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POLITICAL ACTIVITY
MAY, JUN. 1946

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V.P. C.A.S.

The attached report is submitted for information.

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E. J. R. C. A. S.

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Ex. Comm.

TO Sec. Please ensure that the contents of the report are not passed outside the HQ.

M. Fairley
V.P. C.A.S.

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as a "Note for file." Apart from that - "no further action"

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 Please see 5. The source of information is very reliable and beyond doubt the Ministry of Interior intended to obtain the announced cars. The information falls with that obtained from other sources which is shown in Para 6 of 3.

The announced car already delivered to Rome was believed to be originally located in a Garage near the Police School in Via Guido Reni.

It is very necessary the greatest caution be exercised to prevent any suspicion being aroused as to the source of our information. The person is a definite informant of the American Bureau.

22.6.46.

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E. J. Pyle Colonel.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION

See 4 E.C. 47.

REF. : AO/14315/2/PS

22 June 1946

SUBJECT : Political Activities

TO : A/Director, Public Safety Sub Commission.

1. With reference to previous information submitted during May and incorporated in your report dated 21 May 46 to the Executive Commissioner, paragraph 6.
2. After this date it was subsequently learned that one armoured car had been delivered to a garage of the Ministry of Interior in ROME.
3. In accordance with your instructions I went to GENOVA on 11 June 46. The following day I was able to arrange a visit to certain parts of the ANSALDO works on the pretext of being an interested visitor.
4. I was shown over one section which was manufacturing agricultural tractors, the metal for which is obtained by breaking up tanks, of which there are a large number, manufactured during the war period. I saw no sign of any armoured vehicles being constructed. I was informed by the Director of that particular section that works of such a nature ceased with the war. Previously I had been told by an informant employed by the firm that some armoured cars were being made but after our visit to this particular section he told me he was referring to the period of the Republican Fascist Regime.
5. I continued enquiries on 13 June and contacted various informants. I returned to HQ on 14 June.
6. In consequence of further information and your instructions I returned to GENOVA on 18 June 1946.
7. From an unimpeachable source I learned that the firm of ANSALDO had received an invitation from the Ministry of the Interior to submit a tender for the construction of

a. 180 autoblinde (armoured cars) complete with tyres and

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turrets for machine guns.

b. 50 heavy autoblinde (armoured cars) complete with "SPA" motors.

8. The vehicles will not be delivered until after five months of the contract being sealed.

9. ANSALDO's have constructed one vehicle and delivered it to the Ministry of Interior for approval and suggested modifications.

10. There appears to have been some difficulty in the early stages as the "SPA" firm of TURIN would not agree to manufacture engines as they considered it was "war Material", but they have now apparently agreed.

11. The vehicle already delivered was made at the "Stabilimento Frassati in GENOVA-MULTEDO". The Director of this plant is a certain Ing. FADOLA.

12. I am informed that a representative of ANSALDO's visited ROME this week to discuss the contract.

13. It is also learned from a reliable source that the firm of BREDA have also been approached.

14. I have had no direct contact with the Directors of ANSALDO or have I made any enquiries of the Ministry of Interior, I await your further instructions.

15. I respectfully suggest that this is a flagrant breach of the Armistice terms in as much that one vehicle has already been constructed and tends to show how easy it is for large armament firms to continue making prohibited arms and the lack of Allied supervision.

A.H. Ellis

A.H. ELLIS,
Captain,
Security Division.

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MEMORANDUM

Reports are continuing to reach these HQ from all sides of the arming of the various parties or political groups, of plans for coups de main before, during or after the elections, and of threats to resort to force on the part of this group or the other. It is expected that such reports will grow in intensity and number and will undoubtedly be current in various parts of the country.

At a time ^{like} such as this such reports must be expected. It is estimated that at least two million of the civil population are armed -- some heavily some lightly. The elections and the referendum on the institutional question are imminent. The food (cereal) situation has never been so grave. There is intense disappointment over the failure to produce a Peace Treaty in Paris and such agreement as was reported achieved by the Council of Four, viz the Italian fleet, has not induced any optimism as to the terms of any treaty which may eventuate.

