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1. The attached Military Police Report No. 111/PRO/0/504 dated 27 Jul 46 is forwarded for information.

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TO :- ASSISTANT PROVOST MARSHAL
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MILITARY POLICE REPORT

Ref: 111/PRO/C/504

TO:- ASSISTANT PROVOST MARSHAL,
CENTRAL HEADQUARTERS, CMF.

Sir,

I have to report that previous to and during my being appointed NCO i/c VICE SQUAD CASERTA DETACHMENT, 111 PROVOST COY, C.M.POLICE, numerous armed train robberies and armed hold ups of civilians were occurring in this area. On many occasions civilians were apprehended for these robberies, but on interrogation were found to be small fry. All these robberies were well planned and organised, and it was common knowledge that the gang/gangs responsible were located in the MARCIANESE - RECALE area. These raids became almost a nightly occurrence, and I/Cpl SMITH and myself were called for duty at all hours of the night and early hours of the morning. Several attempts were made to ascertain the leaders of the gang/gangs and eventually secret investigations by a civilian known to us were organised.

On the 2 May 1946 acting on information received from this informer, and accompanied by Questura Agents DI STASIO DIAGIO and NIGRO FRANCESCO I proceeded to the home of a civilian ANFINITO ANTONIETTA, VIA PONTE FICCO, MUSISILLO, RECALE, where I found TWO TINS OF SALT TABLETS, which were part of a consignment of medical stores stolen by robbers the previous evening from the goods train at CASERTA STATION. I was also informed that this civilian's home was used by robbers to plan and organise raids on trains. This house is most conveniently situated for stolen property to be disposed there, as it is situated within 50 yards of the single railway track from MARCIANESE to CASERTA.

ANFINITO ANTONIETTA stated that this procedure had been attempted, that a gangster by the name of ZURRAPONE (a nickname) had persistently knocked at her door to gain admittance to deposit stolen goods there. I conveyed this civilian to my office, and obtained a verbal statement, taken down in writing. In this statement another Italian civilian named PETERABA ANGELO was mentioned. I now had something to work on. Further investigation of this medical supply robbery revealed that a civilian PETRICCIONE MARCELLO was in the vicinity when this robbery was perpetrated.

I then proceeded to the home of this PETRICCIONE and conducted him to my office for further investigation. After interrogation he admitted being present, but in the capacity of informer to the American Police. A search of his documents produced a piece of paper, on which was written in Italian the following translation:-

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"The bearer of this note named PETRICCIONE MARCELLO is confident of the AMERICAN INVESTIGATION OFFICE of the AMERICAN MP PROVOST MARSHAL of CASERTA regarding a job known to the A/M office.

This note is provided by the investigator ANGELO

FERRARA".

This note was signed FERRARA ANGELO on the 29 April 1946. He further stated that two more documents similar to this had been issued by FERRARA, but I was unable to trace them.

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Once again the name of FERRARA had appeared involved in my investigations, and I decided to clarify this man's status.

I then contacted Sgt PALMIGLIANI of the American CID to ascertain the position and authority of FERRARA. I was informed by PALMIGLIANI that the said civilian was employed as an investigator, but had no authority to issue this document, and that he would reprimand him. Further inquiries at the Civil Police revealed that the said FERRARA was not a member of any Civil Police service. The position now demanded further investigation, as it seemed that this was a highly irregular procedure, employing a civilian with no Police status as an investigator.

On the 5 May 1946 Sgt PALMIGLIANI requested the presence of myself, L/Cpl SMITH FA., the Questura Agents DI STASIO, NIGRO FRANCESCO, and the official interpreters attached to this office, at the American Provost Marshal Office.

On arrival I was shown a statement made by AFFINITO ANTONIETTA in the American Provost Marshal Office the previous day, in which she stated the statement taken by me on the 2 May 1946 had been extracted from her by threats and under pressure, and was not true, also the statement was a contradiction of the one held by me.

I was surprised at the speed with which the American CID had learned that a statement had been taken from this woman, assured them that no threats or pressure had been used, and requested the reason for obtaining this contradictory statement. I was then informed by Sgt PALMIGLIANI that as an employee of his office has been accused of neglect of duty by this woman he had interrogated her, to ascertain if the accusations were true. He also was at great pains to inform me of the unimpeachable character of this civilian, and of his loyalty and devotion to duty in the service of the Allies, and for this service he received no remuneration, but worked night and day voluntarily. He also stated that too much fuss was being made over this pass issued to PETERICIONE, as it did not authorize the person in possession of it to enter Allied premises. I then informed him that in my opinion the pass could be used for gaining entry into Allied premises.

On return to my Detachment HQ I acquainted my APM of the facts in my possession through this investigation, and was given instructions to further investigate the activities of the said FERRARA.

On the 6 May 1946 I again received information from a civilian informer that a robbery would be perpetrated at 2300 hrs on MARCIANESE STATION. Assisted by L/Cpl SMITH and the Questura Agents DI STASIO BIAGIO and NIGRO FRANCESCO, details of the procedure to take for the arrest of the gang/gangs perpetrating this robbery were discussed, and a plan formed. I then obtained permission from the NCO i/c DETACHMENT for the assistance of four NCOs to assist me to

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About 2200 hrs L/Cpl SMITH and I proceeded to MARCIANESE in two parties. On arrival all personnel proceeded to their positions, but on inquiries being made of the station official, I ascertained that the train had passed through at 2140 hrs and that he had no knowledge of a robbery being perpetrated there. I then gave orders for one party in charge of L/Cpl SMITH to proceed along the road travelling parallel with the railway, in an endeavour to find any trace of a robbery being committed, whilst I proceeded along the railway track with the other party, for the same purpose.

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After proceeding about 1½ miles, traces of flour were found on a lonely stretch of the railway track, implying that the sacks must have been thrown out of the railway waggons whilst in motion.

A search was then made of the whole area, working in parties of two, and at a railway crossing about one mile from RECALE STATION, two sacks of FLOUR were found in the residence of CASTALDO BARTOLOMEO fu ALESSANDR, FERROVIALLO 165 - 257 RECALE. I immediately contacted the supervisor of the CANTONIERE at CASERTA, informed him of the facts, and requested a relief man, as I was detaining CASTALDO for investigation.

About 0300 hrs, 7 May 46 the search was concluded, several houses having been searched without further result. The detained civilian was placed in the CC.RR. safety room, CASERTA.

On the 7 May 1946 about 1000 hrs I proceeded to the CC.RR. and on arrival was informed that thirty civilians had been arrested by them in respect of the robbery the previous evening. I recognised several of these as having been connected with previous robberies. I returned to my DETACHMENT HQ with CASTALDO and upon interrogation he stated that he saw many people carrying flour along the railway track, and on investigating found two sacks about 500 yds from his house, these he transported and hid in the oven at the rear of his house. He stated that he did not know the names of any of the civilians transporting the flour, and that he would be unable to recognise them.

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On the 9 May 1946 MANDARINO NICOLA was apprehended and brought to the office for interrogation, and stated that he had contacted FERRARA and was employed as an informer. For services rendered in this capacity he received a share of all goods confiscated. He also indicated FERRARA of accepting bribes from known criminals to prevent their arrest and confiscation of goods in their possession.

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On the 10 May 1946 CLEMENTINO PIETRO was brought to the office, and upon interrogation stated he had been operating in contraband since the entry of the Allied Forces into Italy. He was apprehended for the offence, but instead of being charged, was

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actually liberated as an informer for Ferrara, with the promise that he would receive a share of all confiscated property in payment for service rendered. This statement also is a corroboration of accusations made by MANDARINO against FERRARA.

On the 12th. May 1946 I ascertained the name of the owner of the horse and cart released at GRIGIANO, COMUNALE TAMASSO DI MASSILO ORTO D'ALELLA (CASERTA) No. 17 VIA VITTORIO DEL VECCHIO, conveyed him to my office and obtained a statement in which he confirms the bribe of 8,000 lire being paid.

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On the 13th. May 1946 a confirmation of the bribe given to FERRARA was made by VERBALDI LUIGI No. 25 VIA FORRE RECALE. This man had been detained from the 11th. May, as he denied all knowledge of the incident of FLORA at first, but made a statement confirming it on the 13th. May. A further voluntary statement was taken from PAPA MARIA ALESSANDRA, CIVITA DELLA RECALE, in which the name of FLORA again appeared, also an incident where a bribe had been paid to the satellites of FERRARA CLEMENTINO. This was corroborated by two further voluntary statements made by FERRARO PASQUALE No. 22 VICO SAVOIA, RECALE and DI CARLO ANTONIO No. 19 VIA MUNICIPIO, RECALE. I now had the names of two gangsters ZURRABONE and FLORA, and approached the CARABINIERI at MARCIANESE, informing them that I required the arrest of these two men for interrogation.

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At this point I must state that during all these interrogations, the gang leaders ZURRAFONE and FLORA had not been overlooked, and numerous attempts had been made to apprehend them by this special squad. On the afternoon of the 14th. May accompanied by the squad, I proceeded to the home of FLORA expecting to arrest him, as I had received information that he would visit his home that afternoon. On this occasion we would have been successful but owing to some civilians in the vicinity, who were seen to pass a signal, he retraced his steps. We gave chase but lost trace of him in some nearby cornfield. We searched this area for about one hour but with negative results. The civilians responsible for his escape were dealt with by the civilian police. It was then

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decided to go to the bookstore to hold the wife and children of FLORA until he presented himself at this office. They were conducted to a room belonging to the civilian resident in the same building occupied by this detachment, and a note informing FLORA was handed to his maid to give to him as soon as possible.

On the 16th. May 1946 a civilian named BADIO ANTONIO DI CARERA VIA S. SALVATORE RECABE made a statement accusing MANDARINO and CLEMENTINO informers of FERRARA of extracting 2000 Lires from him. This man had committed no offence but paid the money through fear of being indicted for an offence. Such was the power of these men and FERRARA, that all civilians in the area feared them. The evening of the 16th. May another attempt was made to apprehend FLORA as it was apparent that he could connect the loose ends of this investigation also give us valuable information as to his own nefarious activities, and his association with FERRARA. Once again we were unsuccessful, but ascertained valuable information that FLORA would visit his home on the evening of the 17 - 18th. May a plan was then made for the arrest of this gangster, and CARABINIERI assistance sought for its implementation, as it was civilians involved, the civilian police should supply the extra assistance.

On the 17th. May 1946 about 2245 hrs. the residence of FLORA was surrounded in preparation for his arrival, and the surrounding streets blockaded. CARABINIERI were placed in vantage positions, having been briefed with full details, also a description of the car being used by FLORA. I was not present on this occasion but L/Cpl SMITH R.M. substituted for me.

From his report I ascertained that, about 0020hrs 15 May a car identified as FLORA's approached the area and was called upon to halt, by the CARABINIERI on the first blockade. The driver of the vehicle ignored the order, smashing through the CARABINIERI. After breaking through the first blockade the occupants of the car opened fire on the CARABINIERI, and an exchange of shots followed. The vehicle proceeded round a corner, heading in the direction of MARCIANESE, and after proceeding about 50 yds. (shots still being exchanged) burst into flames and came to a halt. The CARABINIERI and QUATTRO agents proceeded to the car, opened the doors and one civilian emerged. He was later identified as CAROLU LARO ANTONIO DI CARVALLO VIA TALLONE, M.D.L.C.N.I. Three other occupants were lifted from the burning vehicle, two fatally wounded. They were identified as:-
 FARDO MICHELE DI ANTONIO No. 16 Via TORRE S. MARIA C.V.C. (DEAD)
 RECUFIO MICHELE DI GIUSEPPE No. 6 Via RICCARDO M.D.L.C.N.I. (DEAD)
 both known to the civil police as criminals of long standing. The fourth occupant DI CARVALLO FLORA was seriously injured, and succumbed to his injuries at 0050 hrs. in the CIVIL HOSPITAL Caserta.

The following arms were confiscated from the car,
 (a) TWO REPEATING DOUBLE BARRELED SHOT GUNS.

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On the 17th. May 1946 about 2245 hrs. the residence of FLORA was surrounded in preparation for his arrival, and the surrounding streets blockaded. CARABINIERI were placed in vantage positions, having been briefed with full details, also a description of the car being used by FLORA. I was not present on this occasion but L/Opl SMITH F.M. substituted for me.

From his report I ascertained that, about 0020hrs 18 May a car identified as FLORA's approached the area and was called upon to halt, by the CARABINIERI on the first blockade. The driver of the vehicle ignored the order, smashing through the CARABINIERI. After breaking through the first blockade the occupants of the car opened fire on the CARABINIERI, and an exchange of shots followed. The vehicle proceeded round a corner, heading in the direction of MARCIANESE, and after proceeding about 50 yds. (shots still being exchanged) burst into flames and came to a halt. The CARABINIERI and QUEBECUR agents proceeded to the car, opened the doors and one civilian emerged. He was later identified as CARFOLUARO ANTONIO DI CARVALLORE VIA TIRALLA, MADDALONI. Three other occupants were lifted from the burning vehicle, two fatally wounded. They were identified as:-
 FARDU MICHELE DI ANTONIO No. 16 VIA TORRE S. MARIA C.V.F. (DEAD)
 RECUFIO MICHELE DI GIUSEPPE No. 6 VIA FICARLARO MADDALONI (DEAD)
 both known to the civil police as criminals of long standing. The fourth occupant DI ANTERIA FLORA was seriously injured, and succumbed to his injuries at 0050 hrs. in the CIVIL HOSPITAL CASERTA.

The following arms were confiscated from the car,

- (A) TWO REPEATING DOUBLE BARRELLED SHOT GUNS.
- (B) ONE ITALIAN MUSKET (1938 MODEL)
- (C) TWO AMERICAN .45 AUTOMATICS, and a number of implements useful for forcing Railway waggons.

I arrived on the scene of the incident about 0100hrs with BRITISH M.P. N.C.O.'s as reinforcements in case of rioting, and to guard the bodies, until the arrival of the coroner and MAJOR of the CARABINIERI. On their arrival the bodies, arms, implements and car were handed over to them. It was certified by the OCRR that all the arms had been fired by the civilians.

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This incident was unfortunate for now the information we had hoped to receive from FLORA, as to his nefarious activities, and names of other gangsters, also of his association with FERRARA, would remain a secret.

Later the same day FLORA's family were conveyed to their home, and a statement obtained from GIOVANNI GIOVANNI No. 9 VIA MARCELLA, being detained in CARCERE NAZIONALE. This statement was only hearsay evidence and proved negative.

On the 19th. May 1946 accompanied by VICE ERIG. TAURINO I proceeded to MONTICELLI where two more members of the gang of FLORA, namely GIULIO LUIGI No. 71 VIA CROCE and D'ISA. FRANCESCO No. 66 VIA FORNARE were apprehended, but I was unsuccessful in apprehending CARONE whose I now know to be CARO. GIULIO J. CARO. also MONTICELLI GIOVANNI but instructed the CARO MONTICELLI at MONTICELLI that I desired the arrest of these men.

