and gave him the address of GIACCHIELLA.

"Fascist" in March, CORNELIUSA told PESCI and me that he intended to commit an act of sabotage on a pipe-line. On the 11th March, 1945, PESCI and CORNELIUSA told me that they had arranged to meet in the Via Salaria and were to go and find a mine

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Sometimes in March, CORNELIUSIA told PESCOI and me that he intended to commit an act of sabotage on a pipe-line. On the 11th March, 1945, PESCOI and CORNELIUSIA told me that they had arranged to meet in the Via Salaria and were to go and find a mine for the said sabotage. Later CORNELIUSIA told me that he had already acquired a large mine and some other material, but he wanted something to explode the mine. He asked me for a hand grenade detonator, and I promised to give him one. This detonator was given to me by PESCOI just before Christmas without definite purpose at the time. On the 25th March, 1945, I had an appointment with CORNELIUSIA for the purpose of handing over the detonator. I went there with PESCOI, but instead Domenico, his brother Luciano came, I gave him the detonator.

I further state that PESCOI and myself had the intention of crossing the combat-line into German occupied Italy, and to join the Fascist Army there.

About the end of March CORNELIUSIA told PESCOI and myself that in the place where his father was working, there was a military camp in which experiments with gas were carried out. Later he gave me a sketch of the place, but I saw this away after looking at it.

FRSC and I thought that before we crossed the line, it would be a good idea to go to this place and to see if this information was correct. We did not decide anything.

I have read the above statement and it is true.

Rome, 13-4-45.

In faith.

(signed) MARCHESIANI, Carlo.

The above statement was taken down by me in Italian at the dictation of MARCHESIANI Carlo, he was properly cautioned.

signed) L. Herskovits. Cpl.

R.A.F. S.I.B.

The above statement was translated by from Italian into English, and it is a true translation to the best of my ability.

signed)

L. Herskovits. Cpl.

R.A.F. S.I.B.

EXHIBIT

STATEMENT "D".

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE
SPECIAL INVESTIGATION BRANCH
SUB HEADQUARTERS, MONTREAL, QUEBEC.

I PESCI, Fausto, di Gaetano, 88 Viale Mazzini, Rome, have been mentioned by Cpl. KERSKOVITS, L., R. F. Police, that I am not obliged to say anything unless I wish to do so, but whatever I do say will be taken down in writing and may be given in evidence, and to show I understand the caution and make the following statement voluntarily, I here sign my name.

(signed) PESCI, Fausto.

I, together with CIACCHELLA, Franco, MARCHEGLIANI, Carlo, and ROMANO, Peppino, formed a group to spread Fascist propaganda. The propaganda was spread verbally between friends, and based on news from the newspaper "ONORE". I obtained one copy of "ONORE" from CIACCHELLA. I do not know from where CIACCHELLA obtained the paper.

Sometime in February MARCHEGLIANI introduced me to CORTELESSA, Domenico, describing him as a Fascist who had already carried out a few acts of sabotage. Then MARCHEGLIANI introduced CORTELESSA to CIACCHELLA. CORTELESSA asked CIACCHELLA for some arms. He also asked me for arms for sabotage purposes and I promised him that I would let him have some explosives from Via Cassia, where there was some abandoned ammunition. However, I found that at this place the ammunition had already been destroyed so I took him and CIPOLETTI to a place about 11 kilometres along Via Salaria. This happened on 19.3.45. At this place I showed CORTELESSA a mine which he took together with some shells filling two bags. I did not take anything. The previous day CORTELESSA, in the presence of MARCHEGLIANI, told us of a plan to blow up the pipe line situated near the railway at MONTE SACRO. On 19.3.45 CORTELESSA told me that he wanted a detonator for the mine so I told him to get one from MARCHEGLIANI as I had previously given him a hand grenade detonator and this

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I further state that MARCHEGIANI and I had the intention to cross the lines into the North and to go and fight with the Republican Fascist Army.

CORNELLESSA told me that near CIVITA CASTELLANA, on the Tiber, there was a camp for amphibious tanks. CORNELLESSA suggested that when I went north I should take a plan of this camp together with photographs, and whatever money I got for it should be shared between us. Later I considered this was too dangerous and decided not to take the plan with me. The money for the journey I would have obtained by selling my bicycle.

I have nothing else to say.

I have read over the above statement and it is true.

Rome 19.4.45

(signed) PESCI, Fausto.

This statement was taken down by me in Italian at the dictation of PESCI, Fausto, he was properly cautioned

(signed) L. HERSKOVITS Cpl.
R.A.F., S.I.E.

The above statement was translated by me from Italian into English and is a true translation to the best of my ability.

(signed) L. HERSKOVITS Cpl.
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TRANSLATIONSTATEMENT "E"

ROMAN AIR FORCE POLICE
SPECIAL INVESTIGATION BRANCH
SUB HEAD QUARTERS, NORTH ITALY.

I, CAPOREI, Francesco di Giorgio, No. 85, Corso Trieste, Rome, have been cautioned by Cpl. HERSKOWITS, L., R.A.F. Police, that I am not obliged to say anything unless I wish to do so, but whatever I do say will be taken down in writing and may be given in evidence, and to show that I understand the caution and make the following statement voluntarily, I here sign my name.

(signed) CAPOREI, Francesco.

Since 1935, when I attended elementary school, I was a member of the G. I. L. organisation, as it was then compulsory. I was a member until the 25th. July, 1943, when the Fascist government was dissolved / the Badoglio Government. After that date I was not a member of any Fascist organisation.

About three months ago, my school friend CORTELESSA Domenico told me that he was a member of a clandestine movement for the distribution of Fascist propaganda, set up by some of his friends in the district of Piazza Bologna, and he invited me to become a member. After I had accepted, CORTELESSA presented me as a new member to GLADRONI at the latter's house. Before we left, GLADRONI handed to CORTELESSA two files containing documents, which he had to give to a person who lived near the Piazza Bologna. In the presence of GLADRONI CORTELESSA opened one of the files and I saw that inside it was an identity card of the Italian Fascist party, a statement in the German language with stamps of the German Command, a copy of an identity card of the Fascist Republican party with the epigram "Honour" and other statements which I do not remember. All the statements were taken off a certain ROSSI.

Leaving GLADRONI's house, CORTELESSA went to hand over the files but I went straight home so that I cannot prove if the statements were delivered. I know that GLADRONI ordered CORTELESSA to follow closely ROSSI to find out if he was a member of a clandestine Fascist Republican party.

About the end of February 1945, CORTELESSA told me that he would be getting some Fascist propaganda leaflets, and they were to be stuck to the walls of buildings. On the day that CORTELESSA had the leaflets I did not help him to stick them up because it was too late and I had to go home. I know they were typed leaflets but I do not know who typed them or who composed the text. CORTELESSA told me that there were about one hundred.

At the beginning of March CORTELESSA Domenico told me and the others to be in front of the Cinema Italia to assist in the escape of other persons who would be with him, after they had thrown some leaflets.