It is natural therefore that the main political groups should, in this period of instability, eye each other with grave suspicion. This takes the form of charges that the other side is preparing an armed coup de main, armed interference in the elections, or armed resistance to the outcome of the elections. There is no doubt that certain small extremist groups are talking about the use of force to gain their political ends but there is no real evidence that this is anything more than talk. "Molte parole, pochi fatti." And it must be remembered that the Italians are an emotional people who will ^{salve} their consciences by weaving theatrical coups which they know ^{259x} have practically no chance of being implemented.

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It is reported
 On the other hand the general tension and the various whispering campaigns that this party or that party are planning coups de main has caused several of the political groups to organize armed defensive measures to counteract their opponents' possible resort to force.

The British Embassy recently received a report that a certain Monarchist group had a cut and dried plan and the extracts from a report on the activities of the Ministry of the Interior and the Questura of Rome attached hereto give an instance of what is being done by the left wing.

The potential danger of a clash, when various groups are preparing defensive measures of force in the belief that the other side will take the initiative, is obvious. The risks inherent in the fact that Minister of Interior is a ^{Swedish} ~~Communist~~ and is re-enforcing his police agents (as opposed to the CCRR) with Left wing partigiani are no less grave. (A small clash between the ⁴ police agents and the CCRR occurred in Rome on May 24th).

But there is undoubtedly a real and growing desire on the part of the Italians to prove that they are capable of holding their national elections and the referendum in a democratic atmosphere of tranquillity: this is instanced by the recent deliberations and pronouncements by the Council of Ministers and confirmed by contact with all classes of Italians. ^{However} ~~But let us remember that~~ the Italian idea of tranquillity is not necessarily entirely the same as the Anglo-American interpretation. It is to be hoped that the moderation desired by the great majority of the people will not be overcome by the impetuosity of the extremist minority.

It is suggested therefore that reports and rumours which will reach Allied authorities especially on the next fortnight should be accepted with reserve and in the light of the lack of real disorder at the administrative elections and the whole period since the Armistice and on the assumption that the Italians are an emotional theatrical people who are really trying to establish themselves in a democratic Europe. 259.

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ALLIED COMMISSION HEADQUARTERS
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

21 MAY 45.

SUBJECT : Political Activity.
TO : Executive Commissioner.
(through Vice President, C.A.S.)

Insert second sentence of para 16 in page 8.

1. Recently information has been received from reliable sources regarding the activities of Italian Political Bodies.

[It will be appreciated that the sources of the information cannot be disclosed, and the information as shown below has not, and in many cases cannot be verified at the present time, but there is good reason to believe that the main substance is true.]

2. During the evening of 9th. May, 1946, the day on which King Victor Emmanuel's abdication was announced, a meeting was held at the Ministry of Interior which lasted until midnight.

All the Chief Officers of Police at the Ministry and the Questura in Rome were present, including Doctor FERRARI, Director General of P.S., but excluding the Carabinieri.

The meeting was apparently convened to decide upon the action to be taken at a Monarchist demonstration which was being held the following day (Friday, 10th.).

It is alleged that Di Cesare (Deputy to Dr. Ferrari) monopolised the conversation, Ferrari rarely speaking. De Cesare is reported to have said "You must order your men to fire, whatever the uniform the others are wearing. Can you answer for your men". VERDIANI, the Questore of Rome replied "Yes". De Cesare then said that the Partisans at the Police Schools should be armed and that although he believed the Allied Authorities had placed a veto on additional Partisans being drafted into Rome for training, they the Police Authorities, would find a way to evade the veto.

3. Verdiani later saw the officers of the Questura and told them his orders to use firearms must be obeyed irrespective of who formed the opposition, whether the uniform was Blue, Field Green or Khaki.

4. On the 10th. May, 1946, a Monarchist Demonstration was held outside the Quirinale and later moved to the Viminale (Ministry of Interior building) where a request

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request was made for the Royal Flag to be hoisted over the building. The request was refused and later the crowd dispersed without any incident.

4. The same evening the Questore issued an order (copy attached Ia) in which he deplored the lack of initiative on the part of the police in failing to break up the demonstration, and ordering them to take firmer action in future using all means according to law.

The order as it stands cannot be criticised, but it is alleged that the original draft called upon the police to open fire on the crowds, but on the advice of other senior officers the order was amended.

