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FROM	APR 44
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C.A. Sec.

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54A submitted in answer to 4A.

3 Dec 44

7 P. Lockman, Mayor AC
for D.P.S.

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Refer 3A It is understood that the persons referred
to are suspected of being German agents and that German permits
to carry arms were found upon them

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C.A. Sec. B

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File returned to you. Please see 5A for information.

5 Dec 44

E. Lockman

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EWS/dfs

(5A)

Acc/14073/2/PS

4 December 1944

Dear Mr. Kirk:

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Your letter of 2 December, enclosing letter from Dr. Krek regarding the disappearance of two Yugoslavs, has been received. I am happy to advise you that word has been received from Sir Noel Charles to the effect that this matter has been cleared up to the satisfaction of Dr. Krek.

Sincerely yours,

EWS

MILLET W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Honorable Alexander Kirk
U.S. Ambassador
119 Via Vittorio Veneto
Rome

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LAZIO UMBRIA REGION

Regional Public Safety HQ

3rd December 1944

File No. : PS/C/34

Subject : Arrest of Yugoslavs in Rome.

To : Director, Public Safety Sub-Commission,
Headquarter, Allied Commission,
APO 394

- CofS* *4A* *4230*
1. Reference *copy* letter 2214/-/COS, the two Yugoslav Brothers, Vrtovec Bogdan and Margan, were arrested on 2/12/44, by 97, P.S.S., acting under orders of A/C of S. G-2, R.A.A.C.
 2. The arrest is made on grounds of security and is quite legitimate.
 3. Forwarded for your information.

Coxhead

P.E. COXHEAD
Major
Public Safety Officer
Rome.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Chief of Staff

2 DEC. 1944

Tel: 735

2 December 1944.

Ref: 2214/-/COS

SUBJECT: Arrest of Jugoslavs in ROME.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

1. Attached letter dated 2 Dec 44 from Dr. Miha Krek, with reference to the arrest or abduction of two Jugoslav brothers, VRTOVEC BOGDAN and MARJAN, in ROME this morning is passed to you for investigation and report.
2. The Chief Commissioner has directed that immediate action be taken.

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Chorden
Brigadier
Chief of Staff.

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Dr. Miha Krek,
former Yugoslav Minister,
Rome, Via Paganini 24.
Tel. 81296

Rome, 2 December 1944.

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Very urgent. Dear Sir,

Today on the 2nd of December 1944, at about 8.30 in the morning 1 officer and 4 soldiers in uniforms of the British Airforce accompanied by two men in civilian clothes came into the apartment of Mare Santuci, Via Alpi 17/I. floor and asked for Messer Vrtovec Bogdan and Vrtovec Marjan who lived in this apartment as paying guests. After a few minutes of discussion between the brothers Vrtovec and the unknown soldiers the officer declared the brothers Vrtovec arrested and ordered them to enter a military car waiting in front of the house.

The strange soldiers and civilians did not introduce themselves to anybody and did not show any identity card or paper.

That is the story I was told this morning.

The brothers Vrtovec Bogdan and Marjan are Yugoslavs, sons of my friend who died about ten years ago. I am their tutor. They escaped from the home country to hide themselves from the enemy and to continue their studies. I do not know anything doing what might bring them into the hands of the police. According to my knowledge they have conducted here a poor refugee life, peaceful and correct in every respect.

I do not know have the boys been really arrested by the police or military authority or is there something else in the game. I fear the boys might have become victims of a gangsterism or - that is also possible - of an illegal act of the Yugoslav partisans to whom the

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boys have been known as very strict opponents, strongly anticommunist.

I would be very grateful for every help and information in this matter. I am anxious just to know where the boys are. In case they are in the hands of the police or military authority I do not bother about them, but in case they are not I am afraid their lives are in a immediate danger.

Please do investigate the matter and be so kind and give me information so far.

Yours very sincerely

W. J. J. J.

HEAD HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission

20 April 1944.

ACC/14073/20

SUBJECT: Arrest of Civilian.

Usturo Larnelli

TO : PRSC Salerno, (Major Green).

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1. It is understood that the writer of the attached letter is in custody in Salerno and that his case is being investigated by 66 S.I.D., C.M.P.
2. Forwarded for your attention.

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PAUL C. KIRK, Major, 4230
Colonel, Infantry,
Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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translation

Saler^a, 15 April 1944.

MINISTRY OF GRACE & JUSTICE
Central Judiciary Prison.

SUBJECT: Detainment^{of} the Priest Arturo Carucci.

TO : Police Office, ACC.

For your information.

The Director.

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TRANSLATION

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I, the undersigned, father of Arturo CARUCCI Di Carlo, from Salerno, state as follows:

A. On the 16th of March 1944, Miss Lockie brought a large case of goods ~~from~~ from the American Red Cross. She presented them to the Director of the hospital and asked him to sign the following statement:

"This merchandise is a gift from the American people offered to the Italian in the name of the Allies, and must be distributed gratuitously to all the needy without distinction as to race, creed, or color."

The Director distributed the clothing to all the patients and the remainder to the personnel inasmuch as they also belonged to that category.

The Director gave me two pajamas, two shirts, and two skirts. I also asked for socks requested by patients in the hospital. The skirts I had intended ^{to give} to my mother who was in urgent need of them. I gave three socks to the Jugo-Slav, Maria Vitovic (3rd Section) because they she didn't have any and because three men's socks were sufficient to make one pair of women's socks (that is the reason why they found two pairs and one sock in my possession). The others are ~~these~~ I had promised to Lombardi E. Luchetta (Jugo-Slav patient).