On the 20th. May a statement was taken from the survivor of the shooting affray CARO MONTICELLI, in which he gave numerous incidents of robberies, perpetrated with the dead gangsters, also the names of four more members of the gang. Also stating that FLORA had visited a house at MONTICELLI, which I ascertained to be the residence of VERLINDI LUIGI, returning with two shot guns and a military rifle. He further stated that FLORA said to him, "I gave FERRARA two sums of money 55,000 lire, and 15,000 lire, for which he promised me a TOMMY GUN, which I am going to collect before I go to MONTICELLI". At MONTICELLI they had intended committing another armed robbery.

A further interrogation of VERLINDI LUIGI proved necessary to find out the source of the shot guns and Military Rifle. Later a statement was taken from him, in which he admitted the visit of FLORA on the evening of the 17 - 18th. for the purpose of discussing with him the necessity for him to appear at the BRITISH MILITARY POLICE to make a statement, and obtain the release of his wife and family. He further stated that FLORA was armed with a pistol, and his companion with a pistol and shotgun. He had no knowledge where these arms had been secured.

At this stage an interview was arranged between my A.P.M. and the civil police working in this squad and it was clarified that sufficient evidence was in their possession to warrant the arrest of FERRARA, ANGELO. On the 21st. May 1946 about 1430 hrs FERRARA was arrested and conveyed to this office, and I/Opl SMITH P.M. accompanied by DI SANCIO ELIGIO and VICE ERIG. TAURINO were immediately despatched to conduct a search of the residence of FERRARA, ANGELO for arms and AMMUNITION.

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BRITISH PROVOOST were aware of this requisition, and
verification could be obtained from his own PROVOOST. SAGRO.
SGT. SALGRO left after informing L/Cpl SMITH that the search could
not be continued until his return. About 1 1/2 hrs later SGT.
SALGRO returned and informed L/Cpl SMITH he could continue.
A quantity of stolen property was recovered including 4 rounds of
7.65 and 8 rounds of .38 ammunition.

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On the 22nd, I say a verbal statement taken down in writing was made by FERRARA, who denied all accusations made against him, except the incident at GREGLIANO, which he stated was correct. He mentioned the names of several persons employed by the AMERICAN PROVOST MARSHAL in the C.I.D. OFFICE as being present on several of the occasions, of which he was accused, namely:

The incident at GREGLIANO:- VICE BRIG. LUIGI was present when the bribe was accepted also SGT. P. M. GIGLIANI.

The release of PLORA after his arrest for the egg powder. P.S. BRIG. ALFIERI and 'Mike' of the AMERICAN C.I.D. dealt with the case. These names were forwarded to the AMERICAN PRO/OST MARSHAL for investigation.

FERRARA also stated that the arms carried by him were issued by SGT. P. M. GIGLIANI. As had been anticipated now that the names had been removed from their midst, many civilians came voluntarily to this office to testify against FERRARA and his satellites MANDARINO, and CLEMENTINO.

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On the 28th. May a further statement was taken from ARCELIANO NICOLA to clarify his previous statement.

On the evening of the 28th. May about 2000 hrs accompanied by VICE BRIG. TURRINO and P.S. agent DI GIULIO BRIGIO. I proceeded to the residence of ZURRABONE whom I now know as MONDO FRANCHINO to apprehend him, as I had heard that he had been seen several times in ARCLINENSE. This step now became necessary as the CARRABINIERI had been given instructions for the arrest of this civilian, and had either ignored the instructions or were afraid to approach him. I stayed at his home and about 2359 hrs. MONDO arrived, was arrested and brought to the safety room at CASERTA C.C.R.R. The following morning a statement was taken from him. This statement gives much detailed information of many robberies committed from NOVEMBER 1945 until his arrest. He also accuses FERRARA, MANDARINO, CLEMENTINO of extracting large sums of money from known criminals, to obtain their silence, and to prevent their arrest. A certain amount of this statement was proved correct, for many of the civilians mentioned were never denounced or apprehended by the police for the offences committed. It seems quite possible from the investigations

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also on this date 29th. May a statement was taken from ZARILLO VINCENZA No. 5 TRAVERSA, BATTISTA NOVEMBA MARCIANESI who gives details of an incident 7th - 8th. October 1945 in which FERRARA had used arms to instil fear, and signs confiscating money, which he informed her had been handed to the AMERICAN POLICE. Further inquiries of this incident revealed that no record of this incident or money being handed to the AMERICAN ROYALTY OFFICE was recorded. In this statement is mention of a new bribe of oil being given for the release of her husband. In the confirmation of this statement by her husband on the 31st. May, he mentions later conviction May 6th. when he was arrested for being in possession of Allied Property. For this offence he was summoned, but on appearing at court found that a large quantity of the goods confiscated from his home, were not listed against him on the charge. This corroborates other statements that all requisitioned property was not handed in to the authorities.

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They continued this procedure and eventually I decided to close the investigations, as they informed me that they had sufficient evidence.

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Two members of ALON's gang are still at large but have been indicted by the civilian police.

I have also to report that from MAY 7th. 1946, when a direct attempt to break the gangs responsible for these robberies was commenced until the present date, no reports have been received of pilferage on the stretch of railway from CARDU. to ADDALONI.

All civilians arrested and denounced are being charged by the civilian authorities.

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THE bearer of this note named PETRUCCIONE MARCELLO is
confident of the American Investigating Office of the American
M.P. Provost Marshal of CASERTA regarding a job known to A/M
Office.

--This note is provided by the investigator JULIO BERRA.

April 29 - 46 Caserta

(signed) ANGELO FERRA

Office.

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C O P Y

111 Provost Coy.
C.M. Police,
CASERTA.

STATEMENT made by AFFINITO ANTONIETTA OF MAROLANESI

who stated:-

Every night of the month of December 1941 someone knocked insistently at my gate demanding that my house should be placed at his (or their) disposal. I however, refused to comply with this request as I did not want to compromise myself by harbouring goods in my house which had been stolen from a train. I informed FERRARA Angelo, who was known to me as being in the employ of the American Police, of this fact, asking him to deal with the matter.

A certain CICCULLO, nicknamed ZURUPONE, fired pistol shots at night time. He was together with his friend. He asked me to let him place stolen goods from a train in my house. I refused to do so. FERRARA contacted this man ZURUPONE and instead of arresting him, being a notorious train robber wanted by the police, he told him what I had said. ZURUPONE having been told these things, prowled around my house at night with the intention of murdering me. Also this fact I related to FERRARA because the population of MAROLANESI knows that he is a Major of the American Police, and he is very much feared by the people here.

I would like to point out that the bullet holes in the wall and the wooden gate of my house are plainly visible.

The above statement has been taken down in the presence of RIVELLINI Giuseppe, interpreter and MARCARA Giovanni.

Read, confirmed and signed.

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Statement taken down in the presence of and witnessed by
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2 May 1942

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2 Nov 1946

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CASERTA

STATEMENT made by LAURITANO, CATERINA Di GIUSEPPE, domiciled at MARCIANESE, Via S. GIUSELLANO No. 92, who States:-

On a certain night in December 1945, between the hours 20.00 and 01.00, my brother DOMENICO and a certain LANCIERI of GRUNO robbed a goods train coach which was loaded with sugar. This happened at MARCIANESE Railway station.

I do not know how much sugar was stolen but the sale of same realised Lire 60,000.

Whilst LANCIERI was still in our house the Carabinieri arrived and took both LANCIERI and my brother to the Police Station. On the way to the Police Station my brother escaped. Several hours later I went to the Carabinieri Station in order to take some food and cigarettes to LANCIERI and also find out the reason for his arrest.

Taking advantage of the Guard's carelessness LANCIERI said to me "Caterina, you have to bring here Lire 50,000 which are needed to pay for my release." I was however unable to do this the same night as I was afraid to go home and return to the Carabinieri Station with the money.

at about 03.00 hrs, there appeared in my house LANCIERI together with a certain CLEMENTINO Pietro and MARCIANO Nicola of MARCIANESE. LANCIERI said, "Caterina, get Lire 50,000 and give them to this man." I thereupon took that amount of money from underneath my pillows and gave the money to LANCIERI, who in turn gave it to CLEMENTINO. Immediately after they had received the money they left my house and went away.

My brother however did not return, being afraid to be re-arrested. He also feared that on his return more money would be demanded. But after 15 days he did return home and nobody has looked for him since.

I have nothing else to add. In confirmation I give my signature.

Signed: LAURITANO CATERINA.

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Statement taken down in the presence of and witnessed by
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8 May 1946

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CARABINIERI - NAPLES
CASERTA RAILWAY POLICE.

STATEMENT BY CLEMENTINO PIETRO DI GIOVANNI, domiciled MARCIANESE Via S. GIULIANO No. 80, made on the 10th. May 1946 at the office of 111 Pro Coy, C.M. Police, CASERTA.

WHO STATES: When the Allies arrived in our town I took to Black Market activities in order to make a living. During that period I was frequently taken into custody by the American Police. Their investigator was a certain FERRARA Angelo. One day this man said to me "Instead of continuing with your Black Market activities, why not work for me as an informer." I asked how much I would earn that way and he replied I should not worry, I would make plenty. He said nothing regarding remuneration with money. He also told me I should not worry, I would earn enough from confiscated goods.

I began to work and received on each occasion from the American M.P. Sergeant, boots shirts, cigarettes, etc., which I sold in order to make a living. I discovered that FERRARA received from criminals, presents in the nature of eggs, flour, hams, lard, etc. The reason for these gifts was to induce him to leniency as regards their criminal activities, to warn them of impending investigations, and to see to it that the goods in their possession were not confiscated.

In December 1945, nine cases containing egg powder were confiscated from a certain FIORA of REBBA. FIORA disappeared. No one took any interest in his whereabouts, nor his arrest. There was rumour to the effect that he had paid a large amount of money in order to be left at liberty. I discovered that a certain LUIGI O. FABRICIATORE was involved in this case and I did my best to approach him. I succeeded in contacting him asking what was it that FIORA had given FERRARA. At first he would say nothing but later disclosed that FIORA had given FERRARA Lire 69,000 plus 22,000 to be split between me and ANDRILLO Nicolo. This money I never received, and so I came to the conclusion that FERRARA had many times received large sums of money.

A certain person from ORTI D'ATELLA who is known to me by sight whose name I do not know, had his horse and cart confiscated by the Americans of the GRICIGNANO. His son was going on that cart to the camp to collect some wood. The horse and cart however were returned to their owner through the intervention of FERRARA, who received a bribe of Lire 10,000.

About a month ago at CARDINALE there were unloaded in my presence 16 cases of American cigarettes from a train. The robbers concerned came from different towns in the AVERSA area. I telephoned FERRARA, but was not in, so I was unable to contact him before the afternoon. I was told by FERRARA not to bother about this business as he had already sold the goods. I believe that the criminals in order to evade prosecution had bribed FERRARA with money.

Previous to being employed as an investigator FERRARA was not very well off, but is now in possession of a substantial fortune. He owns two cars.

He also told me I should not worry, I would earn enough from confiscated goods.

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In December 1945, nine cases containing 600 powder were confiscated from a certain FLORE of ROMA. FLORE disappeared. He was took any interest in his whereabouts, nor his arrest. There was reason to the effect that he had paid a large amount of money in order to be left at liberty. I discovered that a certain LUIGI O FERRERAZZINI was involved in this case and I did my best to approach him. I succeeded in contacting him asking what was it that FLORE had given FERRELLA. At first he would say nothing but later disclosed that FLORE had given FERRELLA Lire 69,000 plus 22,000 to be split between me and LUIGI O Niccola. This money I never received, and so I came to the conclusion that FERRELLA had many times received large sums of money.

A certain person from ORTA D'ATENA who is known to me by night whose name I do not know, had his horse and cart confiscated by the Americans of the GRIGIOMANO. His son was going on that cart to the camp to collect some wood. The horse and cart however were returned to their owner through the intervention of FERRELLA, who received a bribe of Lire 10,000.

About a month ago at CARDILLALI there were unloaded in my presence 16 cases of American cigarettes from a train. The robbers concerned came from different towns in the AVERSA area. I telephoned FERRELLA, but was not in, so I was unable to contact him before the afternoon. I was told by FERRELLA not to bother about this business as he had already sold the goods. I believe that the criminals in order to evade prosecution had bribed FERRELLA with money.

Previous to being employed as an investigator FERRELLA was not very well off, but is now in possession of a substantial fortune. He owns two cars, one of them in partnership with somebody else. The other he loans on occasions like weddings to other people. These cars have got American tyres.

I have nothing to add. Because he is unable to sign his name I have put his mark as a signature.

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Cross.

Statement taken down in the presence of and attested by L/Cpl. ATANASIO.

C O P Y

111 Provost Coy
C.M. Police
Caserta

STATEMENT by:- CARLINO Nicola of No.2. Via Napoli, MARCIANESI.

WHO SAID:-

I undersigned with a sign of a cross Nicola MARCIANESI
fu MICHELE age 43, dwelling in Via Napoli No.2, Marcianese (Caserta)

On May 11, 1946 about 2300 hrs, while I was undressing for
bed, appeared at my house the Vicebrigadiere P.S. Agent by the name of
LPO who invited me to follow him. As I stepped outside there was a
Jeep of the American Police with the American Sgt by the name
PARMAGGINI and Nicola from REBBI. I knew them very well.

While they were taking me away to CASERTA the American
Sgt asked me where is Pietro. I answered I left him at REBBI.
When we arrived at CASERTA they took me into Sgt PARMAGGINI's office,
and there he asked me what statement I had made at the English
Police against them. I answered in the negative, saying that I made
no statement what-so-ever.

So he threatened me saying that he would take me on a
hill and shoot me, and you know also how I can hit for the ones that
do not talk.

Afterwards came in the office P.S. Agent MALISANO and
FERRARA, who said to me just now it's nothing, but as soon I have in
my possession the papers, we will talk.

So they wanted me to stay over night in the Safety
Room, until they could take my friend Pietro. I answered, after I have
been working in your service two years this is the thanks I get, to
stay over night in a Safety Room. Then the Sgt ordered FERRARA to
take me home with his car, with the promise that I should bring with
me my friend Pietro this morning May 12, 1946, to the office to make
a statement of all that was going on at the English Police against
them.

Signed: Mark

Statement taken down and mark witnessed in the presence of
L/Cpl ATKINSON, C.M. Police.

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While they were taking me away to CASERTA the American Sgt asked me where is PIETRO. I answered I left him at REGALA; when we arrived at CASERTA they took me into Sgt PALLAGINI's office, and there he asked me what statement I had made at the English police against them. I answered in the negative, saying that I made no statement what-so-ever.