About the 10th. March I know that GLADRONI ordered CORTELESSA Domenico to form and be the leader of, another group. Members of the new group were: MARCHEGGIANI CORTELESSA Luciano, BACNASCO, a boy who lives in the same building

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CORTELESSA wanted me to form a squad from persons whom I knew, but I did not accept, telling him that I did not know anyone. He also ordered the setting up of other groups in all the districts of Rome, and PESCI Fausto was to form one in the Mazzini quarter.

On the 19th. March, following the appointment of PESCI Fausto made the previous day, CORTELESSA Domenico and I went to the Pon' Salario and at 10.30 hours we met PESCI Fausto there, who was waiting for us. PESCI led us near to the aerodrome of Littorio where were abandoned mines, hand grenades, shells and other war material.

CORTELESSA collected a mine and some hand grenades and placed them in two wrappers. CORTELESSA took the one containing the mine and handed me the one with the hand grenades in it.

PESCI Fausto, after indicating to us the locality and having assured himself that we had collected the ammunition, went off on his bicycle. When we arrived at CORTELESSA's house he took the two wrappers and I went home. A few days later CORTELESSA and I again went to the same place, and we put a mine and some rocket shells in a wrapper and CORTELESSA took them to his house.

Before we came into possession of the above mentioned war material CORTELESSA, Domenico, MARRUFINI and a boy who lives in the same building as CORTELESSA, talked about sabotage. I know that because once I met them when they were speaking about it in the yard of CORTELESSA's home. When I arrived they seemed speaking about it, and spoke of a journey which CORTELESSA was making in the locality where his father works, with the purpose of photographing and describing some allied work at that place.

I also know that CORTELESSA, with another friend, were going to Sienna, and the boy who lives in the same building as CORTELESSA would have supplied them with two overalls so as they would appear to be working for the Allied forces.

On the 27th. March, 1945, CORTELESSA called on me, as I was then sick, but he did not say anything about the sabotage which he was going to do that afternoon.

Since that day I have never seen CORTELESSA or any other members of the group.

Rome.

13.4.45

(signed) CARLO FRANCO.

The above statement was translated by me from Italian, and it is a true translation to the best of my ability.

(signed) ROBERTO JAMES

Official Interpreter.

TRANSLATIONSTATEMENT "P".

ROYAL AIR FORCE POLICE
SPECIAL INVESTIGATION BRANCH
SUB HEADQUARTERS, NORTH ITALY.

I, GIALDRONE, Franco di Luigi, No. 3 Piazza Ponteda, Rome, have been cautioned by Cpl. HERSKOVITS, L. R.A.F. Police, that I am not obliged to say anything unless I wish to do so, but whatever I do say will be taken down in writing and may be used in evidence, and to show I understand this caution and make the following statement voluntarily, I here sign my name.
(signed) GIALDRONE, Franco.

From 1936 until 1942 I belonged to the "Opera Nazionale Balilla". This organisation was later renamed "G.I.L.". After September 8th. 1943 I applied to be enrolled as a member of "Opera Nazionale Balilla" but I had no idea of my application.

During September I started to organise Fascist group with anti-communistic tendency. I succeeded in enrolling MASUCCI, Cristofaro, MAMMI, Fausto, LAMBUSIER, Carlo, and another person whose name I do not know. In November, through a person who may be known to MAMMI, Fausto, I became acquainted with GIOVINAZZI, Enzo, and VENUTI, Luigi who had founded another organisation for the purpose of combatting Communism. I met the latter two persons and agreed that we should work together to spread propaganda and to enlist new members.

During December 1944, GIOVINAZZI and VENUTI recommended as new members a certain Lucio, living in Via Lucca, and another person whose name and address I do not know. I understood from GIOVINAZZI that his group consisted of five members.

During January 1945 Lucio introduced me to CORTELLESSA Luciano, and recommended him as a member of my group. Three days later CORTELLESSA, Luciano introduced me to his brother Domenico and he also became a member. CORTELLESSA, Domenico suggested that the groups should be made up in such a way that the members would not know who was the leader, and that a nominal roll of the members should be kept in code.

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I gave orders to CORTELESSA, Domenico to form another group in his district, and to keep in close touch with me. CORTELESSA told me that his telephone had been tapped and asked me to speak to him in a pre-arranged code. The code consisted of taking every third word in the conversation as the right one and was changed from time to time. We made use of this code when CORTELESSA told me the names of the district leaders CAPOLEI, Franco, and another which I do not remember. Each district leader had to keep a nominal roll in code. About a week after I had given this order CORTELESSA gave me a list of his members in code. This contained about sixteen names but the only one I knew was CAPOLEI.

About a month ago, CORTELESSA, Domenico suggested that I should form a sabotage squad from the members of my group and intimated that he was in possession of some hand grenades. I told him that our group was formed for the purpose of propaganda against Communism and that it would be difficult to find anyone who would take on such a mission.

CORTELLESSA then said "Well can I count on you?" and I told him that he could. He then told me that he had a plan to blow up a pipe line and I asked him who had ordered him to do it. He replied that it was his own idea. He then asked me if I would be willing to make a journey outside Rome and as I said no he did not tell me the reason for the journey.

Since February CORTELLESSA has been working independently. The last time I saw him was when he spoke to me regarding the sabotage squad. He told me that he was going to have the help of MARCHEGLANI in order to sabotage the pipe line.

In February this year I was stopped in the street by an unknown person, who gave me a file containing documents and told me to hand them over to CORTELLESSA. This person told me to hand them to CORTELLESSA immediately and to return them to him at the same place two days later. I kept these documents in my house and gave a copy to CORTELLESSA. Two days later I gave the documents back to the person who had given them to me. These documents referred to an organization called "Young Italy" and included a programme for the cutting of the hair of Italian girls who were in company with Allied Military Personnel. The person who gave me the documents told me to tell CORTELLESSA to contact ROSSI, Giuseppe who lives in Viale Liegi. On the file I gave CORTELLESSA the address of ROSSI was written. I found out from these documents that ROSSI was a cadet in the Republican Fascist Army and had been to a military school in the north of Italy. I know that he was on leave in Rome. This person whose name I do not know I have often seen in company of ROMANO, Peppino.

In February this year CORTELLESSA suggested that we should type some Fascist leaflets. I compiled the first half and CORTELLESSA the second and contained the phrase "Remember our dead". I called a meeting which took place on the roof of MASUCCI's house. Those present were MASUCCI, PENZA, MAMMI, LAMBUSTIER, GRIMALD, Lucio and another person whose name and address I do not know. I told those present that they were to make leaflets and gave the text to the squad leaders

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I do not know if any member of my group was in possession of arms, but I do know that a certain GIOVIAZZI, Enzo living at No. 68, Via Michele di Lando was boasting to me and CORTELESSA that he had a pistol, but it was not intact. I have nothing more to add.

I have read over the above statement and it is true.

Rome 6.4.45

(signed) GIALDRONE, Franco.

This statement was translated by from Italian into English and is a true translation to the best of my ability.

(signed) L; HERSKOVITS Cpl.
R.A.F., S.I.T.