5. On the morning of the 11th. a large counter-demonstration organised by the Anti-Monarchists, was held at the Piazza del Popolo. All firms were circularised by the Federation of Labour calling upon them to release their employees to enable them to attend the demonstration. Government vehicles were used to convey demonstrators to and from the meeting. Later the crowd marched to the Viminale, carrying slogans and shouting "Death to the King". No action was taken by the police to disperse the procession or to prevent it taking place.

It is significant that the procession was proceeded and followed by detachments of the Police Flying Squads.

6. Armoured Cars.

At the present time it is alleged that the Questura in Rome has 40 armoured cars, [and further that 270 new armoured vehicles are on order from the "Ansaldo" factory in Genoa. Another reports puts the number as 240. A third report says 230 from the Breda factories.] A British Armoured car is in the garage of the Ministry of Interior, Via Tomasso Campanello, Rome, and is being converted to give it the appearance of an Italian type vehicle.

During the recent demonstrations Armoured Cars were located as follows:-

- 4 at Ministry of Interior, Pragne Viminale.
- 3 " Questura, Via San Vitale.
- 4 " P.S. Barracks, Via Pietro de Cortona.
- 4 " Ministry of Interior garage, Via Tomasso Campanello
- 2 " P.S. Barracks, Via Ruffini.
- 2 " P.S. Barracks, Via Caltagirone.
- 2 " P.S. Barracks, Via S. Eusebio.

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- 2 at Quirinale Square, Palogno Rospiglion'.
 2 " Old Questura Building, Via S. Stefano del Cacco.

It is believed that 15 others were at the Ministry of Interior Garage.

7. Police Schools.

The Ministry of Interior has applied to the Ministry of Transport for 40 trucks to transport the Partisan Cadets in the Police School at Nettuno to Rome.

8. Petrol.

There is a serious shortage of petrol especially for the armoured cars.

It is alleged that the Ministry of Interior has applied to the Army for 60,000 litres.

Marzano, the Chief of the Ministry of Interior garage, has been instructed to purchase as much petrol as possible on the Black Market. A large amount was brought to the River Police Station on the Isola Tiberina on 16th. May.

9. Arms.

It is alleged that the Ministry of Interior has, during the last few days, acquired 1800 (Beretta small type) Tommy Guns and has issued 800 of these to the Questura in Rome, the remainder being stored in the police school at Via Guido Reni.

It is further alleged that the whole of these Tommy Guns were obtained from the Beretta Factory at Gardone near Brescia, under the subterfuge of 'repaired weapons'. Actually they are nearly all new 1942 models.

In connection with this matter:- On 13th. May, 1946, in consequence of an application by the Ministry of Interior for permission to supply more than 6,000 automatic carbines to the Questura, I asked Doctor Ferrari for a return of the numbers of automatic arms at present in possession of the force and on the 19th. he replied giving the figures as:-

Heavy Machine Guns	507
Light " "	32
Mitre	4448

It is obvious that these figures are not inclusive for the whole of Italy, as it is fairly certain that the numbers held by the Questura in the North (many of whose personnel are ex-partisans) are not known to the authorities in Rome. 259

(It was significant that on 17th. May, when at the invitation of Dr. Ferrari, I visited the Police School at

at the Ferdinanda Savoia Barracks, a section of the Police Flying Squad was drawn up for inspection. I noticed that each man was armed with a Tommy Gun, the majority of which were obviously new. When I commented on the fact that the men appeared to be well armed, Dr. Ferrari volunteered the information that every man in the Reparte Celere (Flying Squad) which consists of 4 companies of 320 each company, was now armed with a Tommy Gun, making a total of 1280. In addition each company had 5 heavy machine guns and a military truck mounting 2 light machine guns.]

[This was the first intimation this Sub-Commission had, that the Public Safety Agents were so armed, and there is little doubt that the information was volunteered by Dr. Ferrari as he realised some of the facts must be disclosed in his report mentioned above.]

It is alleged that at the present time in Rome, the Questura are armed with a total of 2,205 automatic arms, apart from heavy machine guns.

10. Meetings.

It has been alleged that during the afternoon of 16th. May, a meeting was held at Via Condotti No.61, Rome, occupied by a Signor Foschini Torquato. There were present:-

Signor SARAGAT, Socialist. Ex Ambassador to France.
 " COMANDINI, Action Party.
 " MINUTOLO, " "

and 2 members of the Communist Party (names unknown).