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Statement taken down and mark witnessed in the presence of
L/Cpl ATAINSON, C.M. Police.

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141 Provost Company
C.Y. Police
Caserta.

SW. SENT BY: COMMARA TOMMASO, domiciled at ORTO D'ATILIA,
Via VIACALIANO DEL VECCHIO No 17, made on the 12 May 1946.

Who states:

About the night of 11/12/46, my son MASSIMO went to CRICCIANO Camp in order to gather firewood. After he had loaded his cart with firewood, and whilst he was on his way back home, he saw a light which he believed to be the police. He ran away, leaving his horse and cart in the camp. In fact the light belonged to a watchman, who, when he saw the youth escape, got hold of the horse and cart and handed it over to the Americans.

As I needed my horse and cart I tried to find out what was the best way to get them back. I was told that there was a certain FERRARA Angelo at MARCIANESE who could use his influence on the American Police to effect the release of my horse and cart. I addressed myself to a certain PIETRO CLEMENTINO, in order to get contact with FERRARA, as the aforesaid knew him very well.

In fact, together with PIETRO I went to the house of FERRARA, who asked for Lire 8000 if he would let me have the horse and cart.

He asked me for Lire 10,000 but I gave him only 8,000, which I handed to PIETRO, who, in my presence, gave the money to the wife of FERRARA.

People said that I had paid Lire 100,000, because when my son went to the American camp to obtain the horse and cart, the American Lieutenant asked him for Lire 100,000 for the release of same. But it is not true that I have paid that amount of money. I did pay Lire 8000, but not Lire 10,000, as I was requested to. I had to make a sacrifice to pay that money.

I have nothing else to add.

Signed: COMMARA TOMMASO

Statement taken down in the presence of and witnessed by
L/Cpl ATKINSON.

Who states:

About the night of 1943, my son MASSIMO went to CRIGGINO Camp in order to gather firewood. After he had loaded his cart with firewood, and whilst he was on his way back home, he saw a light which he believed to be the police. He ran away, leaving his horse and cart in the camp. In fact the light belonged to a watchman, who, when he saw the youth escape, got hold of the horse and cart and handed it over to the Americans.

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I have nothing else to add.

Signed: COMITARA TULLASO

Statement taken down in the presence of and witnessed by
L/Cpl ATKINSON.

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C O P Y

111 Provost Coy,
C.M. Police,
Caserta.

STATEMENT by: VERTALDI, LUIGI, of RECALE, VIA TORRE No 25,
on the 13th May 45.

Who states:

In the month of December 1945 the American Police confiscated nine cases containing egg-powder, found in a cellar belonging to a certain DI SAVERIO, FLORA of RECALE. At the time I was on my way to MARCIANESE, to my work, I stopped in order to observe what was going on. The police ordered me to go away and I went outside the building, where FLORA's wife approached me and said, "See whether you cannot find ways and means to cover up this business and prevent my husband from being arrested." In order to help them I contacted a certain NICOLA MANDARINO who was with the American police and said, "See what you can do to cover up this business, FLORA's wife said she would be willing to pay money, if her husband would be left alone." MANDARINO replied, "Speak to FERRARA, he can do this kind of thing whilst we are not able to do anything about it." I related his reply to FLORA's wife.

Next morning, whilst on my way to work at MARCIANESE, I met FLORA, who gave me Lire 45000, saying, "Please take this money to FERRARA, ANGELO at MARCIANESE, and tell him to do his best to straighten out this case". I went to MARCIANESE and gave the Lire 45000 to FERRARA telling him, "FLORA has given me this money and asked me to tell you to do your best for him." FERRARA received and pocketed this and said, "Whatever I am able to do, I shall do."

Next morning FLORA's wife went with me to MARCIANESE to find out whether the money had been handed over and also in order to get a reply from FERRARA. Arrived at MARCIANESE I introduced her to FERRARA and then went away to speak to some workmen concerning a certain job I wanted done.

Signed: VERTALDI, LUIGI.

Statement taken down and signature witnessed in the presence of
L/Cpl ATKINSON, 111 Provost Coy, C.M. Police.

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Signed: VERTALDI, LUIGI.

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L/Cpl ATKINSON, 111 Provost Coy, C.M. Police.

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111 Provost Coy.
C.M. Police,
Caserta.

Statement by: - DI CARLO ANTONIO, domiciled at RECALE, Via
Municipio No 19, made on the 15th May 1946.

Who states:-

On the 11th of March I was arrested by the Carabinieri
on the suspicion together with a certain CASTONE, also known as
O ROMANINO, at CANCELLO ARNONE.

For the purpose of questioning I was brought to Naples.
After nine (9) days we were sent to prison on suspicion, and finally
we were released.

On my return home, the mother of my fiancée, PAPA MARIA
ALESSANDRA told me that whilst I was detained a certain PIETRO
CLEMENTINO, had obtained Lire 3000. promising to have me set at
liberty. Also, a certain SARZILLO GIOVANNI of RECALE, was detained
together with us. His mother had paid Lire 1000.

I am not able to recollect the exact date, but I am
certain that on the day when the egg powder was confiscated by the
American Police from FLORA di SAVERIO of RECALE, I was at NAPLES.
FLORA went to my mother-in-law and said, "In order to avoid being
arrested in connection with the egg powder business I had to pay a
certain amount of money. Your son-in-law will have to produce
Lire 5000 - 10000."

As soon as my mother-in-law came to NAPLES and related
these facts to me I went to RECALE, contacting FLORA and demanded an
explanation as regards the money he had requested from my mother-
in-law. He said, "You will have to pay in order to avoid being put
in prison." To which I replied, that I would not pay anything, as
I had nothing to do with the crime. FLORA threatened that he would
have the whole gang arrested and that he had already paid a certain
sum, though he did not say to whom. He slapped me twice in the face.

I have nothing else to add.

Signed: DI CARLO, ANTONIO.

Statement taken down and witnessed in the presence of
L/CPL ATKINSON, 111 Provost Company, C.M. Police.

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I have nothing else to add.

Signed: DI CARLO, ANTONIO.

Statement taken down and witnessed in the presence of
L/CPL ATKINSON, 111 Provost Company, G.V. Police.

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C O P Y

111 Provost Coy
C.M. Police
Caserta

STATEMENT by :- FARINA Pasqualina of REGALE, Vico SAVOIA No.22
on the 13 May 1946.

WHO STATES:-

My son-in-law to be MUSARO Gaetano together with his friend DI CARLO, ANTONIO and CARZILLO, GIOVANNI was arrested on suspicion in NAPLES in March of this year.

A certain PIETRO CARLUZZINO asked us to come to the house of his fiancée at REGALE. He demanded Lire 1,000 each to effect the release from prison of the concerned persons. The three mothers paid Lire 3,000. He then went to NAPLES with my daughter ASSUNTA. He went to the Questura and on his return said they were not there. Later however, I got a note stating that the detained men were, in fact, in the Questura building.

I have nothing else to add.

Signed. Cross.

Statement taken down and witnessed in the presence of S/Cpl ATKINSON
111 Provost Company, C.M. Police.

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A certain PIERO CLEMENTINO asked us to come to the house of his fiancée at REALE. He demanded Lire 1,000 each to effect the release from prison of the concerned persons. The three brothers paid Lire 3,000. He then went to NAPLES with my daughter ASSUNTA. He went to the Questura and on his return said they were not there. Later however, I got a note stating that the detained men were, in fact, in the Questura building.

I have nothing else to add.

Signed. Croes.

Statement taken down and witnessed in the presence of L/Cpl ATKINSON
111 Provost Company, C.M. Police.

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C O P Y

111 Provost Coy
C.I. Police
Caserta

STATEMENT by: - PAPA MARIA ALLESSANDRO, domiciled at CITTA DELLA ROCCA,
CASERTA on May 13, 1966.

WHO STATES:-

The American police confiscated a certain quantity of egg - powder from FLORA at RECALCE. This was about three months ago.

I went to NAPLES to see CARLO, the fiancée of my daughter. He was supposed to take me to hospital for examination. I told my son-in-law to be that egg powder had been confiscated from FLORA and demanded a sum of money from him, which he pretended to have paid in order to prevent the arrest of my son-in-law and the rest of the gang.

As soon as my son-in-law had been told about this, I cancelled my visit to the hospital and returned to RECALCE. There my son-in-law asked FLORA why he wanted Lire 8,000 - 10,000 from him. During the ensuing argument FLORA slapped my son-in-law twice.

In March my son-in-law was arrested by the QUESTURA NAPLES together with PUSARO, GASTONE and SABELLO, Giovanni. A certain Pietro CLEMENTINO invited us to the house of his girl friend and demanded Lire 1,000 for each one to have them set at liberty.

However, he was not given any money, as they were released from prison having been found 'not guilty'.

I have nothing else to add

Signed: Cross

Statement taken down and witnessed in the presence of L/Cpl ATKINSON,
111 Provost Company, C.I. Police.

WHO STATED:-

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As soon as my son-in-law had been told about this, I cancelled my visit to the hospital and returned to REALE. There my son-in-law asked FLORA why he wanted Lire 6,000 - 10,000 from him. During the ensuing argument FLORA slapped my son-in-law twice.

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However, he was not given any money, as they were released from prison having been found 'Not guilty'.

I have nothing else to add

Signed: Cross

Statement taken down and witnessed in the presence of L/Cpl ATKINSON,
111 Provost Company, C.B. Police.

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111 Provost Company
C.M. Police
Caserta.

STATEMENT by LAIBERTI ASSUNTA, domiciled at RECALE Via MUNICIPIO on the
14 May 1946.

who states:- In March 1946 three women from RECALE came to my house. They had a conversation with PIERRO. They talked about the release from prison of three men, one being the son of the one woman and the other two being the sons-in-law of the second and third women. These men were in custody at the Naples Questura.

The names of the women are PASQUALINA SANTINA and ALONDA. I gathered from the conversation that PIERRO demanded lire 3,000 necessary for him to go to Naples, taking gifts there in order to obtain the release of the detained men. The three women consented to this and gave him lire 3,000 each.

Three days later we all went from RECALE to NAPLES, i.e. PIERRO, the three above named women and also ASSUNTA, Pasqualina's daughter. I remember that PIERRO went to the Questura, however the three men were not there any more, but in prison. The three women returned immediately whilst PIERRO, ASSUNTA and myself remained in NAPLES and went to a cinema.

I do not know whether the three women returned to my house a good time in order to talk to PIERRO. If they did so I was away from my house. PIERRO never said anything to me concerning this business. I have known him two months and he has never talked of his activities to me. He never gave me any money. On our trip to Naples he paid nothing on my behalf. I paid the expenses for myself and for my friend ASSUNTA.

I have nothing else to add.

Signed: X

Statement taken down and mark witnessed in the presence of L/Cpl. Atkinson
111 Provost Company, C.M. Police.

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I do not know whether the three women returned to my house a second time in order to talk to FIETRO. If they did do so I was away from my house. FIETRO never said anything to me concerning this business. I have known him two months and he has never talked of his activities to me. He never gave me any money. On our trip to Naples he paid nothing on my behalf. I paid the expenses for myself and for my friend ROSALIA.

I have nothing else to add.

Signed: X

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111 Provost Company, C.M. Police.

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Caserta Police
Caserta.

STATEMENT by ARMANDINO NICOLA of RECALE, Via MUNICIPIO No. 55
made on the 14th of May 1946.

Who States: In March I was engaged as an informer by the American Police, my wages being Lires 300 a day.

During the period I worked for the Americans I have witnessed many questionable actions perpetrated by FERRARA Angelo, who was called the 'Lieutenant'.

When 37 cases of cigarettes were confiscated at MADDALENI, I was informed that only 20 were taken to the proper destination, the remainder being disposed of by FERRARA. This information was given to me by a girl friend of mine, who lives now at BRUSCIA. I do not know who were the persons who received the cigarettes as I was sick in hospital at that time. This can be certified by the Maddaleni Carabinieri. This happened on the 7 April. This information was given by two unknown persons to Caserta Investigation Office. FERRARA apostated these persons took them aside to the garage yard and talked to them for a long time.

On about the 20 March at beginning of my employment I received information that a great quantity of sugar was hidden in a straw covered hut at CAMICILLO ARNONE. This sugar was well covered with straw. There were about 200 bags. I received this knowledge because the Recale and Maddaleni gang had recently transferred their activities to that locality. The sugar was confiscated and Di CARLO ANTONIO and others from MADDALENI, whose names I do not know, were arrested. Di SAVERA FLORA was left at large. A portion of this sugar remained in the house of FERRARA at MARCIANESI.

About a month ago we had confiscated a cart containing 3 cases of land at AVERSA. This cart also contained 2 cases of coffee, and some milk powder. Instead of handing over these goods to the proper authority, FERRARA kept them for his own use.

MADDALENI NICOLA and CLAUDIINO PIETRO both were paid Liras 200 daily by FERRARA personally. FERRARA sold a great quantity of confiscated goods for his own benefit. He bought 40 acres of land in the Capua area.

FERRARA has in his possession 2 Tommy guns and 1 pistol. These arms were frequently carried by MADDALENI and CLAUDIINO, whilst on their illegal operations. I have not been dismissed yet by the American Police, but after having been discharged from hospital I did not go back there again.

I have never observed any money being paid to FERRARA, with the

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About a month ago we had confiscated a cart containing 5 cases of lard at FERRARA. This cart also contained 2 cases of coffee, and some milk powder. Instead of handing over these goods to the proper authority, FERRARA kept them for his own use.

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I have never observed any money being paid to FERRARA with the object of buying his protection. He would not do such a thing in my ~~view~~.

I have nothing else to add.

Signed: ARGENTINO NICOLA

Statement taken down and signature witnessed in the presence of
L. J. Pl. Atkinson, 111 Provost Company, U.M. Police.

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111 Provost Company,
O.M. Police,
CASCERTI.

STATEMENT by MARIA NICOLE OF ROSALZ, Via MURICILLO, VICO CORBIA,
on the 14th May 1946.

Who states:

In March 1946 my son S. MELLO went to LUGELLO ALBERTO in order to find a job. The local Carabinieri detained him on suspicion and conducted him to the Naples Questura.

One day a certain PIERO CLEMENTINO asked me to come to the house of his girl friend, a certain ROSA ISSURA. He told me "your son is being detained at the Naples Questura, if you want to have him set at liberty Lire 30.0 are required for the expenses." As I was not in a position to pay that amount I consented to contribute Lire 1000.

We went to Naples, where I was informed that my son was not there any more, and that no-one knew where he had been conducted.

We returned much preoccupied with thoughts as to the whereabouts of our sons. Then we received a note to the effect that the detained were in fact being kept at the Questura.

We returned to him (PIERO) to tell him that he had accomplished nothing, to which he replied "If you would like me to have an interest in this business you will have to produce more money." We, however, refused to do so, as we had no more means.