TRANSLATION

STATEMENT "G"

ROYAL AIR FORCE POLICE
SPECIAL INVESTIGATION BRANCH
SUB-HEADQUARTERS, NORTH ITALY

Statement of:--

ENZO, Michele di Ruggero.
22 Piazza Bologna. Rome.

I the undersigned declare as follows:

Since 1935, when I attended elementary school, I was a member of the C.N.B. until the 24th of July 1943. In March 1943 I became a member of the Fascist Republican Party until the 5th of June 1943.

In December 1944, I was approached by GIALDRONI Franco who invited me to become a member of a clandestine Movement of Fascist Propaganda with the express purpose of keeping up the political ideas of the old Fascism.

I accepted the invitation and became a member. As a member I naturally knew the following persons who were all members of the movement: GRIMALDI Alfonso, GRIMALDI Lucio, MAMMI Fausto, LAMUSIER Carlo, MISUCCI Cristofaro, a certain LIDO and SERGIO of whom I do not know their surnames and addresses, but I know that both of them live in the vicinity of Via Lucca. Another boy of about fifteen whose name is SPALMACH who lives behind the Post Office in the Piazza Bologna.

I also knew a certain GIOVINAZZI Enzo who was a member of another movement, it was a clandestine Anti-Communist movement, and was called the G.R.A.C. which stands for "Young Romans Anti-Communist", and I think it had a larger membership than our movement. I never had any political connections with GIOVINAZZI, I only knew him because he was a friend of GIALDRONI Franco.

In the months of January or February 1945, it was suggested by GIALDRONI Franco that Fascist Propaganda leaflets were to be typed, the text of the leaflets were composed by GIALDRONI himself with phrases praising the Fascists and suggesting that the communists were thieves, the ending phrase of the leaflets was "Italians remember

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GIALDRONI Franco and I stuck three or the leaflets on a wall in the Via Padova. The leaflets were only typed once because there was a little dissatisfaction in the movement, as the rest of the members did not think that GIALDRONI was suitable for the leadership of our movement, so for that reason, the movement did not develop into an organized activity after February 1945.

In March 1945, GIALDRONI Franco did not wish to speak to all of the members of the movement, and so he gave me the leadership, which I accepted.

I declare that no member of our movement had any sort of arms and there was no mention of sabotage activity.

7th April 1945.
Rome.

With faith.

(signed) FRANZA Michele.

This statement was translated by me from Italian into English, and it is a true translation to the best of my ability.

(signed) ROCCIO James.
Official Interpreter.
R.A.F. S.I.B.

TRANSLATIONSTATEMENT "H".

ROYAL AIR FORCE POLICE
SPECIAL INVESTIGATION BRANCH
SUB HEADQUARTERS, NORTH ITALY.

STATEMENT OF:-- MAMMI, Fausto 41 Armade, 41, Via Pavic Romo.
WHO SAID:--

From 1936, when I attended elementary school, I was a compulsory member of the G.I.L. organisation until July 1943, when the Fascist Government was overthrown by the Badoglio Government. Since that date I have not been a member of any Fascist organisation.

Two months ago I was approached by GIALDRONE, Franco and invited to join a clandestine movement for the purpose of spreading Fascist propaganda. I accepted his invitation and a few days afterwards all the members of the movement met at GIALDRONE's house in order to elect a leader. GIALDRONE was voted leader with GIOVINAZZI, Enzo and VENUTI, Luigi as his advisers. Approximately one month later I was instructed to type some Fascist propaganda leaflets, but I do not know who originated them. Two days afterwards I gave GIALDRONE, Franco five typed leaflets, these being the only ones I typed. GIALDRONE and GRIMALDI suggested that we should buy a rubber printing set to print the leaflets and each member was to pay ten lire per week. I was made cashier but the members were not punctual in their payments and the idea was abandoned and the money returned to the members.

When I handed GIALDRONE the five leaflets which I had typed, I noticed that he had about another 35 in his wallet. I never posted any of the leaflets, but I know from GRIMALDI that they were posted near the "Theatre Italia, on the walls of the Post Office in Piazza Bologna, in the Via XXI Aprile and some had been stuck up on the walls of the schools in Via Cavour and Via Giovanni da Procida. The text of the leaflets was praising Fascism using the phrases "Italians you have fought against the English and the Russians, perhaps you are now afraid and you are helping the English and the Russians", "A day before we typed these leaflets, GRIMALDI showed me another leaflet, which he had stuck on the wall and the text of the leaflet I saw that there must be another group in our district. Afterwards I found out from VENUTI that

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The following were member of GILDRONE's group:- GIOVINAZZI VENUTI, - Advisers. PENZA, GRIMALDI, - district leaders, GRIMALDI, Alfonso, GRIMALDI, Sergio, living at No. 5, Via Pontedera - members MASUCCI, SPALMACH, LAMETIER.

In our group we never talked about sabotage, but I knew that GIOVINAZZI had a pistol with a spring missing and also two rounds of pistol ammunition. One day VENUTI showed me a rifle bayonet. GILDRONE told me that CORTELESSA was the leader of another group in the Via Aprile district and ordered me to collect money from him and his men.
(signed) MAMMI, Fausto.
Rome 7.4.45.

This statement was translated by me from Italian into English, it is a true translation to the best of my ability.

(signed) ROCCIO, James.
Official Interpreter,
R.A.S., S.I.C.

TRANSLATIONStatement "I".

ROYAL AIR FORCE POLICE
SPECIAL INVESTIGATION BRANCH
SUB HEADQUARTERS, NORTH ITALY.

STATEMENT OF:-

LAIBUSIER, Carlo di Pio, 43, Via Pavia, ROME.
who saith:-

From 1937, when I attended an elementary school, I was a compulsory member of the G.I.L. organisation until July 25th. 1943, when the Fascist Government was overthrown by the Badoglio Government. Since then, I have not been a member of any Fascist organisation.

In January I was approached by GIALDRONE, Franco, and asked to join a clandestine Fascist propaganda movement which he was organising. I agreed and became a member without rank.

By the end of the month I knew that some of the members were typing Fascist propaganda leaflets, which were to be stuck on the walls of buildings in our district. The district leader PENZA, Michele, gave me three leaflets one of which I stuck on the wall of the Post Office in Piazza Bologna, the others on the walls of buildings in the same district. I do not know how many leaflets were typed by our group or who composed them, but I do know that MAMMI, Fausto had a typewriter and typed some of them. We did not type any more of the leaflets.

I knew that the following were members of our group:-

PENZA, Michele, GRIMALDI, Lucio, GRIMALDI, Alfonso, GRIMALDI, Sergio, MAMMI, Fausto, MASUCCI, Carlo, and a certain Aldo whose surname and address I do not know.

We never mentioned acts of sabotage in our group and I knew that none of the group were in possession of arms. GIALDRONE told me that a certain GIOVINAZZI, Enzo, was in possession of a broken pistol, but I did not know that he was having it repaired.

We only met four times at "Quattro Pini" near via Benevento, and we decided to increase our numbers. Sometimes we met in the street but we never talked about politics.