E. Was I needy?

a) During the plunderings of September in the Sanatorium, I lost everything, (and I mean everything) including my clothing which I replaced partially through the donation of a priest (Don Mario di Lieti of Amalfi), who gave me a pair of socks, and a sailor who gave me a pair of pants and I was given a pair of underwear by Antonino Pontone, patient.

b. The Sisters of Charity of Capuzzano made me a shirt and a nightgown. Don Mario Martorano of Salerno gave me a cap, socks were given me by Sister Bianca of the 5th Section.

c. My paternal home in Salerno was destroyed.

d. I helped my sister Antonietta Vitale, with 3 children, and whose husband is a prisoner of war.

C. Could I have profited by- with the goods?

a. All the patients of Giovanni da Procita know the sacrifices that I made for them during the days of September. I performed my duty with all my heart. For my good work, I was praised by Dr. Petrarchi.

b. The patients know my regard for them to such an extent that during the early months of the armistice they always wanted me besides their beds because my words and company were a comfort to their ill.

c. Periodically I gave the sisters of the hospital money for the benefit ^{of the} patients. Sisters Rosa, Serena, Genesia, and Iugarda can say that they ^{gave} toys for the children in the 1st Section with this money.

d. I also contributed to the hospitals of Pontone, Lombardi, Liccausi, Arnilotti, 3rd Section.

e. I bought a pair of shoes on my own expense to give to Maria Vitovic (Jugo-Slav), Anna Lombardi, Salvatrice Liccausi, and a couple others in the 3rd Section.

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a. Prof. Di Natale and Dott. Izze have always expressed their esteem for me.

b. The directors De Cristoforo, Soffiotti, Schiavo and Gibrano have always treated me respectfully.

c. I have never had any trouble whatsoever with the assistants Iabbate, Landolfi and Giliucci.

I have had a slight misunderstanding with Dr. Corolamb because his patients of the 3rd and 4th Section were not being treated for their ailments, and they asked me to advise the director about their mistreatment. The same doctor had also organized a play without the Director's knowledge in which both sexes took part; the first part of which was an insult to Religion, particularly the passion of Christ and another was a continuous play on words which was rather trivial and which to the point of being ridiculous. The patients appealed to me to appeal to the Director which I did and who immediately suspended the performance. Besides this, I had remarked to the same Dr. Galassi to the effect that his abusive treatment of the clerk Gastone Miglias was scandalous.

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I have also argued with Dr. Giuseppe Pavone on religious matters and he ridiculing me with his anti-national and communistic propaganda, although he was a squadrista and a volunteer in the 1940 war. Recently I had to report him to the Commissario Generale della Previdenza Generale because he wanted to ~~remain~~ remain at the head of the hospital ~~a little above-the-us~~ so that he could : 1.- Enforce the prohibition of the patients going to church on Holy days. 2. Prohibit the night services or at least the ringing of the bell at the proper or usual times. 3. Compel the personnel to remain away from mass by having a half hour's pay removed from their pay and obliging them to work an extra half hour more on Sunday and 4. Intensifying ~~religious~~ anti-religious propaganda.

With the young ladies of the personnel I have never ~~any~~ had any trouble, except at one time when I was compelled to inform the director of a scandal in the hospital regarding the frivolous behaviour of Miss Elena Fellante with ¹³² the patient Grisolia in the 6th Section who was immediately transferred to another section. Recently I informed the director about Miss Fellante who against all regulations had appointments in town with Pantano of the 2nd Section.

Signed Arturo Carucci.

OGGETTO:- Promemoria per il Colonnello KIRK.-

Invalide *2A*
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Giorni scorsi in S. Pancrazio Salentino (Brindisi) la polizia americana fermò varie persone, responsabili di furto e di ricettazione di materiale alleato, tra cui PEZZUTO Biagio, di anni 26, meccanico residente a S. Donaci (Brindisi).-

Questi, rinchiuso per più giorni nella camera di sicurezza dell'Arma a disposizione della polizia americana fu il 28 febbraio u.s. condotto nel campo di aviazione di S. Pancrazio Salentino ove gli venne ancora intimato di dire la verità.-

Poichè il Pezzuto protestò ancora una volta la sua innocenza il capitano americano interprete Chappuin, non meglio potuto indicare, comunicò all'arrestato che doveva fucilarlo e fece schierare davanti a lui venti soldati armati.-

Il Pezzuto, a tale vista, colpito da choc nervoso, cadde a terra svenuto.-

Successivamente venne accompagnato nel comune di S. Donaci e rilasciato.-

Fatto ha destato tra quella popolazione impressione sfavorevole.-

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RELATION

SUBJECT: Memorandum for Col. Kirk.

1B

A few days ago in S. Pancrazio Salentino (Brindisi) the American police arrested several persons, charged with robbery and dealing in the handling of allied material, among whom was PEZZUTO Bigio, age 26, mechanic, residing at S. Donaci (Brindisi).

After being jailed for several days in the strong room of the Area at the disposal of the American police, on 28 Feb. he was taken to the aviation field at S. Pancrazio Salentino where he was again requested to tell the truth.

Inasmuch as Pezzuto again insisted that he was innocent, the American captain (and interpreter) Chappain, (best I can print him out), declared to the arrested that he had to shoot him and had twenty soldiers line up before him with arms.

Upon seeing this, Pezzuto, developed a nervous shock, and fell to the ground in a faint.

He was then taken to the commune of S. Donaci and released.

This incident created an unfavorable impression with the local population there.

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