Whilst he had a good time with our money we returned home disillusioned. He himself remained in Naples together with his girl friend.

I have nothing else to add.

Signed: X

Statement taken down and read witnessed in the presence of
I/Ol Atkinson, 111 Provost Company, O.M. Police.

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111 Provost Coy.
Chas. Police,
CABERNA.

STATEMENT by BASTO, Antonio
of RECALE, Via S. Salvatore, made on the 16th May 46

who states:

A few days after the American Police had confiscated a quantity of egg powder from DI SAVERIO, FLORA my house was being searched by the American Police. I ran across the yard of my house and hid myself in the house of a certain ex-Captain OLIVA. Both myself and OLIVA were arrested by the Americans and conducted to their office at CABERNA. When it was found out that I had no share in this business I was set at liberty the next day.

Next day two men appeared in my house, whom I know now as NICOLA and PIERO. They said: "We have come here on behalf of FERDINANDA, Angelo to inform you that it was through his influence that you were released by the Police. Therefore, in order to show your gratitude you will have pay him for the favour he has done you." To this I replied that I did not know FERDINANDA, nor had he assisted me nor anybody else and anyway I had not been guilty of any offence and was therefore set at liberty.

at any rate, owing to their insistence and because they told me that they were not paid in money by the police for their work as informers and also because I was much afraid that one day they would get me into trouble, I gave them the sum of Liras 2,000, which was all the money I had on me at the time.

DI SAVERIO, Flora did not come to me to obtain Liras 1,200 as others have said. If that would have been the case, I would not hesitate in confirming it.

I have nothing else to add.

Signed: BASTO, Antonio.

Statement taken down and signature witnessed in the presence of
L/Cpl. Atkinson 111 Provost Coy. C.M. Police.

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DI SAVERIO, Florio did not come to obtain Lires 1,200 as others have said. If that would have been the case, I would not hesitate in confirming it.

I have nothing else to add.

Signed: BASIO, Antonio.

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111 Provost Coy
G.M. Police
Caserta

STATEMENT by:- GOLINO Giovanni of No.9 Via Marte, MARCIANESE.

WHO SAID:-

I have always been an honest working man and never committed any robberies together with others. I do not know why I am considered to be connected with this crime, I have been accused without having done anything wrong.

Each threshing season I work for FERRARA Angelo and on many occasions I noticed people from different villages coming to see FERRARA and conversing with him. However, I never heard what they were talking about as I was intent on my work and also because they were standing too far away for me to understand what they said.

Very often CLEMENTINO Pietro and LANDARINO Nicola would come to see FERRARA but I repeat I could not hear nothing being only interested in my work.

I can also state that whilst I was detained at CASERTA prison together with DELL'I CURTI and DIOMISIO Giuseppe these two revealed that they had on one occasion committed a robbery, stealing pyjamas. They were arrested by the American Police. The two women were released after lire 100,000 had been paid to FERRARA, and their prosecution was never effected.

DIOMISIO is now at FOCCHIOREALE prison, DELL'I CURTI is at large. His wife lives near MARCIANESE.

I want to correct the above said in as much as the two wives of the s/n were arrested for stealing the pyjamas and not their husbands. The husband gave lire 100,000 to FERRARA in order to have their wives released from prison and so that no action would be taken against them.

Nothing else to add.

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Signed, GOLINO Giovanni.

Statement taken down and signature witnessed in the presence of
L/Cpl ATKINSON 111 Provost Coy, G.M. Police.

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C O P Y

111 Provost Coy,
C.M. Police,
Caserta.

STATEMENT OF: VERTALDI LUIGI Fu GIER LAMO

After the precedent statement furnished to this office I endeavored to inform Di SIVERO FLORE to call on me because I had to talk to him. On May 17th at about midnight I heard my door being knocked I was in bed and got up and opened it. FLORE and a person whom I do not know appeared. The last one was tall, brown and stout. FLORE entered the house while the other remained standing in the doorway. FLORE was armed with a pistol applied to his trouser's belt. The other was identically furnished with a similar pistol attached to his trouser's belt and an additional shot gun slung over his shoulder.

I wondered why I was being visited at that hour while the building was completely closed. FLORE then asked me what I wanted and why I had sent for him. I replied, "You must appear the British Press Office Corso Umberto, Caserta, and make a statement, then you will be allowed to go about your business." He then demanded why his wife was being held by the C.M. Police and I replied "Until you appear at that office she will not be released". I also told him that I had confessed the truth concerning the 45,000 lire which he had consigned to me to be transmitted to FLORE. To this FLORE replied "OK we'll see about it. Whatever my brain suggests I will act accordingly." After that was said he went away and I felt relieved because in the presence of these two individuals I was afraid.

Signed: VERTALDI LUIGI.

Statement taken down and signature witnessed by L/Cpl A. Atkinson,
C.M. Police, on the 20th May 1946, at Caserta.

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Signed: VERTALDI LUIGI.

Statement taken down and signature witnessed by L/Opl Atkinson,
C.M. Police, on the 20th May 1946, at Caserta.

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CAGARRA
20 MAY 46

Statement of:- CARPOLLATTO, Antonio, domiciled at
Via Tifatina, MADOLONI.

Who states:-

On the 10 May 1946, I was out with Di SAVERIO, Flora in
MADOLONI who had arrived in a motor vehicle accompanied by MICHELE
(nicknamed C'PARINARO). I was accompanied by the following persons when
FLORA and MICHELE arrived at MADOLONI:-

- RECUPITO, Michele
- CALLO, Luigi
- GIACCOLO a Morticella - a nickname, the exact name I do not know.
- PARONE who lives in S. CLEMENTE.

Arrangements were then made to meet at the TRINAILS at
SANTA MARIA the next morning.

We decided to commit a robbery before we parted and we all got
into the car and made off towards PALLA (Cupa Pizzo) where we held up
a horse drawn cart and stole four sacks of wheat and 7,000 Lires which
was in possession of the owner. I received 900 Lires as my share of this
money and the others received the same amount. When the wheat was sold
I received a further 5,000 Lires. The wheat was sold at 12,000 Lires
a quintal. Flora shared the money himself so all did not receive their
proper share.

About two or three days later we held up a cart which was near
the winoshop owned by a certain MADEO o VALLA. This cart carried wheat
which was well camouflaged with chaff. We took four bags. As I did not
receive any money of this occasion I believe the cart owner did not have
any or my companions kept it secret from me. I received a piece of
bread as the driver if the cart had a bag of bread which was stolen
from him. On another occasion they committed two further robberies on
one night but as I did not accompany them on this occasion I was told
about it later.

On the 17 May 1946 I, together with RECUPITO, Michele, were
in a wine shop near the prison of SANTA MARIA at about 2100 hrs. when
the car of FLORA and MICHELE (C'PARINARO) appeared. When FLORA saw us
he said, "We must go to MONDRAGONE to commit a theft there". They
first fetched petrol at SANTA MARIA and then ate eggs, salami, cherries
and wine. We finally got under way, the car proceeding to CATURLO
via the cemetery of CURTI and we arrived at the railway station of
RECUPITO and then entered an old country road. At the end of the road

who had arrived in a motor vehicle accompanied by MICHELE (nicknamed O'FARINARO). I was accompanied by the following persons when FLORA and MICHELE arrived at MADOLINI:-

RECUPITO, Michele
GILLO, Luigi
CICCIO a morticella - a nickname, the exact name I do not know.
FARONE who lives in S. CLEMENTE.

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After about three quarters of an hour they returned with two shot-guns and a military pattern rifle. One shot-gun was placed by the side of FLORA in the car and the other by the side of MICHELE (O'FARINARO). The rifle he put on the floor of the car. We departed in the direction of FLORA's house via V.L. MUNICIFLO and then intended to go to MARCIANESI.

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Just before we arrived at the house of FLORA a squad of Carabinieri told us to halt. I immediately asked MICHELE to stop the vehicle but FLORA said, "Do not pay any attention, keep on going." and simultaneously opened fire. I threw myself on the floor of the car at once and could only hear the shots. When we got to the bend of the road the other three occupants of the car were dead. A Brigadier of the CC.RR. approached the car and said, "Anyone alive put up his hands". I complied with this order and related to the agent what I have already stated above.

Regarding the above statement I had previously known of the above mentioned persons only MICHELE (O'FARINADO) who introduced me to FLORA. I know that there were other thefts committed by the deceased but I did not go with them on the raids. I only accompanied them on the four raids I have mentioned. During the trip in the car I was not armed but the three deceased were.

I have nothing else to add.

Signed:-

CAMPOLATTO, Antonio.

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Corps of Military Police at 111 Provost Coy. Det. Cassella on 20 May 46.

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Signed:-

CALPOLETTARO, Antonio.

Statement taken down and signature witnessed by L/Cpl. ATKINSON,
Corps of Military Police at 111 Provost Coy. Det. CASSETTA on 20 May 46.

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C O P Y

111 Provost Coy
C.M. Police.
CASERTA.

STATEMENT by FERRARA Angelo of No 18 Vico Lungo,
S. Maria delle Grazie, MAROLANOE.

WHO SAITH:

From about November 1943 until April 1944 I was in the service of the American 5th Army, 1st Coy, encamped at MAROLANOE, in the capacity of a forest guard. I was an inspector of the forest guard at that time. I also collaborated with the F.S. in the execution of Police operations, as they were short of men. On these duties I was assisted by two guards: MONACO and BRACCIO, Francesco. I received no monetary compensation.

After that period I was engaged by the C.I.D. at Naples as an informer with the Washington agents SUTTORA Dennis and HURCHINSON William, always without receiving any pay for my services.

My activities in connection with the C.I.D. may be traced at the British court P.B.S. of Naples or by the CORTE MILITARE di NAPOLI, (Italian Military Court).

From NAPLES I was transferred to the U.S. Military Police, CASERTA, as a civil investigator. I received no pay there until the 30 March 1946. Starting April 1st 46 I was paid Lire 200 a day for my work. A "Balila" car was put at my disposal by the M.P., who also supplied me with tyres and petrol for this vehicle.

During the time I was working for the Americans I used to receive information of the various offences committed in different places such as the pilferage of railway trucks and other offences where allied interests were involved.

It was my duty to interrogate people involved in these offences and amongst them I interviewed MAROLANO, Nicola and CLEMENTINO, Pietro, as the American Police was of the opinion that I might be able to get something out of them. The accusations made by MAROLANO and CLEMENTINO are entirely without foundation.

With reference to the confiscation of the egg powder, MAROLANO was not present during this operation, but there were two Carabinieri attached to the American Police, Marolano. After the confiscation two Italian Officers attempted to bribe us with an unspecified sum of money. Being afraid of them or their friends I proceeded to CASERTA and asked the American Police to intervene and to arrest these two strangers who pretended to be Italian Officers.

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These two strangers were dressed in British Uniform and as many of their documents were false ones they were taken to the Casella Carabinieri station. 4517

I also recall MASTRO Luigi of RECALE, who came frequently to my house doing repairs. As I am the owner of the houses I employed him frequently. He related the egg powder business to me and asked me if I knew any lawyer who could be entrusted with FLORA's case. On that occasion MASTRO Luigi showed me that he had a sum of money given to him by FLORA for the lawyer, in order to make him take an interest in the case. Luigi wanted to leave this money in my care. I refused it however and did not accept it. Luigi insisted on my taking care of the money temporarily as he was afraid of losing it. As it was late I left him and reported to my office. I found out nothing else concerning this case. During that

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conversation between LUIGI and myself there were also present DI CARLUCCIO, DAMENICO, DELL'CURRI, FRANCESCO and others who I do not remember. I spoke of the case to the lawyer CIGOLIO of MAROLANSE. Luigi however did not appear any more and I did not know what he did with the money.

As regards the release of FLORA, P.S. Brigadiere ALPRIERI who dealt with the case, should be consulted. Also the American investigator MRS. who took an interest in the procedure.

With reference to the affair of the horse and cart, confiscated by American soldiers in the CACCIANO Camp, which belonged to COMINARA, Tomaso of Orta D'Atella, I recollect that CLEMENTINO, Pietro proposed I should take an interest and have the horse and cart returned to the owner by means of offering certain presents the nature of which I cannot quite remember, but it was probably poultry or something like it.

I replied to this proposal that I did not know anyone in this camp and did not speak English. I would be willing however to talk to an American friend of mine asking him to intervene, owing to the fact that I did not think that a serious offence had been committed.

In fact we went to CACCIANO together with Vice Brigadiere LUIGI and the American sergeant FALCONE, who intervened and obtained the release of the horse and cart.

As the owner of the horse was not at the moment in a position to furnish the promised poultry as a present, he gave Lire 8,000 to CLEMENTINO, Pietro, who was well acquainted with him. This sum was partly given to CLEMENTINO, the remainder was used to purchase poultry. Of this deal the sergeant knew nothing, he only knew that the owner of the horse was supposed to make a gift of poultry. The poultry was in fact purchased and consumed by all concerned.

With reference to the statement made by ARGENTINO which you are reading out to me I state that it is not true that ARGENTINO received Lire 300 daily for his services, but the Lieutenant of the office used to give him some garments.

As regards the confiscation of the cigarettes: this is nothing but an invention, as a confiscation of 37 cases of cigarettes was never effected at all and certainly not at MADALONI. On investigation you will find that this my statement is correct.

I know nothing of ARGENTINO's allegations that he gave me information as regards the sugar at CACCIANO. If

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About a month ago, whilst on duty with the Vice Brigadiere of the P.S. LUIGI and REKICIONE and two American MPs, we proceeded to AVERSA. On our way there we met a cart loaded with cases, as we suspected these cases to contain Allied property we stopped the cart in order to ask what these cases contained. A group of Finance Guards then approached, relating that a short while ago they had confiscated these cases from a gang of thieves, who were attacked and dispersed. The thieves had attempted to carry their loot away with them, but were prevented from doing so. After the material had been confiscated they had requisitioned that cart to transport the cases to their station. The driver of the jeep however told a different story. These cases then were loaded on to the jeep of the American MPs, and taken directly to the Investigation Office, at CASERTA, where the precise number of the cases can be ascertained. I do what they contained and other particulars relating to this case.

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same information can also be obtained from the Finance Guards at AVERAS. They have stated that they would supply a detailed report on the subject. The driver of the cart was a boy of about 10 or 12 years of age. I do not know whether the Vice Brigadiere of the P.S. obtained his particulars.

At the same time we heard shots fired in the direction of the station. I hastened with my car to the location and encountered a cart running at great speed. We overtook that cart soon and ordered the driver to halt. He stopped and we found five cases containing also Allied property. These cases were also loaded on the American jeep and the two people taken for questioning to CASERIA.

At Easter gave a present of lard to all, one tin to each six persons. As the Lt. himself was absent, he delegated the sergeant to effect the distribution. As regards the arms, as Tommy gun, pistol these were given to me by the same Lt. when duty required this. These weapons were carried in my car and not on the person of MANDALINO and CLEMENTINO.