I do not know if the leader of our group, GIALDRONE, was in contact with any other clandestine Fascist movement and I do not know if there was an adult group in my district.

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At one time it was proposed that we should buy a rubber stamp for printing the leaflets and each member paid ten lire per month. The rubber stamp proved to be too expensive so the ten lire was returned to the members.

I have nothing more to add.

(signed) LAMBUSIER, Carlo.

This statement was translated by me from Italian to English and is a true translation to the best of my ability.

(signed)

ROCCIO, James,
Official Interpreter
R.A.F., S.I.B.

TRANSLATION

Statement "J"

ROYAL AIR FORCE POLICE
SPECIAL INVESTIGATION BRANCH
SUB HEADQUARTERS, NORTH ITALY.

STATEMENT OF:- MASUCCI, Cristofaro di Angelo, 15, Via Treviso, Rome.
who saith:-

From 1937, when I attended elementary school, I was a compulsory member of the organisation G.I.L. until the 25th. of July 1943, when the Fascist Government was overthrown by the Badoglio Government.

In the middle of February I went to the Headquarters of the Fascist Party in Via Vittorio Veneto to enrol as a member, but I could not get the special identity card as I had no photograph with me.

In the month of September 1944 GIALDRONE, Franco asked me if I would like to lead an adventurous life, but he did not give me any details. Some days after GIALDRONE told me that he knew of several boys who were willing to become members of a clandestine Fascist movement which he was forming. I told him that I would also be a member. Not being an important member of the group I was not invited to the meetings, but I knew that PENZA, Michelo, MAMMI, Fausto, and LAMBUSIER, Carlo were members.

In the month of January or February I found out that the group was preparing anti-communistic leaflets and I think ten of them were printed. I never saw the leaflets and I do not know who composed them or stuck them on the walls.

About two months later GIOVINAZZI told me he had a pistol. I knew from GIALDRONE that GIOVINAZZI was a member of the G.R.A.C organisation. At the same time GIALDRONE ordered me to pay ten lire a month towards the upkeep of his organisation.

In our group we never talked about acts of sabotage as we did not have any arms. I do not know if any members of the group were in contact with other clandestine Fascist movements or if there was an adult clandestine movement in our district.

(signed) MASUCCI, Cristofaro.

Rome 8.4.45.

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(signed) MASUCCI, Cristofaro.

Rome 8.4.45.

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(signed) ROCCIO, James.
Official Interpreter
R.A.F., S.I.B.

TRANSLATION
ROYAL AIR FORCE POLICE
SPECIAL INVESTIGATION BRANCH
SUB HEADQUARTERS, NORTH ITALY.

STATEMENT OF:- TARANTINO, Renato di Rosario
No. 44, Via S. Ippolito, Rome.

WHO SAID:-

From 1936 to 1943 I was a compulsory member of the G.I.L. organisation. Since then I have never been a member of any Fascist organisation.

At the beginning of March SPALMACH, Oscar asked me to go with him to GIALDRONE's house. GIALDRONE told me that he was forming a clandestine movement for the purpose of spreading Fascist propaganda and wanted me to keep it secret as SPALMACH was responsible for me. He explained that the purpose of the movement was to distribute leaflets of Fascism. I became a member and GIALDRONE told me that I was to be instructed by SPALMACH. As I was a member of this clandestine group I knew the following were also members:- SPALMACH, Oscar, GIALDRONE, Franco, a certain Allense, VENUTI and GIOVINAZZI. The last two boys were members of the G.I.L.C. organisation. I also know that a certain PENZA was the chief of another group called "Guilio CESARE".

About a week after I became a member SPALMACH told me to come with him to GIALDRONE's house to take about thirty leaflets which he had typed. The following day GIALDRONE destroyed the leaflets because the text did not please the other members. I do not know who composed the text of the leaflets or if there were any other leaflets typed.

On the 29th. of March SPALMACH told me to go to a place called "Matteo Pini" (near Piazza Bologna), where I met VENUTI, SPALMACH, GIALDRONE and Allense. At this meeting we discussed the text for Fascist phrases which were to be written on the walls of buildings in the district. I did not help in this work as it was late and I had to go home. The day after VENUTI told me that they only wrote a few phrases. GIALDRONE told me that if I was not going to be an active member of the group he would exclude me. I state that before I was a member of the group GIALDRONE reproved GIOVINAZZI and VENUTI for

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On the 29th. of March SPALMACH told me to go to a place called "Quattro Pini" (near Piazza Bologna), where I met VENUTI, SPALMACH, GILDRONE and others. At this meeting we discussed the text for Fascist phrases which were to be written on the walls of buildings in the district. I did not help in this work as it was late and I had to go home. The day after VENUTI told me that they only wrote a few phrases. GILDRONE told me that if I was not going to be an active member of the group he would exclude me. I state that before I was a member of the group GILDRONE reproved GIOVINAZZI and VENUTI for having distributed leaflets without his consent. GIOVINAZZI and VENUTI told GILDRONE that the leaflets were compiled by the G.R.A.C. organisation.

At the beginning of April we met again at the "Quattro Pini". GILDRONE told me that he was going to form a sabotage group and that he had received orders from a certain ROSSI. We all asked to be introduced to him but GILDRONE told us it would only be possible for one of us to see him. GIOVINAZZI was chosen. Later I heard that no meeting took place.

On the 5th. April as I did not go to school I met VENUTI together with some other friends at the villa Umberto. He told me that he had bought a pistol and wanted me to repair it for him as it had a piece missing and he wished to sell it. VENUTI also told me that he had about forty bullets and that he was going to meet GIOVINAZZI who had another pistol to be repaired.

We all went to VENUTI's house where he gave me the pistol. From via Trepani I went to GIOVINAZZI's house to collect the other broken pistol. I took both the pistols home and hid them from my father under a mattress on the terrace. Truly I state that I took the pistols because they were broken and I was not able to repair them. Nobody saw the pistols in my house.

On the 5th. of April, when I was at the Villa Umberto, I noticed that VENUTI was speaking to another boy about seventeen years old. I do not know this boy but he is well known to VENUTI and lives near Piazza Bologna. They were talking about a pistol which VENUTI was going to buy from him. I also learnt that this boy was in possession of two other pistols which I think were automatics.

Rome 9.4.45

(signed TARANTINO, Benito.)

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(signed ROCCIO James)
Official Interpreter,
R.A.F., S.I.B.

TRANSLATION

Statement "L"

ROYAL AIR FORCE POLICE
SPECIAL INVESTIGATION BRANCH
SUB HEADQUARTERS, NORTH ITALY.

STATEMENT OF:-

SPALMACH, Oscar di Guido, 35, Via Giovanni Severano, ROVERETO.
who said:-

From 1936, when I attended an elementary school, I was a compulsory member of the G.I.L. organisation until July 1943, when the Fascist Government was overthrown by the Badoglio Government. Since then, I have not been a member of any Fascist organisation.

Two months ago, I was approached by GRIMALDI, Alfonso, who invited me to become a member of a clandestine Fascist movement. I accepted and became a member of this group. I knew the leader of the group was GIALDRONE, Franco, and the other members were GRIMALDI, Lucio, PENZI, Michele, VENUTI, Luigi, MAMMI, Fausto, GIOVINAZZI, Enzo, TARANTINO, Benito and GRIMALDI, Sergio.

I never took part in any of the meetings, but I took my instructions from GRIMALDI, Alfonso. I think the meetings were held at GRIMALDI's house.

In the middle of February 1945, acting on the instructions of GIALDRONE, Franco and GRIMALDI, Alfonso, I typed about 15 Fascist propaganda leaflets containing the following phrases:- "We will be back" and "Long live the Italian Fascist Republic". The text of the propaganda leaflets was given to me by GIALDRONE, Franco, but I do not know by whom it was composed. The leaflets which I typed I handed over to GIALDRONE. About a week later GIALDRONE handed to me, GRIMALDI Franco, MAMMI, Fausto, PENZA, and three other persons who I met for the first time, a quantity of the leaflets. I had three leaflets and GIALDRONE told me to stick them on the walls of buildings in the Quartiere Italia district. I stuck one of these on the monument of the Finance Guards in Via XXI Aprile and then went home as it was getting late. Three weeks later I typed twenty eight leaflets of the same text, these were going to be thrown into the Teatro Italia, but this did not take place because GIALDRONE did not like the idea. The leaflets were destroyed. The only time sabotage was mentioned was four days before the arrest of CORTELESSA.

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group was GIALDRONE, Franco, and one other member whose name was GRIMALDI, Enzo, TARANTINO, PENZA, Michele, VENUTI, Luigi, MAMMI, Fausto, GIOVINAZZI, Enzo, TARANTINO, Benito and GRIMALDI, Sergio.

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GIALDRONE asked me if I would join a sabotage movement which was being formed by GRIMALDI, Alfonso, VENUTI, GIOVINAZZI, and himself. We all met in Via Giovanni Severano to discuss the question and agreed, but no sabotage was carried out.

A few days ago I knew that TARANTINO, Benito had a pistol and that it was given to him by GIOVINAZZI, as he was going to repair same. I told him that it would be dangerous to keep the pistol.

Rome 8.4.45. (signed) SPALMACH, Oscar.

This statement was translated from Italian to English by me it is a true translation to the best of my ability.

(signed) ROCCIO, James.

Official Interpreter

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TRANSLATION STATEMENT "M".

ROYAL AIR FORCE POLICE
SPECIAL INVESTIGATION BRANCH
SUB HEADQUARTERS, NORTH ITALY

I, GIOVINAZZI, Enzo di Alfonso, 68, Via Michele di Lando, Rome, have been cautioned by Cpl. HERSKOVITS, L. R.A.F. Police that I am not obliged to say anything unless I wish to do so, but anything I do say will be taken down in writing and may be used as evidence, and to show I understand this caution and make the following statement voluntarily, I here sign my name.

(signed) GIOVINAZZI, Enzo.

From 1935, when I started at elementary school, I was a compulsory member of the G.I.L. organisation until 25th. July 1943 when the Fascist Government was dissolved by the Badoglio Government. Since that date I have not been a member of any Fascist organisation.

About two months ago I was introduced to GIALDRONE, Franco by GRIMALDI, Alfonso in order to become a member of clandestine Fascist movement which the former had formed. On the same day as I was introduced to GIALDRONE, Franco at his house, a chief was elected by vote. The following members of the group took part:— GIALDRONE, Franco, GRIMALDI, Alfonso, VENUTI, Luigi, MASUCCI, MAMMI, Fausto, a certain ALDO and the undersigned.

GIALDRONE was elected chief, and appointed as his advisers VENUTI, Luigi and myself, while GRIMALDI, Alfonso was charged to supervise and direct the remaining members of the group. On or about the 20th. February GRIMALDI, Alfonso told me that we were to meet in the district "Quattro Pini" (near Piazza Bologna) where we would receive Fascist Propaganda leaflets to stick on the walls. Proceeding to the above mentioned place I found there GIALDRONE, Franco, GRIMALDI, Alfonso and Lucio, VENUTI, Luigi, MASUCCI, MAMMI, Fausto, PENZA, a certain Aldo and some others who I can not remember.

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GIALDRONE, Franco and GRIMALDI, Alfonso, handed eleven or thirteen leaflets and divided us into three groups to affix them. The leaflets were stuck around Piazza Bologna. I do not know who composed the text of these leaflets or who typed them. As far as I can remember these leaflets contained the phrases urging the youngsters not to join the army, some phrases against Communism and ended with the phrase "Long live the Fascist Republic".

About the 15th. of March, GIALDRONE, Franco told us that he intended to throw Fascist propaganda leaflets inside the Cinema Italia. This did not take place because GIALDRONE, Franco changed his mind. I know that the text of the above mentioned leaflets was composed by TARANTINO, Benito and typed by SPALLMACH, Oscar, but as GIALDRONE, Franco did not like them they were torn up. I do not know the text of them as I did not see them

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About the 20th. March, he (GIALDRONE) informed VENUTI, Luigi, GRIMALDI, Alfonso and the undersigned that he wanted to unite our group with that of CORTELESSA, who was chief of another clandestine group of about twenty members. The reason for this union was to organize them into a military group, having two chiefs and several deputy chiefs who would be responsible for their own men. The deputy chiefs had to point out those who would be able to carry out sabotage and those who were only able to carry out propaganda. I know that GRIMALDI, Alfonso was appointed deputy chief but I do not know the names of the deputy chiefs in CORTELESSA's group. I do not know if GRIMALDI, Alfonso indicated to GIALDRONE, Franco the names of those persons whom he thought capable of carrying out sabotage.

Before the uniting of the two groups took place GIALDRONE, Franco and I proceeded to Via Nomentana- corner of Viale XXI Aprile, - to meet CORTELESSA. We met him there together with another person who I do not know, and we all proceeded to Via Alessandria to a house on the right hand side facing Corso d'Italia. The person we should have met was not so we left separately. Several days later VENUTI, Luigi and the undersigned met by chance CORTELESSA at the Piazza Istria, who confirmed to us the union of the two groups. The purpose of visiting the person living in Via Alessandria was to obtain his permission with regard to the union of the two groups.

About the 26th. March GRIMALDI told me to go to "Quattro Fini" at 19.00 hours. When I arrived there I found GIALDRONE, Franco, GRIMALDI, Alfonso, VENUTI, Luigi, SPALLMACH, Oscar, and TARANTINO, Benito. GIALDRONE told us that a mine and several hand grenades should be handed to CORTELESSA. Some of the hand grenades were practise type. The mine was to be used to blow up the pipe line to LITOMORIO airport, but GIALDRONE did not explain the purpose of the hand grenades. The next day we met again at the same place where GIALDRONE informed me of the arrest of CORTELESSA who had been surprised whilst he was putting the mine into a cave, near the pipe line. At the same time he told us he would be

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I have know ROMANO, Peppino well for about four months, and I know that he was in touch with exponents of the Republican Fascist Party as he himself told me about it. He did not indicate the persons tone. I often went to ROMANO's house to discuss politics. ROMANO had the intention of joining a legal anti-communist party as a cloak for his activities. I asked him for the names of the persons who were in his group and he told me that he did not keep and records whatsoever, as his group was composed of persons who did not visit his house but had promised him their assistance in the case of need.