As regards the purchase of the 40 acres of land you can get information as to the purchasing dates from the concerned authorities.

Apart from the lard on Easter we also received a kilo tin of coffee per person and other food stuff.

Never have I retained confiscated property for my personal use. Neither have I ever sold any of it, my social position does not permit me to engage in such activities.

I have known SAVERIO, Florio for many years and was well aware of his criminal activities. Of these I have continually kept informed the American Police. For this reason we frequently went to his house to make searches. He was not arrested as the result of those searches was always negative. FLORA never had my promise to receive a Tommy gun, firstly because I never had one and secondly because I knew who he was and for what purpose he would have used the weapon.

That is all.

Signed: FERREIRA Angelo.

Statement taken down and signature witnessed in the presence of
L/Cpl Atkinson 111 Provost Coy., C.M. Police.

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Signed: FERRARA Angelo.

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L/Cpl Atkinson 111 Provost Coy., C.M. Police.

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C O P Y

111 Provost Coy,
C.M. Police,
Caserta.

STATEMENT BY: TEBARA, Angelo of 18 Vice Lungo,

S. Maria delle Grazie, MAGLIANESI.

WHO SAITH:

The American Investigation Office, where I am employed as an investigator received a letter from the British Police accusing me of dishonesty. I was informed by Sgt. PALMIGLIANI that the British Police had sent a statement by a woman who accused me.

I replied to the Sgt that the accusations that the woman had made were all and entirely false. Sgt. PALMIGLIANI invited me to sit down in the office and wait there for the woman, ANTONIETTA, Antonietta for the purpose of confronting her with myself. She did in fact arrive but was committed to another office. I was able to see her through a crevice in the door. I also noticed that everybody was entering that office.

After about 15 or 20 minutes I was admitted to the presence of the woman who had accused me. In the office there were present PALMIGLIANI and two Brigadiere of the Questura. When I entered the Sgt asked the woman to go ahead and tell me what she had related to him. Whilst the Brigadiere was taking down the woman's statement, other Americans were busy at their desks with their own affairs.

I remained present until she had finished her statement. After the statement had been completed Sgt. PALMIGLIANI who was continually going out and entering, took the woman to the British Provost.

The woman waiting to be confronted with me in the presence of the British Police, occupied the same chair that she had occupied when being interrogated.

Signed: TEBARA, Angelo.

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L/Cpl Atkinson, 111 Provost Coy, C.M. Police.

Caserta, 23rd May 1946.

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Signed: PERAZA, Angelo.

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Caserta, 23rd May 1946.

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C O P Y

111 Provost Coy,
Cal. Police,
CASERTA.

STATEMENT by DELL CURTI, FRANCESCO OF Via Marco Maffei MARSELESE,
who saith

I know FERRARA, Angelo because we both come from the same town, i.e. MARSELESE. I also know that he is working for the American Police. Many times I have been to his house, in order to have repairs done to my car, as he has some kind of a workshop.

The last time I was there was about twenty days ago to have some repairs done to my car. I have been in his workshop many times but I have never listened to any conversations with regard to money affairs between FERRARA and ALDO Luigi. They might have discussed such matters, but never in my presence.

I have seen the a.n. ALDO on many occasions when I went to the house of FERRARA, but I have never interested myself in their private conversations. I cannot remember the exact dates when ALDO was in FERRARA's yard. The workshop in question is located next door to FERRARA's house and there is a communicating door between the two.

DI CARLUCCI and FERRARO are both working in this workshop.

I have nothing else to add.

Signed DELL CURTI, F.

Statement taken down and signature witnessed in the presence of
1/Cpl. ALDO, 111 Provost Coy, Cal. Police.

23 Mar 1945

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DI CARLUCCI and RECONDO are both working in this workshop.

I have nothing else to add.

Signed DEMETRI CURTI, F.

Statement taken down and signature witnessed in the presence of
Cpl. ATTILIO, 111 Provost Coy, C.M. Police.

23 Feb 1945

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111 Provost Coy
C.M. Police
Caserta.

STATEMENT by CARLUCCIO Domenico of Vico 3, Maria Delle Grazie
MORCIANESE.

WFO BATH:

I work as a motor mechanic together with my partner TECUNDO
Filippo, in the workshop next door to the house of Ferrara. This
workshop is connected with FERRARA's house by a small door.

It is a fact that on many occasions VERTALDI Luigi came to
Mordianese to execute certain work for FERRARA. They frequently
conversed together but I never took any interest in their private
affairs.

It is not true that FERRARA and VERTALDI in my presence
discussed something concerning money. I have never heard such
conversation there.

That is all.

Signed DI CARLUCCIO, Domenico

Statement taken down and witnessed in the presence of L/Cpl Atkinson
111 Provost Coy, C.M. Police.

23 May 1946.

I work as a motor mechanic together with my partner TEOGILDO PALIPE, in the workshop next door to the house of Ferrara. This workshop is connected with FERRARA's house by a small door.

It is a fact that on many occasions VERBALDI Luigi came to our workshop to execute certain work for Ferrara. They frequently conversed together but I never took any interest in their private affairs.

It is not true that Ferrara and VERBALDI in my presence discussed something concerning money. I have never heard such conversation there.

That is all.

Signed DI CARLUCCIO, Domenico

Statement taken down and witnessed in the presence of L/Cpl Atkinson
444 Provost Coy, C.M. Police.

23 May 1946.

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111 Provost Coy,
C.M. Police,
Caserta.

STATEMENT BY: IORIO, Anna of No 25 Via CUGLIELLO MARCONI, RECALE.

WHO SAITH:

On a December morning of last year SAVERIO, FLORA appeared at my house to enquire about my husband. When he had contacted him he said, "You must do me a favour. As you work at MARCIANESE I will give you Lire 45000 which you will hand over to FERRARA, Angelo. He was present when the egg powder was confiscated and only he is able to say whether a lawyer is required or not. He must do the best he can to help me"

Knowing FLORA to be a dangerous man and my husband being afraid of him he agreed to do as he was asked.

On May the 12th I went to FERRARA's house at MARCIANESE. It was early in the morning and FERRARA was still in bed whilst his wife was already up. I was in the company of IORIO, Luisa, FERRARA's wife invited us to come in. As soon as I had entered I asked FERRARA why my husband was still in prison. I said, "You have accepted the money and my husband is still in prison." FERRARA replied, "Tell your husband to keep quiet and not to mention the money to anybody and I will attend to his release."

On May the 17th whilst we were still asleep, FLORA and a stranger appeared in my house. FLORA approached our bed and the other remained in the doorway. FLORA then asked my husband "For what reason is my wife being held?" and my husband replied, "Don't you know?" "If you will make a statement you will return home with your wife". To which FLORA replied, "I must think it over, but as FERRARA has accepted the money he will have to restore it." After that they went away and a few minutes afterwards from our beds, we heard shots being fired.

I was present when FLORA handed Lire 45000 to my husband to be given to FERRARA. I do not know of what denomination this money was. This money was given to my husband by FLORA in our house.

Nothing to add.

Signed: IORIO, Anna.

Statement taken down and signature witnessed in the presence of
L/Cpl Atkinson, 111 Provost Company, C.M. Police, on the 24th May 1946.

be my house to enquire about my husband. When he had contacted him he said, "You must do me a favour. As you work at MARGIANESE I will give you Lire 4,500 which you will hand over to FERRARA, Angelo. He was present when the egg powder was confiscated and only he is able to say whether a lawyer is required or not. He must do the best he can to help me"

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To which FLORA replied, "I must think it over," but as FERRARA had accepted the money he will have to restore it." After that they went away and a few minutes afterwards from our beds, we heard shots being fired.

I was present when FLORA handed Lire 4,500 to my husband to be given to FERRARA. I do not know of what denomination this money was. This money was given to my husband by FLORA in our house.

Nothing to add.

Signed: IORIO, Anna.

Statement taken down and signature witnessed in the presence of
L/Cpl Atkinson, 111 Provost Company, C.M. Police, on the 24th May 1946.

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C O P Y

111 Provost Coy
C.A. Police
Caserta.

STATEMENT BY:- LOMBARDI Francesco of Via Municipio, REGALE.

WHO SAITH:-

I am the wife of the late SAVERIO FLORE. I remember that when the American Police came to our yard to confiscate the egg powder FERRARA was with them, who was looking for my husband. He accused him of having put the egg powder in the cellar. As my husband was not at home, they went away.

On that occasion I addressed myself to no one, but three days later I went to MARCIANESE where I found MASTRO LUIGI at work. I asked him to show me the way to the house of FERRARA. Not being well acquainted with the town I asked him to accompany me to FERRARA's house which he did. Then we arrived in FERRARA's house we had to wait, as he was still dressing. Presently FERRARA came and asked me what I wanted. I replied that I wanted to know where my husband was. FERRARA said my husband had been arrested and was at the American Police station. MASTRO LUIGI was not present during the conversation, he was in the kitchen talking to the wife of FERRARA.

I cannot recollect the exact date of the occasion, but I know it was on a cold day. After this I returned to my home whilst MASTRO LUIGI remained behind talking to the wife of FERRARA.

I know nothing concerning LUIGI's assertion that I had put myself in his hands nor that I went in his company to MARCIANESE in order to check whether he had handed over the money which my husband had given for FERRARA. My husband never confided in me with regards to his activities. If I would ask him any questions he would beat me. Neither did MASTRO tell me, when he accompanied me to FERRARA, that my husband had sent the money to FERRARA through him.

Nothing else to add.

Signed LOMBARDI Francesco

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Nothing else to add.

Signed LOGBARDI Francesca

Statement taken down and signature witnessed in the presence of
L/Cpl ALBINSON 111 Provost Coy, G.M. Police.

24 May 1946

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C O P Y

111 Provost Coy
C.A. Police
Caserta.

STATEMENT: By ARGENTINO, Nicolo.

WHO SAID:

The Maddaloni Carabinieri can have no knowledge of the confiscation of the 37 cases of cigarettes, as this confiscation was effected by the complete squad of the Caserta Police (American) and FERRARA, Angelo. I do not know who else was with them.

I confirm that of the 37 cases only 20 were taken to their proper destination, the remainder were taken elsewhere but I don't know exactly where. I was informed that this confiscation was effected without the assistance of the Italian Police.

As I have already stated, on the trip to Aversa I went with an American Policeman in his car. There we confiscated 14 cases containing Allied property. (Coffee, Milkpowder and lard.) These goods had been confiscated a short time before by a squad of Finance Guards. The cart was driven by a boy of about 14 years.

at the Aversa station the American A.P. issued a receipt as he was competent to do. On receipt of this the Finance Guards handed over the goods. These goods were temporarily deposited in a cellar nearby and later loaded on my car and transported to Caserta.

Whilst we were on this operation, FERRARA had already stopped a cart, without informing us. This cart was loaded also with Allied property but I do not know exactly how many cases. These cases were loaded on FERRARA's private car and then taken to Marcianese. Only the cases confiscated by the American and myself were disclosed and taken to their proper destination, whilst these confiscated by Ferrara were kept secret. Ferrara pretended that these 14 cases were the only ones which had been confiscated.

The detained ones were a certain ERNESTO, working on Aversa railway station, the other was one of his friends, whose name I do not know. These two I saw at H.Q. American Police, whilst they were detained there. We met Ferrara's car at Marcianese Junction and proceeded to Caserta, whilst Ferrara went to Marcianese.

an hour later Ferrara arrived in Caserta, with his car which was now empty. Seeing this to be so I surmised that Ferrara took the cases confiscated by him to his own house.

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Signed: ARGENTZIANO, Nicola.

Statement taken down and signature witnessed in the presence of
 I/Cpl Atkinson 111 Provost Coy. C.M. Police. 4511

28th. May, 1946.

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111 Provost Coy.
C.I. Police,
Caserta.

STATEMENT by: MONDO Francesco of CAPODRISE, Via Francesco Rao No 3

WHO SAID:

In November 1945 after having been released from S. Maria prison I approached a gang of trainrobbers, in order to make a living. I have never personally taken part in any robberies, I only demanded a share of the loot from the gangsters after the crime had been committed to enable me to live.

On such an occasion I became acquainted with FERRARA Anacleto (then of the American Police.) and his followers MANDARINO Nicola, CLEMENTINO Pietro and TRUOCO Sebastiano. These were sent by Ferrara to go to our houses in the mornings to collect money in order to prevent our being denounced to the American Police.

I recollect that on the first occasion a railway truck loaded with flour was robbed on Caserta station. Myself and five others from CATUNAO and other villages divided 4 bags of flour amongst us. Next morning there appeared MANDARINO Nicola and CLEMENTINO Pietro and demanded Lira 3000 and I have reason to believe that they also went to others concerned in this, demanding money of them.

Later a robbery of high rubber boots was committed and I received as my share 4 pairs. As they were used I only obtained Lira 500 per pair. Next morning the above named appeared again and demanded the Lira 2000 that I had received through the sale of the boots. After I had an argument with them I gave them Lira 1000. At the time these two threatened to denounce me.

On a certain night a robbery was committed on Caserta Railway Station. The goods stolen consisted of pillows. I was not there, but I know that TRUOCO Sebastiano went to CRESCENZO and demanded 10 kilos of flour as a bribe. The persons who in fact committed the robbery were in the pay of FERRARA Anacleto who was the organiser and the chief of the gang, who would also choose new members. These were LAURITANO Domenico, nicknamed "PACCHIASOLIA", CENEROSO Antonio alias REZZALIRO and GUARZIGNOLO, Andrea brother of CLEMENTINO Pietro and the informers MANDARINO Nicola and TRUOCO Sebastiano. These after having robbed the truck carried to the house of FERRARA oil and flour and other things which had been stolen from railway trucks during the night.

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Many times Ferrara or his companions sent the American Police to my house and I had to hide myself to avoid being arrested. Constantly I had to appease them with money.

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FERRARA would not personally approach me, because some time ago I had had a fight with two negro soldiers, whom I had given a hiding whereupon I was told by Ferrara that the American Police was going to kill me. This fact made me keep away from home for about three months. There was no truth in this, as the American Police only looked for me for a short time and then the matter was dropped. Ferrara believing I had paid money to have this matter hushed up informed me of this but I told him that given an opportunity I would pay him back all he had done against me. This is the reason why Ferrara kept away from me and always sent his friends when he wanted to communicate with me.

About two months ago a drum of oil was stolen from Marcianese railway station. The gang involved in this was the same as mentioned before i.e. LAURITANO Domenico, GENESINO Antonio and others. They took 14 tins of oil to the house of TRUSCO Sebastiano, which he was supposed to hand over to Ferrara but I know that he kept them for himself.

Another railway robbery was committed at the same time by the same gang.