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I also asked him about the numbers of the members of his group (G.R.A.C.) and he told me there were about eight hundred. During one of the visits to ROMANO Peppino he showed me a copy of the newspaper "HONORE" and I asked him to lend it to me. This he did and I returned it on the following day.

I also knew that sometime later ROMANO Giuseppe had taken several copies of the newspaper "HONORE" to the school which he attended, causing indignation to several Communist school friends. I asked him if I could go with him when he collected the newspaper, but he would not let me go as nobody was allowed to visit the printer.

During my conversations with ROMANO Peppino he told me that he had been a member of the "X Fleet M.A.S." and he showed me a uniform which was without badges. He also told me that he had visited the officers school in Venice.

About three months ago I visited the house of Miss Marcella ABATTI at No. 60, Via Michele Lando, and I saw that she was in possession of a .9mm revolver, Colt, without any ammunition. Miss ABATTI asked me to sell it for her as she was in need of the money but this was impossible as there was no ammunition. I therefore asked her to give it to me in order that I could use it for defending my family. When Miss ABATTI gave me the gun it was in working order but when I took it to pieces to oil it a piece broke. I state that by firing down about twenty rounds of 10/30 calibre ammunition I fired this revolver in the district of PIETRALATA. The ammunition was given to me by a school friend of mine DEGLI Innocenti who had received them from another friend whose name I do not know.

On the same day as we went to Via Alessandria, GIALDRONI told me that he knew a certain ROSSI Giuseppe living in Viale Liegi and that he had been in service with the Republican Fascist army and as he had been on leave in Rome on the 4th. June, 1944 he could not return to his regiment. As GIALDRONI presumed that ROSSI Giuseppe must have Fascist ideas he thought it necessary to know his description and his activities. In order to see him personally it was decided by GIALDRONI Franco, CORTELESSA, myself and another youth that we should take a blank letter to ROSSI and hand it over to him personally. In this way it would be possible to get his description and to have him watched to determine his activities. I knew later from CORTELESSA that he had told somebody to do

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On the same day as GIALDRONI informed us of the arrest of CORTELESSA, he told us that CORTELESSA was a member of a group of saboteurs and that he had to find amongst us five members to bring the number up to ten. He told us that he had received this order but did not tell us the origin. We raised several objections to this proposal and GIALDRONI said he was not satisfied with our Fascist creed and we decided that before we gave him our full co-operation we must know who gave him the order. We drew lots to decide who should be told and my name came out, but as CORTELESSA had already been arrested GIALDRONI said no more about the matter and I did not ask him any questions.

I have read over the above statement and it is true.

(signed) GIOVANAZZI Enzo.

Rome

12.4.45

This statement was translated by me from Italian. It is a true translation to the best of my ability.

(Signed) ERICH WEINSTEIN, R.A.P. S.I.B.
(Official Interpreter)

TRANSLATIONSTATEMENT "N".

ROYAL AIR FORCE POLICE
SPECIAL INVESTIGATION BRANCH
SUB HEADQUARTERS, NORTH ITALY.

I, VENUTI, Luigi, di Luigi, 12, Via Trepani, Rome, have been cautioned by Cpl. KANSKOVITS L. R.A.F. Police, that I am not obliged to say anything unless I wish to do so, but anything I do say will be taken down in writing and may be used in evidence, and to show I understand the caution and make the following statement voluntarily, I here sign my name.

(signed) VENUTI, Luigi.

In January this year, as I was coming out of school with GRIMALDI, Alfonso, who lives in Via Lucca, I was invited to become a member of a clandestine movement for the purpose of spreading Fascist propaganda. I accepted immediately. Two or three days afterwards I went together with GIOVINAZZI, GRIMALDI, Alfonso, MAMMI, Fausto, PENZA, Michele, and three other persons I know by sight, to GIALDRONE's house where he explained that the movement was formed for the purpose of spreading Fascist propaganda.

In the middle of February I knew from GRIMALDI that some leaflets were going to be stuck on the walls of buildings and the following not at "Quattro Pini":-- GIALDRONE, Franco, SPALMAGI, Oscar, MASSUCCI, PENZA, MAMMI, Fausto, GIOVINAZZI, Enzo, TARANTINO, Benito, and GRIMALDI, Alfonso. GIALDRONE formed us into three groups and gave us about 11 leaflets. I do not know who composed the text of these leaflets and I only stuck one of these on the wall of the Post Office in Piazza Bologna. In our group we only talked about Fascist propaganda and GIALDRONE impressed upon us the seriousness of our work.

I knew that GIOVINAZZI was in possession of a pistol. I declare that on the third of this month I found a pistol in some bombed buildings in Via Lego Lombardo. I intended to get it repaired and sell it. I have never had any ammunition for this pistol except the one the R.A.F. Police took away from me.

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One month ago, GIOVINAZZI, Enzo introduced me to a certain Cino who asked me if I would work for S.I.M. (Military Information Service) and I accepted. Cino, in the presence of GIOVINAZZI, told me that the work consisted of keeping watch on certain elements of Balkan States and to get to know their habits and contacts. This work I did with GIOVINAZZI who passed on the information to Cino. Out of about fifty names GIOVINAZZI had given him, I remember that some of the persons lived at Nos. 53 and 54 Via Margutta, Via della Scrofa, and Viale dei Martiri Fascisti and round about that district.

GIOVINAZZI told me that he had an order to find out where the Fascist newspaper "ONORE" was printed, but we did not carry out this order as we had Fascist sympathies.

With the arrest of ROMANO, Peppino, Cino introduced us to Lt. BELLI who assured us that if we were arrested he would get us released immediately. This was the first time I saw Lt. BELLI.

I have nothing else to say.

(signed) VENUTI, Luigi.

Rome 11.4.45

This statement was translated from Italian into English by me, it is a true translation to the best of my ability.

(signed) ROCCIO, James.
Official Interpreter,
R.A.F., S.I.B.

STATEMENT "O"TRANSLATION

ROYAL AIR FORCE
SPECIAL INVESTIGATION BRANCH
SUB HEADQUARTERS - NORTH ITALY

STATEMENT OF:-

DE ROSE, Giuseppe di Francesco, No. 31 Via Eleonora D'Amore,
Rome,
was said to:-

From 1935, when I attended an elementary school, I was a compulsory member of the G.I.L. organisation until 1943, when the Fascist Government was overthrown by the Badoglio Government. Since the 25th July, 1943, I have not been a member of any Fascist organisation.

One day, I do not remember when, a certain ROMANO, Giuseppe, came to my house and asked me to look after two broken pistols until 14.30 hours the next day. One of these was a Revolver and the other an Automatic. As they were broken, I agreed and put them in a trunk in the dining room. The two pistols were wrapped in newspaper.

Two days after I came into possession of the pistols and when I was near the school in Via Giovanni di Procida I asked some school-friends if they knew the whereabouts of ROMANO, Giuseppe. They told me that he had been arrested the day before, and this so frightened me that I decided to dispose of the pistols. Four days later I saw a friend, VEDANO, Franco, who lives in Via della Lega, and asked him if he would look after the pistols for me. This he did and was in possession of them until 9th April, 1945. Being afraid to hand them over to the police we decided to throw them into the River Aniene but did not do so as we knew the police were aware that we had them.

I was interested in model aeroplanes and used to discuss them with ROMANO. When he spoke of politics I left him.

In February of this year ROMANO asked me to join an Anti-Communist movement called G.R.A.C. and be his assistant and leader of the "Italia-Momentano" section. I replied, "if you want to be a friend of mine, don't talk to me about politics."

I declare that I have not at any time been a member of any clandestine Fascist propaganda movement.

Rome

(signed) DE ROSA, Giuseppe.

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I declare that I have not at any time been a member of any clandestine Fascist propaganda movement.

Rome

10.4.45.

(signed)

DE ROSA, Giuseppe.

This statement was translated by me from Italian to English and is a true translation to the best of my ability.

(signed)

ROCCIO, James
Official Interpreter
R.A.F., G.I.B.

TRANSLATION.

ROYAL AIR FORCE POLICE
SPECIAL INVESTIGATION BRANCH
SUB-HEADQUARTERS, NORTH ITALY

STATEMENT "P".

Statement of:

GRIMALDI, Alfonso di Pasquale.
6, Via Lucca. Rome.

I the undersigned declare as follows:

I attended elementary school in 1936, when I became a compulsory member of the G.I.L. organisation, and I remained a member until the 25th of July, 1945 when the Fascist organisation was disbanded by the Badoglio Government. Since that date I have never been in any other Fascist Organisation.

In January 1945, I consented to become a member of a clandestine group for the issue of Fascist Propaganda which GIALDRONI, Franco was forming.

Sometime about the end of January, MAMMI Fausto, MASUCCI Cristofaro, GRIMALDI Sergio, GIALDRONI Franco and myself, met in the yard of MASUCCI's house to elect a chief and the squad leaders. GIALDRONI Franco was nominated chief and I a squad-leader. When the group was formed, we endeavoured to enrol a large number of members, we all worked towards that purpose. GIALDRONI told me that the group was composed of twelve members.

In March 1945, MAMMI Fausto handed to me eleven leaflets of Fascist Propaganda which I took to GIALDRONI. I left six or seven with him, the rest he told me to take to GIOVINAZZI and VENUTI.

About four days after I had handed the leaflets to GIALDRONI. I and SPALMACH Oscar, GIALDRONI Franco, PENZA Michele, MAMMI Fausto and LAMBUSIER Carlo, met in the "QUATTRO PINI" locality. GIALDRONI Franco gave us the leaflets which I had previously taken to him, we stuck them on the walls of the quarter ITALIA.

During the month of March, I ordered SPALMACH Oscar to type some leaflets of Fascist Propaganda, I gave him the text which had been given to me by GIALDRONI Franco. These leaflets were destroyed because the text did not please the other members.

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About the end of March, GIALDRONI Franco explained to me the idea of forming a sabotage squad composed of five persons, but this did not please the other members, so it was decided to have a meeting in the locality of "QUATTRO PINI". After a long discussion we did not arrive at any conclusion because we were sure of the impossibility of carrying out acts of sabotage.

16th April 1945.

Rome.

In faith.

(signed) GRIMALDI Alfonso.

This statement was translated by me from Italian to English and it is a true translation to the best of my ability.

(signed) ROCCIO James.

Official Interpreter.

R.A.F. S.I.B.

Statement "Q"

ROYAL AIR FORCE
SPECIAL INVESTIGATION BRANCH
SCE HEADQUARTERS NORTH ITALY

Statement of:- GRIMALDI Lucio di Pasquale, resident at No. 6,
Via Lucca, Rome; Born 11.5.1931.

: the undersigned state as follows:-

Since 1936, when I started school, I was registered as member in the organisation "Gioventu Italiana del Littorio" (Italian Youth of Littorio). This was compulsory. I was a member until 25th July, 1943. On that date all fascist organisations were disbanded by the Badoglio government. I did not enter any fascist organisation after that date.

About one and a half months ago MALDI Fausto suggested to me to join a clandestine group who are dealing with fascist propaganda. I consented to join. On the same day MALDI Fausto accompanied me to a place called "quattro pini" (near Pienza Bologna) and introduced me to GIALDRONE Franco. I was the head of the group. GIALDRONE Franco had with him about 10 fascist propaganda leaflets. He gave me one of these leaflets and another one to MASUCCI with orders to stick it on the wall. I stuck the leaflet on a wall at Via Padova.

About twenty days ago I heard my brother Alfonso and PENZA Michele talking about the formation of a sabotage squad, without defining what kind of sabotage they had in their mind.

Rome, 16th April, 1945

In faith

(signed) Grimaldi Lucio

The above statement has been translated by me from Italian; it is a true translation to the best of my ability.

Alfred Brown
R.A.F. 3.1.45

STATEMENT "R"

TRANSLATION

ROYAL AIR FORCE POLICE
SPECIAL INVESTIGATION BRANCH
SUB-HEADQUARTERS, NORTH ITALY.

Statement of:

ROSSI Clemente, Romano and Tepesta Luisa.
25 Indivision, Rome.
Born at Rome. 1-5-1913.

I the undersigned, state as follows:

In October 1943, when I came to know that my age group was about to be called up, I made a petition to the Ministry of Interior, to be accepted with the rank of 2nd Lieutenant, in the Corps of Auxiliary Armies. This petition was rejected, and after having uselessly tried to prove that I was living outside Rome with documents issued to me by the office where I was employed, I was compelled to join up at the Ferdinando di Savoia Barracks. Towards the end of February 1944, we were taken to a train, to be sent to an unknown locality of North Italy. During a rest in the town of Reggio Emilia, I reported sick, and accompanied by a Sergeant, I was sent to a Military Hospital at Sala Euganea (Cesena). Upon our arrival at Parma, the Sergeant granted me a 24 hours leave, but instead of remaining in Parma, I hitch-hiked towards Rome.

I arrived in Rome several days before the liberation by the Allied troops, and after a rest of a few days, I continued my interrupted studies. On 15th January, 1945, I was accepted by the school authorities (R. Provveditorato agli Studi) as an assistant teacher for physical education at the school Tecnica Industriale di Avviamento Professionale in Via Taranto, and there I remained until the teacher of the staff returned on 22nd March, 1945. From the school in Via Taranto I was transferred to the one in Via Camozzi, where I have been teaching until 8th of April, 1945.

About three months after the arrival of the English and American troops in Rome, and following upon the incidents which had happened between the so-called "toritori" (haircutters) and the women who were accompanied by the above-mentioned soldiers, and the incident of my friend MIMI Oscar at the Palatino, where several Moroccan soldiers molested his fiancée, we decided to undertake a propaganda campaign against the women who were found accompanied by English and American soldiers or their allies.