On the 6th of May I was standing in the square of CAPORISSE when I learned that bags of flour had been thrown out of a truck and the seals of that truck had been broken. I took my bicycle and went to the railway and found there CLEMENTINO Pietro who was there either in order to take the flour or to gather information for Ferrara. You already know that Pietro took a bag of flour to the house of his fiancée at Recale, and later Ferrara went to get the flour.

I returned home as I had seen CLEMENTINO. But after I heard that many people had collected the flour I returned and met PIETRO'S brother ANDREA near the cemetery of Caporise who was carrying a bag of flour on his shoulders. There were also others who were also carrying away flour. I did not want to say anything as my friends were involved but as I needed flour myself I asked him for one bag of flour to be divided between myself and five others who were with me. Clementino Andrea did not agree to this and said that everybody who took flour had to pay Lire 2000 for each bag. This sum to be paid to the actual robbers who were RUCCIO Giuseppe and TANTALINO Michele. I consented to this and obtained a bag of flour from CLEMENTINO Andrea. This flour I shared with the others who were with me. I do not know their names. I left my bicycle at home and went away. Next morning I learned that the Carabinieri were looking for me and in order to avoid arrest I hid myself and ran away.

I noticed on many occasions that Ferrara and Manderino were armed with Tommy guns and pistols. I also can say that when Ferrara stopped CRESOZZI he pointed a pistol at below his stomach. On other occasions I have seen that Manderino and Clementino were on Recale.

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I know AFFINITA Antonietta, nicknamed Aurecchio, as a prostitute and drunkard, who does not know what she says. In her house I was arrested in November, to be exact on the 15th, for carrying arms without permission i.e. a pistol which I had bought from a negro soldier for Lire 3000.

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Being drunk I went to the house of that woman not observing that a jeep with Carabinieri and American Police was waiting outside. They disarmed and arrested me. I never used my arms at the house of Affinita nor did Ferrara speak to me.

One night an Allied railway truck was robbed, which was loaded with cases containing medical supplies. The Police opened fire on us and we were compelled to leave the cases and had to run away.

Next morning Mondarino and Clementino came who said:

"You have stolen 14 cases containing medical supplies, if you don't pay up we shall denounce you." I replied that in the first place there were only three cases and not 14 and secondly that these cases had to be abandoned as the Police had shot at us. I told him if he went to the station he would still find these cases on the grass. But they insisted and I had to give them Lire 2000 in order to prevent being denounced.

Ferrara had loaded on his car 5 or 6 boxes of confiscated goods. He was alone and the car was driven by the son of Affinita.

FERRARA was much feared, because he pretended to be a member of the American Police., and also because he was always armed.

His car 1500 No 774 GE, was bought in partnership with the lawyer GIOIELLO Finito Ettore of Marcianese. This information was given to me by the above named lawyer.

On all occasions when a train robbery was committed he was informed of this beforehand by his satellites. He would place himself at a certain distance and when the thieves would throw the goods on the ground from the train, Ferrara would flash the headlights of his car on the gang. Fearing that these lights came from a Police car, the robbers would take fright and run away leaving the goods behind. Ferrara would collect these and take them to his home.

Next morning together with Police and Carabinieri he would go round and make searches and investigations.

We were confident that if the Police were conducted to his own house and that of his satellites they would find the goods and arrest the guilty persons as mentioned above.

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Signed: MONDO, Francesco.

Statement taken down and signature witnessed in the presence of
1/Cpl Atkinson 111 Provost Coy C.M. Police.

MAY 29 1945.

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STATEMENT by :- ZARILLO Vincenzo of No.5 Traversa C
 40121a Novelli,
 MARCIANESE

I am the wife of SPOGLIA Antonio, who sent the letter you are showing me. He is not at home now, but abroad looking for work. I have not heard from him since last Thursday.

The first thing PERAZA and the Carabinier did was to take the money from the table and pocket it. After having searched the entire house they confiscated some American garments which I had taken in for washing. Then they took my husband and BELLINI to CLEMENTE.

In order to have my husband released again I went to FERRARI and gave him 3 bottles of oil, for which I had paid Lire 1,500. My husband was released after two or three days through the intervention of FERRARI. I do not recollect whether my husband was tried at NAPLES and there found 'not guilty'. After this my husband and I went several times to FERRARI asking him why the Lire 54,000 had not been restored to us. He replied that it was up to the American Police to restore the money. We never received this money again. On several occasions we promised FERRARI to give him half share on the money if he had it restored to us. However we never got that money back.

PRERAIL, and the Carabinieri enforced by force at about 2000 hrs, it was already dark. There are also other persons at MARCELTSE who have given presents and money to PRERAIL to have their husbands released from prison through his intervention.

WHO SAID:-

I am the wife of SQUERLA Antonio, who sent the letter you are showing me. He is not at home now, but abroad looking for work. I have not heard from him since last Friday.

As regards the letter I can give you all the information you require. In December 1945, before Christmas, my husband purchased 6 cases of land from an American soldier. He paid 46,000 lire and resold the land for lire 54,000. On a certain evening, whilst my husband together with BUONANO DOMENICO and BELLINI Pasquale was sitting at the table counting the money received for the land, there appeared FERRARA, Angelo with a Carabinieri. In order to enter he had forcibly opened the door. Both were holding pistols in their hands. They asked the men present to stick their hands up.

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Next day the American MP called at my house, but my husband was already in prison.

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FERRARA and the Carabinieri entered my house by force at about 2000 hrs, it was already dark. There are also other persons at MARCIANESE who have given presents and money to FERRARA to have their husbands released from prison through his intervention.

Signed: ZARILLO Vincenzo

Statement taken down and signature witnessed in the presence of
L/Cpl ATKINSON 114 Provost Coy, C.M. Police.

4500

May 29, 1946

C O P Y

111 Provost Coy
C.A. Police,
Caserta.

STATEMENT by:- GEMERCO, Antonio of Marcianese, Via Luigi Carabona 6.

WHO SAID

I admit to have committed two thefts on the Marcianese Railway Station in conjunction with others i.e. One robbery of flour and another one of oil. The others were: MAIORINO, FORCARIELLO, Antonio ALIBELLO MACCA, Storta, ROULETTI, Domenico, the small son of MAIORINO, Nicola, O TRAPANIELLO, father and son, O PIZZANILLO and PACCIAROTTA. As regards the theft of the flour I received as my share one bag and a tin of oil which I sold for Lire 2000.

All the above named are from Marcianese. PACCIAROTTA was also with us. The flour was carried to the house of FERRELLA, in order to prevent him from having us denounced and arrested. The godstrains concerned were looted by myself and PACCIAROTTA, whilst we were travelling from Marcianese to Caserta. These robberies occurred about two months ago.

It is a fact that we received Lire 10500 from MONDO, Francesco and we shared this money between us. We received this sum from him, because MONDO had told us about three months ago to loot a train coming from Naples. But we never carried out his instructions and did not go to the station.

(At this point he is confronted with MONDO, to disclose whether that which GEMERCO says is true.)

MONDO replies: "GEMERCO and LAURILINO asked us for the loan of Lire 11000, as they were in debt to some railway workers, without paying that sum they would not be able to go on operating and that they also needed the money to secure the cooperation of these railway men."

GEMERCO affirms having received Lire 10500 from MONDO, Lire 500 of this sum were used to buy a bottle of CONFILIONI, and were 1000 were given to MACFALIO, a railway worker, who lives near the line.

The train to be looted was indicated to us by the railway workers MACFALIO and ALBERTO, and another called O SCRAPPO and MACFALIO. All these persons are employed on the Marcianese railway station.

About three months ago, in Piazza del MERCATO, I gave Lire 3500 to a railway worker. He was one of those I have mentioned, though I do not remember exactly which one it was. Confronted with him I would be able to identify him. The first railway worker I contacted was MACFALIO. I asked him to permit me to board trains and operate on them. He contented and said he wanted to paid for this. This I did as did the others.

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(At this point he is confronted with MONDO, to also see whether that which GACCLARONE says is true.)

MONDO replies: "GACCLARONE and LAURICINO asked us for the loan of Lire 11000, as they were in debt to some railway workers, without paying that sum they would not be able to go on operating and that they also needed the money to secure the cooperation of these railway men."

GACCLARONE affirms having received Lire 10500 from MONDO, Lire 500 of this sum were used to buy a bottle of SCHILLERY, and Lire 1000 were given to GACCLARONE, a railway worker, who lives near the line.

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FERRARA's informers never came to me, demanding money. I have seen them on the station many times, armed with Tommy guns. Both LAURICINO and CLEMENTINO I observed there. I know they were FERRARA's spies.

Signed: Mark.

Statement taken from Mark and Mark witnessed in the presence of L/Cpl Atkinson 191 Flight Coy. C.A. Police the 30 - 5 - 46-

111 Provost Coy.
C.M. Police
Caserta.

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STATEMENT by: - LAURITANO, Domenico of No 92 Via S. Guiliano, Mariglianese.

WHO SAID:

I definitely deny to have taken part in the robberies of railway trucks in conjunction with the persons mentioned to me, viz, LUCIANO, Antonio GRADILLO, Andrea CLEMENTINO, Andrea CLEMENTINO, Pietro MARINO, Pietro and LUCCO, Sebastiano.

It is not true that before performing a theft we organised it with FERRARA, Angelo asking him to hide himself and his car in a secret place and to switch on the headlights of his car after the robbery had been committed so that the gangsters would take fright, run away and leave their loot behind for Ferrara to collect.

It is not true, that I would send the police to the houses of the gangsters the morning after the robbery had been perpetrated, in order to have them arrested. It is also not true that they gave me money in order to remain untouched by the police.

Only on one occasion did I take part in a flour theft and received one bag as my share. This bag I gave to Ferrara in order to win him over to our side, and so that I would not be arrested.

(at this point we confronted LAURITANO with MONDO, Francesco, to see whether he confirmed what Lauritano had said.)

MONDO said in his presence "It is a fact that you have partaken on train robberies together with the gang I have already mentioned. How can you deny this? You belong to the same clique and committed those robberies. Did not your protector FERRARA flash on his headlights and force us to run away and then later you collected all we had thrown from the truck? Do you recollect that on one occasion in order to avoid being arrested I gave you and LUZZA Lire 10,000, which meant a great sacrifice for me."

LAURITANO admitted to have received Lire 10,000 which he shared with GEMERO, Antonio, who received Lire 5,000.

MONDO "Do you remember that I had constantly to be a fugitive whilst you slept at Ferrara's house? You had as a girl friend, "La Sicilian" who lived at Vicolo "Don Pepe o caffettiere". If you had not been under the protection of Ferrara, you would have been arrested as you were wanted by the POLICE. LAURITANO did not exactly sleep in Ferrara's flat but in the same building, which is Ferrara's property."

MONDO "The robbery when the oil was stolen was perpetrated by you and you took the oil to LUCCO, Sebastiano, who returned only 4 quarts of it to you."

LAURITANO: Denies to have committed the theft and says that he had the 4 quarts of oil from a friend of his, CICALLO, Giuseppe of Mariglianese.

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LAURITANO: "It is true that I slept at the flat of my brother in the house of FERRARA."

MONDO to LAURITANO: "Do you remember that LAURITANO and CLAUDIO carried Tommy guns?" 450

LAURITANO: "Yes, I have seen CLAUDIO around with a Tommy gun once".

Signed: Mark.

Statement taken down and signature witnessed in the presence of L/Cpl. Atkinson 111 Provost Coy. G.M. Police.

30.11.1940

C O P Y

111 Provost Coy.,
C.M. Police,
Caserta,

STATEMENT BY: MARCELLO, Greco of No 75 Via Francesco Rao CAPRODRISE

NO NAME:

I committed two train robberies together with the following persons: FELICE IL Surrucchio, GARDIOSCO, Alberto, SCHENICHE, Delpa (the one with the white hair).

The first one was executed on a railway truck standing on Caserta railway station in the month of April, which had a load of cheese and honey. The second robbery concerned another truck loaded with pillows, which was standing on the same station.

My share of the first robbery consisted in a piece of cheese and 20 tins of honey, this was all confiscated by TRUCCO, Sebastiano, who said these goods had to be taken to the police.

A large portion of the cheese was taken to TRUCCO's house by FELICE and Surrucchio and another part of it was given to CLAMARTINO and MANDARINO, who were spies and confederates of FERRARI.

I had already sold the pillows when FERRARA, TRUCCO and the other two came to my house demanding to know to whom I had given the goods. Whilst questioning me they pointed a pistol towards my stomach.

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Signed: Mark.

Statement taken down and signature witnessed in the presence of
L/Cpl Atkinson, 111 Provost Coy C.M. Police, on the 30th May 1946.

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STATEMENT by GUGLIELMO Antonio of No 5

141 Provost Coy
G.M. Police,
Caserta
Traverse Novelli, MARCIANESE.

WHO SAITH:

I was arrested on the 6th of May 1946 for being in illegal possession of Allied Property i.e. 12 cartons of cigarettes, 6 towels, 4 sponge, 6 woolen drawers, 6 woolen vests, 1 double blanket, 1 pair of boots, 1 woolen shirt, 1 cotton shirt, 1 pair of pliers, 1 Italian rifle 1 box of pepper, 1 tin of sausages, 2 tins of salmon. During the confiscation there were present an American MP one Carabinieri and FERRARA Angelo.

Not all the confiscated property was taken to Caserta. When the trial was held the judge mentioned the recovered goods, a great quantity was missing and was not listed on the charge against me.

Whilst I was in prison I learnt that the missing goods had been sold in Marcianese the following morning.

In fact the cigarettes, the towels, and the boots and other goods I cannot exactly remember were never mentioned.

On the 7th or 8th of October 1945 I bought 6 cases of lard from some Italian soldiers who were stationed at camp Q 575 at Marcianese. For this I paid Lire 47000 and I sold the lard for Lire 54000 to certain persons of Capodrise. Ferrara knew all about this deal but the persons concerned were not arrested.

At about 2000 hrs, whilst sitting at our table with a certain BUCAMANO Domenico of Marcianese and BELLIZZI Pasquale of Albarella and the two persons who had bought the lard but whose names I cannot remember, there appeared in my house FERRARA Angelo and a Carabinieri. These two asked us to stick up our hands levelling their pistols at us. As the money resulting from the sale of the lard was still on the table Ferrara's first move was to take this money handing same over to the carabinieri.

Then they searched my house without finding any Allied Property. Ferrara sent away the two persons from Capodrise and took me and BELLIZZI to MARCIANESE where I was put in a cell.

BELLIZZI was released the next morning. I saw the lard in the American guard room.

I had to load the lard onto the American jeep and was taken to Caserta. Arrived at Piazza Varvittelli, I unloaded the lard, assisted by the soldier who had sold me the lard and who was also under arrest. One of the cases was missing then, which was never recovered. The jeep from Marcianese went away at once and I believe that Ferrara had taken the missing case.

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On the third day I spent in prison, Ferrara came and released me saying that the trial would be effected whilst I was let out on bail.

When I returned home I heard from my wife that during my absence she had gone to see Ferrara in order to have me released and that she had him a present of three bottles of oil which she had bought for Lire 1500. 502

I had my trial in Naples in the building of the Finance Court and there I was found "Not Guilty". I requested the restoration of the money, but without success, even though I employed a lawyer.

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For this reason I went many times to the house of Ferrara who told me to collect the money from the Americans. This was not true however as I went to the American Court where I was told that they knew nothing of this business.

I even proposed to Ferrara that I would give him a half share if he would recover it for me. He promised to do the necessary.

But then he was arrested and taking the opportunity I now expose the facts in order to learn what has really happened to my money.

A rumour in American said that Ferrara was a Brigadiere of the P.S. myself, having known him for many years, I knew that he was a no good for nothing who has never made an honest living and was always extravagant. In order to stabilise his position he married a widow. Many misdeeds have been committed in American by Ferrara and his friends. One of these was LEONARDO NICOLA who committed robberies together with his son. His son was killed by the Negro Police. Such are the associates of Ferrara. CLEMANINO used to be a street sweeper and a thief, but because he worked for Ferrara he made good too.

Signed SCEDDA, Antonio.

Statement taken down and signature witnessed in the presence of
L/Opl Atkinson on the 31st of May 1946.

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Signed SCCELLA, Antonio.

Statement taken down and signature witnessed in the presence of
I/Opl Atkinson on the 31st of May 1946.

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111 Provost Coy.,
C.M. Police,
Caserta.
STATEMENT by CLEMENTINO, Pietro of No 80 Via Di Maio Maria Guiseppa,
Marcionese.

WHO SAITH:

I deny to have demanded money of the train robbers the morning after the robbery was committed, I know nothing at all of the things you are telling me. As regards the fact that I myself and MANDARINO went about armed with tommy guns on Ferrara's orders, this is true. These guns were confiscated in the house of AFFINITO, Antoinette and the other was taken from the late DI SAVERIO, Flora. These guns were consigned to Ferrara and kept in his house. Every time he desired so he armed himself and Mandarino and me.

.....It this point CLEMENTINO was confronted with MONDO, who was made to state again in Clementino's presence that which he had stated previously....

MONDO to CLEMENTINO: "Do you remember that you and your friend MANDARINO asked for Lire 3000 and the other time when I gave you Lire 1000 and when you had a meal at my house?" To this CLEMENTINO replied: "I have eaten at your house that is true but I have never received any money from you." MONDO insists and states that when he gave the money to CLEMENTINO there was also present his sister ANNA, who was sent upstairs by him to fetch the money.

CLEMENTINO: "It is not true that when the robbery was committed on the railway of the cheese and honey by FELICE SURROCCIO, that I took anything back to my house.

It is true that one day there appeared at the house of my girl friend LAMBERTI Assunta, three women from Recale, who told me that three persons had been detained at CANCELLA ARONA who were kept at the Naples Questura or the prison and that they would like to know something concerning their fate. In the first place I did not want to accept the job of finding out about them, but as they begged of me to do so I said that money was necessary to pay for my trip and also for presents to be given to persons who might be in a position to give me information. These women put Lire 3,000 on the table and after three days I decided to go, but I was not able to find out where the three detained ones were kept. These women returned to me and told me that the men were kept at the Naples Questura and that they proposed to give me Lire 20,000 to send me to NAPLES to see whether I could not get the men released. But I did not accept their offer and there the business ends.

As regards the case of the horse and cart, it is true that I know the man of OTTO di ARTELLA. I asked FERRARA to have the horse and cart returned to the owner. FERRARA took an interest in this and received Lire 3,000 as I have already stated in my first statement. There was no talk of poultry. I did not receive any presents or money. In my

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As regards the case of the horse and cart, it is true that I know the men of ORTO DI ARTELLA. I asked FERRARA to have the horse and cart returned to the owner. FERRARA took an interest in this and received Lire 8,000 as I have already stated in my first statement. There was no talk of poultry. I did not receive any presents nor money. In my presence there was consumed a meal of poultry. Many meals were consumed with the Brigadier of the Questura and the Americans, but neither myself nor MANDARINO were present.

We never did anything without orders from FERRARA. Whenever we went away, FERRARA came and said we ought to have let him know. 450

It is true that I met MONDO on the Murcianese railway station. It is true that I was wearing my best clothes and therefore had the bag of confiscated flour carried by him to the house of my girl friend, as I did not want to spoil my clothes.

I deny to have taken Lire 50,000 together with MANDARINO from the sisters of PACC HIAROTTA, LAURITANO Caterina, for the release of LANCILERI and LAURITANO. We had orders from FERRARA to go about armed and also make searches and confiscate stolen property.

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The bag of confiscated flour I had taken to the house of my girl friend, as her house is near by the spot where it was confiscated and therefore convenient.

Signed: CLEMENTINO, PIETRO.
MANDARINO, NICOLA.

Statement taken down and signature witnessed in the presence of
L/Cpl .TINKSON 144 Provost Coy, G.M. Police on the 31st of May 1946.

Signed: CLEMENTINO, Pietro.
MANDARINO, Niccolò.

Statement taken down and signature witnessed in the presence of
L/Cpl ATKINSON 144 Provost Coy, C.M. Police on the 31st of May 1946.

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111 Provost Coy,
C.A. Police,
Caserta.

Statement by: MILETO, Carolina of No 3 Via Frevesa Novelli,
ARCIABATE.

WHO SAID:

About three months ago, in the beginning of February, at about 2300 hrs, there appeared at my house FERRARA, Angelo and a Carabiniere, whose name is GIOVANNI. There also came the following: PASQUALE, FILIPPO "spione", and NICOLA "o passagual". They knocked at the door and entered the room. They searched the house but without results. Nevertheless they took my husband to the safety-cell of the American M.F. station at MARCIABATE.

I followed them, begging them to release my husband, but in vain. I returned home at 0400 hrs. The following morning I called at FERRARA's house. He and his wife were having breakfast. I asked him why he had my husband arrested who had not committed any offence. To this FERRARA replied that criminal charges were pending against my husband. He also said, "You must bring Lire 30000 which I have to give to the American M.F. at Caserta. Don't think I am doing this for my own benefit, on the contrary I am doing you a favour."

Two days later I again went to FERRARA and handed over to him personally Lire 30000. I was taken by FERRARA into another room for this transaction for the sake of secrecy. Next day my husband was released.

About 15 days later FERRARA and two Carabiniere and FILIPPO and PASQUALE came again to my house and re-arrested my husband. This happened at about 0400 hrs. In the morning husband was taken to Caserta. Three days later I took 12 litres of oil to FERRARA and my husband was again set at liberty. The wife of FERRARA asked me through PASQUALE to give her 4kg. of sugar. I did not comply with this request.

I assert that FERRARA has power in the habit of extorting money and merchandise from poor people ever since the Americans arrived here and he began working for them.

PASQUALE and FILIPPO threatened myself and my husband many times by saying they would put us in prison. These two men asked the Carabiniere to keep my husband in prison, because he had given them money which could be extorted from him.

FERRARA used to boast a lot that no one could do anything against him as he was under American orders.

Signed: Mark.

Statement taken down and mark witnessed in the presence of Opl Atkinson
111 Provost Coy C.A. Police on the 3rd June 1946.

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Signed: Mark.

Statement taken down and mark witnessed in the presence of Cpl Atkinson 111 Provost Coy C.M. Police on the 3rd June 1946.

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111. Provost Coy
C.M. Police,
Caserta.

STATEMENT by: BUONANNO, Donatice of No 6 Traversa C. Battista Novelli,
MARCIANESE.

WHO SAITH:

On about the 7th of October 1945 I was as I am usually at the house of SQUEGLIA, Antonio. That is my only entertainment, as I have only one leg and cannot walk.

On this occasion that man had a certain sum of money on his table, which had been obtained by the sale of some lard. He asked me to count this money. A stranger was in our company, who had missed his train. He was known to us as he had been in Marcianese as a soldier.

At about 1930 hrs we heard someone violently knocking at the door and there entered FERRARA, Angelo and a Carabinieri. They ordered us to get up, pointing their pistols at us, and also asked us to stick up our hands. The two others obeyed, but I remained seated as I was not able to follow their request.

FERRARA ordered the Carabinieri to collect the money which was on the table. This man complied with his order, collected the money and pocketed it. This money had not been counted in my presence, but we know that it was a sum of Lire 54000.

The two men who were with me in the house were searched and taken away.

I do not know what happened after this.

When Ferrara came to the house of SQUEGLIA there was also present one of the people who had bought the lard. He had handed over the money and just had finished counting it.

Signed:
BUONANNO, FRANCESCO.

Statement taken down and signature witnessed in the presence of
L/Cpl Atkinson 111 Provost Coy C.M. Police.

3rd. June, 1946

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The two men who were with me in the house were searched and taken away.

I do not know what happened after this.

When Ferrara came to the house of ~~SAVERIO~~ there was also present one of the people who had bought the lard. He had handed over the money and just had finished counting it.

Signed:
BUOMANNO, FRANCESCO.

Statement taken down and signature witnessed in the presence of
L/Cpl Atkinson 111 Provost Coy C.M.F. Police.

3rd. June, 1946

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C O P Y

111 Provost Coy
C.M. Police
Caserta.

STATEMENT by: CALLO LUIGI di ANDREA of No 71 Via S. Croce MADDALONI.

WHO SAITH:

I have known CARPOLLATTANO for about one year. MICHELE O FARINARO for about eight months. I know RAPFONE of S. CLEMENTE as he has a concubine in the Maddaloni brothel and I live nearby. We often meet each other. I knew RECURITO but had nothing to do with him. FLORA was known to me as BARTOLOMEO. His brother in law introduced me to him. In Maddaloni FLORA went under the name of BARTOLOMEO.

I did not take part in all the robberies you attribute to me. To the robberies I committed at Caserta railway station I have admitted to them in the presence of the Maresciallo who interrogated me.

(At this point the accused is confronted with his associate in crime CARPOLLATTANO, Antonio.)

CARPOLLATTANO: "It is a fact that you were with us when we committed the robberies on the 7th and 11th and the 8th or 9th and the 15th of May together with FLORA."

CALLO denies this and says that Carpolattano accuses him without justification. He says Carpolattano accuses him from spite. They had a quarrel some time ago and he had been threatened with a pistol.

CARPOLLATTANO: "I insist that what I say is the truth. He participated in the lootings with us and he did not receive his share of Lire 5000 of the wheat from MICHELE O FARINARO and therefore went to S. Maria in order to get it."

CALLO: "It is a fact that I had to get Lire 5000 from MICHELE O FARINARO and also that I went to S. Maria in order to obtain that amount. I only received from him Lire 1000."

CARPOLLATTANO: "I have never threatened him with a pistol, it is true though that we had a quarrel in the wine shop of RICCIONI at Maddaloni. It was you who unloaded the carts. And then we carried them assisted by D'ISA to the car."

CALLO: "I only came to know D'ISA when we were arrested in Maddaloni by the Carabinieri."

CARPOLLATTANO: "Don't you remember that when money was found on the victims during the robberies you received your share? Do you not remember that when Lire 950 were shared out you received the same share as myself? This happened after the robbery at CUPA POZZOLI."

CALLO: "I deny to have ever received any money as I have never taken part in any robberies. During the last time I made a living by contraband activities and dealt in flour and bread which I sold at LECITOLA. I did have a female associate but never gave her anything. On the contrary it was she who gave me a pair of boots of her husband's whilst he was in prison. She also gave bread to my

him, FLORA was known to him. In Maddaloni FLORA went under the name of BARTOLOMEO.

I did not take part in all the robberies you attribute to me. To the robberies I committed at Caserta railway station I have admitted to them in the presence of the Maresciallo who interrogated me.

(At this point the accused is confronted with his associate in crime CAMPOLATTANO, Antonio.)
CAMPOLATTANO: "It is a fact that you were with us when we committed the robberies on the 7th and 11th and the 8th or 9th and the 15th if I'm together with FLORA."

GALLO denies this and says that Campolattano accuses him without justification. He says Campolattano accuses him from spite. They had a quarrel some time ago and he had been threatened with a pistol.

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The quarrel in the wineshop arose from a "Finger game."

Signed: GALLO, Luigi.

Statement taken down and signature witnessed in the presence of
I/Cpl Atkinson 114 Provost C y C.M. Police on the 3rd of June 1946.

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C O P Y

441 Provost Coy,
S.M. Police,
Caserta.

STATEMENT BY: CAMPOLATTANO, Antonio of Via Tifattina, MADALONI.

WHO SAID:

On May the 10th 1963 I became acquainted with SAVERIO, Flora. I was introduced to him by MICHELE O'FARRIARO. MICHELE told us to be in the evening on a certain field. We went there and met DI SAVERIO, Flora, RECUPITO, Michele GALLO, Luigi CATTOLIO A "MACHIELLA", PAPPONE and S. CLEMENTE. All of us boarded a motorcar and went towards VALLE MADALONI, in the area of S. GIOIO.

At about 0430 hrs we stopped two carts, from the first we took four bags of wheat and from the second cart one bag of wheat and two more bags which contained I do not know what. These two last bags were left on the ground as we were not able to load them onto the cart.

DI SAVERIO, Flora and MICHELE said they would come back later with the car to pick up the remaining two bags. In fact they did not return.

Preceding this one I have committed other robberies. On the 7th of May I went to S. CLEMENTE in the PACILIANO area together with RECUPITO, PAPPONE, GIGLIO O SOLDATO, MICHELE O'FARRIARO and GALLO. We stopped two carts, one of which made a getaway and PAPPONE fired after it. The other cart halted and we took a hunting rifle from it. The driver was searched by RECUPITO and GALLO, who said that the man had Lire 400 on him.

Previous to this one another robbery was committed at S. PIZZOLA (ARFANI). I cannot remember whether this was on the 8th or 9th of May. All of us took part of the robbery with the exception of FLORA and O SOLDATO. At that occasion we stopped two carts and took from them four bags of wheat and Lire 14000 from the two drivers.

To repeat: From one cart we took four bags of wheat and from the other one we took no wheat because we had no room in our car. We also took Lire 14000 from the one driver and from the other Lire 7000, though I am not quite sure of this last figure, as this sum was taken by RECUPITO.

On the 13th or 14th we all took part of a robbery including Flora and O SOLDATO. This one was committed in the PIZZOLA area (ARFANI). We stopped a cart and took from it four bags of wheat. I received Lire 950 of the money found on the driver as my share. After this wheat had been sold I received another Lire 500.

I did not participate in the robbery committed on May 15 the same morning as the one at VALLE MADALONI was committed. But I heard of it, as D'ISA told FLORA to return the hunting rifle to DI LUCIA, as the latter was a friend of his brother. FLORA responded to this that rather than do this he would break it in two.