For this purpose we printed a paper under the heading "TRICOLORE" in which the youngsters were exhorted to react against these moral offences, and to unite themselves to carry out the work of the haircutters. The paper "TRICOLORE" was printed on a duplicator, the property of FORNICE Emilio, living near the Piazza Bologna, in the house of SALPIETRO Giorgio, living at No. 2 Via Mentana. The appeal to the Roman Youth was written by MIMI Oscar, and only one edition of about 50 copies was made, together with the stencils written by MIMI Oscar and myself, were put into a handbag, we intended to distribute the paper to the newspapers about the arrest

the Sergeant granted me a 24 hours leave, but instead of remaining in Parma, I hitch-hiked towards Rome.

I arrived in Rome several days after the liberation by the Allied troops, and after a rest of a few days, I continued my interrupted studies. On 15th January, 1945, I was accepted by the school authorities (R. Provveditorato agli Studi) as an assistant teacher for physical education at the school Tecnica Industriale di Avriamento Professionale in Via Taranto, and there I remained until the teacher of the staff returned on 22nd March, 1945. From the school in Via Taranto I was transferred to the one in Via Canozzi, where I have been teaching until 8th of April, 1945.

About three months after the arrival of the English and American troops in Rome, and following upon the incidents which had happened between the so-called "toratori" (haircutters) and the women who were accompanied by the above-mentioned soldiers, and the incident of my friend MIMI Oscar at the Palatino, where several Moroccan soldiers molested his fiancée, we decided to undertake a propaganda campaign against the women who were found accompanied by English and American soldiers or their allies.

For this purpose we printed a paper under the heading "TRICOLOR" in which the youngsters were exhorted to react against these moral offences, and to unite themselves to carry out the work of the haircutters. The paper "TRICOLOR" was printed on a duplicator, the property of PERNICCI Emilio, living near the Piazza Bologna, in the house of SALPIETRO Giorgio, living at No. 2 Via Mentana. The appeal to the Roman Youth was written by MIMI, Oscar, and only one edition of about 50 copies was made, together with the stencils written by MIMI Oscar and myself, were put into a handbag, we intended to distribute the paper "TRICOLOR". The following day we read in the newspapers about the arrest of several youngsters by the Allied Police. We also read the warning by the Italian Police as to the illegality of these actions, and so we decided to cease any activity of this kind. The owner of the duplicator took it home, and there was no further contact between us.

About two months ago I met all of my old friends again except SALPIETRO Giorgio, we sketched an idea to constitute a legal movement of the youth. The name definitely selected was "ITALIA", and we started to work out the relative program which was brought to the notice of the Autonomist Party, who spoke about the argument and the program in their booklet No. 2 of "Quaderni di Autonomia". In connection with the Italian Democratic Party had begun in order to obtain their assistance in carrying out all the necessary steps and to obtain the authorization.

I have not had any relations with members of the clandestine Fascist Party. I have never been in possession of arms and ammunition.

Rome, 16th April, 1945.

In faith.

(signed) Giuseppe ROSSI.

This statement was translated from Italian by me it is a true translation to the best of my ability.

(signed) Erich Weinstein,
Official Interpreter, R.A.F., S.I.B.

Statement "S"

ROYAL AIR FORCE
SPECIAL INVESTIGATION BRANCH
SUB HEADQUARTERS NORTH ITALY.

Statement of:- ABATI Marcella fu Domenico, living at
No. 60, Via Michele di Landa, Rome.

About four months ago when I was cleaning my apartment I found an old pistol without any ammunition, the pistol was rusty and looked not serviceable.

About two months ago one of my friends GIOVANNI ENZO came to my house and saw this pistol, he asked me to give it to him, and as the pistol was not in working order I did not think it would be wrong to give it to him.

Rome 14.4.45.

(signed) Abati Marcella

The above statement was translated by me from Italian into English to the best of my ability.

M. S. I. B.
R.A.F. S.I.B.
.....CPI.

Statement "M"

Statement of:- BONVICINI Ciro di Rolando, living at No. 88 Viale
Mazzini, Rome.

I state that I did not give a detonator to PESCO
Fausto. With other boys in my district I played with detonators
making them into rockets. I also had a detonator which I exploded.

Rome, 20.4.1945.

In faith

(signed) Ciro Bonvicini

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from Italian; it is a true translation to the best of my ability.

English

The above statement was translated by me from Italian into English to the best of my ability.

M. Merzanti
R.A.F. S.I.B.Cpl.

Statement "in"

Statement of:- BONVICINI Ciro di Rolando, living at No.88 Viale Mazzini, Rome.

I state that I did not give a detonator to PESCI Fausto. With other boys in my district I played with detonators making them into rockets. I also had a detonator which I exploded.

In faith

Rome, 20.4.1945. (signed) Ciro Bonvicini

The above statement has been translated by me from Italian; it is a true translation to the best of my ability.

[Signature]
Official Interpreter,
R.A.F. S.I.B.

Statement "U"

ROYAL AIR FORCE
SPECIAL INVESTIGATION BRANCH
SIB HEADQUARTERS NORTH ITALY

Statement of:- VEDANO Franco di Arturo and di Paola Avandero,
born at Rome on 14.8.1930, living at No. 28 Via Lega Lombarda,
Rome.

I, the undersigned VEDANO Franco di Arturo, have been
cautioned by Cpl. Herskovitz L., R.A.F. Police, that I am not
obliged to say anything unless I wish to do so, but whatever I
do say will be taken down in writing and may be given in evidence
and to show that I understand the caution and make the following
statement voluntarily I here sign my name.

signed) Vedano Franco.

I, the undersigned state as follows:-

About the end of March 1945, DE ROSA Giuseppe called at
my house and asked me if I could take into my custody 2 pistols,
which were given to him by Pepino ROMANO. As he only wanted me
to keep them a few days I consented, and put them in a cupboard
in my room. On 9th April, 1945, DE ROSA called at my house and
asked me to give him back the pistols as the police had asked
for them. - immediately returned them.

The above statement is true.

Rome, 17.4.1945

In faith

(signed) Vedano Franco

The above statement has been translated by me from Italian;
it is a true translation to the best of my ability.

W. J. ...
.....
R.A.F. S.I.B.

Identification Certificate "V"

ROYAL AIR FORCE POLICE
SPECIAL INVESTIGATION BRANCH
SUB HEADQUARTERS, NORTH LANTY.

Suspected sabotage explosive device brought around to this Unit on 28th. March 1945 for identification is identified as being an Italian 4 kg. prepared explosive charge. This charge was primed with an improvised device made of an American lever release and detonator assembly taken from standard American grenades.

The charge would explode some 4 - 4½ seconds after withdrawal of the firing pin.

This explosive device was brought to this Unit by Sgt. GURNEY, R.A.F. Police.

(signed) W.H.K. Turner Lt.
O.C. No.4 Bomb Disposal Platoon
R.E.

28.3.45.

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SKETCH "A" (Not to scale)