MICHELE O'FARRIARO took charge of the stolen wheat and he told us it would fetch Lire 12000. He was always in close contact with

Flora, I was introduced to him by MICHELE O FERRARO. We went there and met DI SAVERIO, Flora, RECUPITO, Michele GALLO, Luigi CICCHIO A MANTOVANI, PAPPONE and S. CLEMENTE. All of us boarded a motorcar and went towards VALLE MADDALENI, in the area of S. GIUSEPPE.

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Previous to this one another robbery was committed at CIMA DI PIZZOLA (ALPAIA). I cannot remember whether this was on the 8th or 9th of May. All of us took part of the robbery with the exception of FLORA and O SOLDATO. At that occasion we stopped two carts and took from them four bags of wheat and Lire 15000 from the two drivers.

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MICHELE O FERRARO took charge of the stolen wheat and he told us it would fetch Lire 12000. He was always in close contact with FLORA and was much more intimate with him than the others. MICHELE one day, "If you don't believe that I sell this wheat at Lire 12000 to ask CARILLO O BIANCHI of S. Maria C.V. to what will I?"

I know this Carilino by sight and am able to identify him if confronted with him.

On one occasion FLORA took us to a certain CLOMIMI, who supplied us with a crowbar and wire cutters necessary for our operations.

The night we went to MADDALENI in FLORA's car to commit a robbery there, our plans were frustrated as I have stated in my previous statement.

Signed: CARLOTTINO, Antonio,

Statement taken down and signature witnessed in the presence of I/Cpl Atkinson, 111 Provost Coy C.I. Police on the 3rd of June 1945.

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C O P Y

111 Provost Coy,
G.N. Police,
Caserta.

STATEMENT BY: BIZZARRO, Francesco of No 1 Via Vicolo Torre, Marcianese.

WHO SAITH:

On February the 21st 1946 a train robbery was committed. I was present at the place because I wanted to buy some of the loot. There I found a man I know as MEZZA LIRA, who offered me 10 clothing articles which however I did not buy because I did not have the money. I then gathered that the goods in question were Allied property.

Not having bought anything I started on my way back home when I was stopped by a group of men, one of whom was armed with a Tommy Gun and two others with pistols. I recognised the one with the Tommy Gun as MANDARINO and the other two as MANDARINO, Nicola and PIETRO "C. Palliottto". Ferrara said, "Tell me at once who were the ones who have run away, otherwise I am going to put you in prison". As he frightened me I told him the names of all those who had been on the railway station and who had run away with the loot. I can drive a car and Ferrara knew that, so he ordered me to drive his car. I consented to this, being afraid of Ferrara, as I knew him to belong to the American Police. We all then departed and drove to the houses I had previously indicated to Ferrara. The houses searched by Ferrara belonged to a certain CIRILLO, Antonio of Marcianese, and the other one to a certain CIRILLO, Antonio of Marcianese the owners of the other houses which were searched I cannot recall. But I know that the American Police will be able to furnish further details as these men have been together with me in prison for the same reason.

In these houses three bales of clothing were confiscated in my presence and taken to the house of Ferrara. As a reward for the work I did for him he put me in prison. Not always has Ferrara been so conscientious as he has been in my case, for example when he searched the house of a certain TICHITANGO of Capodrise and found stolen goods there he let that man go unpunished and the same happened in the case of CICCIO o Surrono, Capodrise.

Ferrara, having received information that at RECALE there were deposited stolen goods, told me to drive towards that town. I cannot recall the name of the house where a search was made, but I can lead you to it. There a bale of the above mentioned Allied property was confiscated. Ferrara informed the American MP by phone. When the Americans arrived Ferrara related to one of them, PARIAGGINO, that which had happened. We then together with an interpreter and a Brigadier of the Italian Police to Marcianese where Ferrara parked his car in a garage and we carried on with a jeep.

I got 45 days in prison for just going out of my house whilst those who were found armed with Tommy guns were not arrested. The person whose house was searched where the Tommy gun was found is CHIAPPARILLO

of Capodrise. Ferrara made one search without the assistance of the Military

Police at RECALE and another one was made by MANDARINO, Nicola, whom we found at the house of SOARINO at Capodrise.

American Police and always

I found a man I know as LESLIE LIND, and he told me that I did not have the money. I then asked him how much money I needed and he told me I needed \$100.00. I then told him that I did not have the money and he told me that I could get the money from the ALLIED PROPERTY which however I did not buy because I did not buy property.

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I knew Ferrara as working for the American Police and always found at the house of SORRONO at Capodrise.

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me on the jeep and taken to the American Police HQ.
Only CIRILLO and myself have been molested whilst all the
others have been left at large.

Only CIRILLO and myself have been in others involved in these things have been protection. These obviously had protection.

Signed: BIZZARO, Francesco.

Signed: Bizzano,
Statement taken down and signature witnessed on the 8th of June 1946.
in the presence of Cpl Atkinson, 111. Provost Coy C.I. Police.

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141 Provost Coy.
O.M. Police,
Caserta.

STATEMENT by AFFINITA Antonietta of Rocale.

I got acquainted with MONDO Francesco alias ZURUPONE in December 1945 at CONTRADA MUSICILLO, but no intimacy existed between us. He called at my house frequently as a friend only.

The thing you allude to never happened, because on that date I resided at MARCAINESE Via Roma 16 with my mother. In April my daughter Mabelone lived at the above mentioned place and I do not know what association she had with ZURUPONE, as I rarely visited her.

I definitely deny to have witnessed a sale of flour between MONDO and other persons for the reason explained above. No money ever passed through my hands in connection with this business. I cannot understand how MANGIACAPRA can accuse me of these things, I do not even know him.

Regarding the flour confiscated by the British and Italian Police, I bought about 25 kg of same. The Police searched my house on various occasions but apart from the 25 Kg of flour nothing was found.

Regarding the second search of my house a few days later when two boxes containing water purifying powder were found, these were found by my daughter a few days before on a rubbish heap in the vicinity of the house. It is not true that these boxes were found by MONDO nor by his friends and that they were taken to my house by him. Nor is it true that they had stolen these at the railway station.

The American Police searched my house several times but always without results. FERRARA and his men would come often and conduct searches, there were never any American MPs with him apart from a few occasions a long time ago. The first of these occasions was in January when they were looking for rice and then again when they were looking for flour, but always in vain. I protested against these searches, but was told that they belonged to the Police and had a right to do as they pleased. The person who said this was ZINICOLA e MARCIANESE. Several times I was molested by the Police especially after I had made my statement of the 2nd of May against FERRARA.

The day following the mentioned date, whilst I was setting the table, three MPs arrived at my house together with two Italians, all carried pistols. I was much frightened and asked them what wrong I had

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The day following the mentioned date, whilst I was setting the table, three MPs arrived at my house together with two Italians, all carried pistols. I was much frightened and asked them what wrong I had done that they came and threatened me with pistols. They said: "You must come to the Caserta Police Station for a short time in order to be interrogated." I obeyed and on arrival at Caserta I was confronted with FERRARA.

When confronted with FERRARA he asked me: "Why did you do me to the British Police, telling them that I said I was an American Police major; sent from America?" To this I replied: "You have always said that you were of the American Police." To which he replied: "I have said that I belonged to the Police but not that I was a major;"

After this I was released

As regards my statement of the 2nd May I want to rectify it as follows:

It is not true that ZURUPONE came to my house trying to force without my permission in order to deposit stolen goods there.

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His real intention was to make love to my daughter LENA. All the remainder of my statement is the truth. I do not recall the exact day when I told Ferrara that Mondo Francesco came to my house threatening me and trying to force an entrance. But I think it was some time in December 45.

I cannot say whether Ferrara spoke to Zurrupone, but I know when MONDO visited my daughter he said that he would repay all I had done to him.

I do not know whether it was Mondo or some other person who fired at the walls of my house. Bullet traces are still visible on the main door. During the shooting at night I only heard the noise but did not see who was firing as I was and remained inside.

My daughter told me that Zurrupone was once arrested by the American MPs as a pistol was found on his person. This happened outside my house.

Signed AFFINITA Antonietta:

Statement taken down and signature witnessed on the 10 th June 46
in the presence of L/Cpl Atkinson 111 Provost Coy. G.M. Police.

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in the presence, of L/Cpl Atkinson 111 Provost Coy. C.M. Police.

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CASERTA PROVINCE SECTION

STATEMENT BY: MARIANO NICOLA FUMIGLIE, domiciled at MARCIANESE, Via Napoli No. on the 9th May 1946. Made in the office of 111 Pro Coy, C.M. Police, at Caserta.

WHO STATES:

About two years ago it came to my knowledge that civilians were stealing allied property from the MARCIANESE depot. A certain FERRARA Angelo, who was well known to me, was an investigator for the American Police. I desired to obtain some information regarding these investigations.

I was in possession of certain facts relating to robberies committed there, and I endeavoured to inform FERRARA of these facts. I felt that I was able to give relevant information to the American Police. I asked whether it would be possible for me to work as an informer, in the same manner as a certain CLEMENTINO PIETRO. I accepted employment as an informer on the condition that I was being paid for my work. FERRARA replied to this instead of being paid with money I was going to be remunerated with a portion of the recovered goods, in the same manner as CLEMENTINO was being paid.

It was well known to the others that FERRARA was in the habit of receiving presents from the families of arrested persons and thieves, so that in the case of their arrest they would be set free by the American Police.

There were many cases when FERRARA succeeded in having arrested persons released who had been found looting, and in possession of allied goods. At times I wondered about this strange procedure. I knew that he always received some small gifts.

Several times I informed him that there was a quantity of stolen goods at a certain place. After the operation I was told by FERRARA that I had been mistaken and that the quantity of stolen property found had been smaller than I had told him. I believed that some mistake had been made. I did not however, think that he had been receiving great amounts of money as bribes to effect the release of thieves and gangsters.

As regards the suspicion that FERRARA was receiving large sums of money, concerning criminal offences, if that is a fact, I would like to remark that at about the end of last year a certain FLORA of REGALE, had stolen nine cases containing egg powder from a railway truck. I informed FERRARA of this and he replied that these cases had been regularly confiscated. Also I well recollect that there were empty boxes in the cellar, which had contained childrens clothing imported from America.

FLORA disappeared for a few days but re-appeared later on. To add to this, I met him on REGALE railway station armed with a Tommy gun, in readiness for another robbery on some railway trucks. This fact I also reported to FERRARA, but as in the past, FLORA was not touched by the Police. I decided then to get some more information on this business. I certain LUIGI IL FERRICATORE, who is known to me by sight, told me that FERRARA had received from FLORA Lire 69,000 for himself and another 22,000 Lire to be split between myself and PIETRO. We however, never received any of that money. In order to find out some more about this I questioned FLORA who

committed there, and I endeavored to inform FERRARA of these facts. I felt that I was able to give relevant information to the American Police. I asked whether it would be possible for me to work as an informer, in the same manner as a certain CLEMENTE PIETRO. I accepted employment as an informer on the condition that I was being paid for my work. FERRARA replied to this instead of being paid with money I was going to be remunerated with a portion of the recovered goods, in the same manner as CLEMENTE was being paid.

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Several times I informed him that there was a quantity of stolen goods at a certain place. After the operation I was told by FERRARA that I had been mistaken and that the quantity of stolen property found had been smaller than I had told him. I believed that some mistake had been made. I did not however, think that he had been receiving great amounts of money as bribes to effect the release of thieves and gangsters.

As regards the suspicion that FERRARA was receiving large sums of money, condoning criminal offences, if that is a fact, I would like to remark that at about the end of last year a certain FLORA of RECALE, had stolen nine cases containing gun powder from a railway truck. I informed FERRARA of this and he replied that these cases had been regularly confiscated. Also I well recollect that there were empty boxes in the cellar, which had contained childrens clothing imported from America.

FLORA disappeared for a few days but re-appeared later on. To add to this, I met him on RECALE railway station armed with a Tommy gun. In readiness for another robbery on some railway trucks. This fact I also reported to FERRARA, but as in the past, FLORA was not touched by the Police. I decided then to get some more information on this business. A certain LUIGI IL FABRICATORE, who is known to me by sight, told me that FERRARA had received from FLORA Lire 69,000 for himself and another 22,000 Lire to be split between myself and PIETRO. He however, never received any of that money. In order to find out some more about this I questioned FLORA who confirmed what I had heard.

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On another occasion I came to know of, it happened that he had released a horse and cart which had been detained by the Carabinieri at CRICIANO camp. Pretending to be carrying wood this cart was in fact transporting allied tyres. FERRARA intervened, released the horse and cart and received Lire 10,000, as remuneration.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS.

It is not true that 50,000 Lire were given to me and FILTRO by the alleged authors of the sugar robbery. LINGUARI and LAURITANO, in order to have the one released from arrest and to let the other to remain at liberty. This lie has been spread by the wife of ORTIZOTTE who was also detained on the charge of looting sugar. She circulated the story regarding the Lire 50,000, her husband still being in prison. A Carabinieri Lieutenant from Caserta investigated the matter and had the woman arrested for slander.

I am not in a position to name the owner of the horse and cart, nor their origin as this case was handled by CLEMENTINO PIETRO. He is the one who consigned the money to FERRARA. Neither myself or anyone else obtained any money in connection with this business.

At the beginning of my employment I received some confiscated goods and also cigarettes, which I sold. Sometimes I would receive a shirt or other garments which I disposed of in a like manner. I received some things from the Sergeant in charge.

I have known FERRARA for about 15 years. He is married to a widow with a daughter, who lives in Naples.

Before the arrival of the allies in Italy FERRARA's financial position was not good. This has changed since and now he is very prosperous. Then he had one car 509, but today he has not two.

I am not sure whether or 1500 belongs to him alone or whether he shares same with others. He is in the habit of loaning out one of his cars on weddings or such occasions.

I have nothing else to add. Not signed because the man who made this statement is not able to write his name.

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I am not in a position to name the owner of the horse and cart, nor their origin as this case was handled by OLETTINO PIETRO. He is the one who consigned the money to FERRARI. Neither myself or anyone else obtained any money in connection with this business.

At the beginning of my employment I received some consigned goods and also cigarettes, which I sold. Sometimes I would receive a shirt or other garments which I disposed of in a like manner. I received these things from the Sergeant in charge.

I have known FERRARI for about 15 years. He is married to a widow with a daughter, who lives in Naples.

Before the arrival of the allies in Italy FERRARI's financial position was not good. This has changed since and now he is very prosperous. Then he had one car 509, but today he has got two.

I am not sure whether car 1500 belongs to him alone or whether he shares same with others. He is in the habit of loaning out one of his cars on weddings or such occasions.

I have nothing else to add. I signed because the man who made this statement is not able to write his name.

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