At the meeting plans were discussed for the seizure of the Queen and Crown Prince. The reasons for such contemplated action are not known.

II. Arrests.

Arrests in Rome during the week ending 19/5/46 were 468. This number is in excess of the previous weeks total by 140, although reported crimes had decreased.

This bears out to a certain extent, reports (unconfirmed) of extensive arrests of monarchist supporters during the past week.

12. With regard to the reported arrests, Dr. Ferrari informed me that he had definite information that the Monarchists were plotting to seize power. He said that high ranking ex-officers of the Carabinieri and officers of the fighting services were involved. He did not mention that any arrests had been made but said that the tension between the parties was growing hourly.

So far as he was concerned he felt that whichever party succeeded, he Ferrari, would be removed as each party thought he favoured the side of the other.

As regards the Left Party, he said the authorities were well aware that they were well armed, organised, and ready to take instant counter action.

I3. On 24th. May, large demonstrations are expected to take place in Rome in commemoration of Italy's entry into the war.

It is thought that clashes may occur between rival political factions and in consequence police reinforcements are being brought into Rome as a precautionary measure. These include the Cadets from the Police School at Nettuno. (Copy of Questura Order attached 2a).

I4. The serious view taken by the Government of possible serious disturbances may be judged by a plan for the defence of the Palazzo Viminale and prepared by the Questore of Rome. Elaborate precautions are being taken which may or may not be necessary. Tanks and machine guns will be used if the situation requires.

It is evident the authorities are fully prepared for force to be used by one or all of the opposing political parties.

I5. Changes in Senior Police positions are being made and it is believed others are contemplated. Generally it seems that the officers earmarked for removal are those with suspected Rightist tendencies. They are being replaced by men reputed to belong to the Left. They are chosen by the Minister ROMITA.

I6. It will be appreciated that the foregoing is information which may well be coloured. It is very evident that each side suspects the other of intending to effect a Coup d'Etat which results in a crop of rumours.

All the references to Police in this report refer to the Agents of Public Safety and not to Carabinieri.

I7. The contents of this report have been obtained from various confidential sources and is submitted with a view to acquainting you of the information gained by this Sub-Commission. It is again stressed that the above points cannot be verified, but the sources have been found generally reliable in the past. The situation will be closely watched and reports submitted from time to time.

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Handwritten signature: E.J.M.E.
E.J.M.E., Colonel.
Acting Director.

REGIA QUESTURA DI ROMA

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N. 014291-Gab.-A.L.R.

19 May 1946.

SUBJECT : XXIV May - Anniversary of entry to war - Request for re-inforcements.

TO : H.E. Head of Police
 H.E. The Prefect
 and for info
 Lt. Col. Millhouse - S. Vitale - Rome.

On the 24th inst. at 11.00 hrs, by initiative of the Combatant Association (Fighters, Mutilated soldiers, Veterans and Partisans) a great manifestation will take place in homage of the Unknown Soldier owing to the anniversary of the victorious war 1915-18.

At 10.30 hrs, the Combatant and Mutilated Soldiers Association will gather in Piazza SS. Apostoli, the Veteran and Partisan Associations in Piazza del Collegio Romano. At 11.00 hrs. all those assembled will then form two columns and, headed by a band will go to Piazza Venezia and depose a wreath on the Altare della Patria.

Members of the Government will also take part in the ceremony, who, at 10.45 hrs will meet in Piazza del Campidoglio and then go to the Altare della Patria, shortly before the arrival of the columns, which will be led by the Federal Presidents of the Associations.

Once the wreaths have been laid, the members of the Government will leave and the assembly will dissolve.

Besides the Combatants Associations the intervention of almost all the political parties is foreseen.

For the afternoon of the same day, the followers of the various political movements, monarchists, with veterans, wounded and, as usual, military of the different armies (where the military authorities do not take action to avoid) will meet in Piazza del Popolo and after the meeting will file off in parade order to Piazza Venezia in front of the Unknown Soldier and then go to the Quirinale, where they will dissolve according to agreements taken with General Rencivenga and his collaborators in the organisation.

These, with special ^{people} in charge, will compete with the P.S. authorities to control the orderly development of the manifestation, but, owing to the existing tension between the Monarchic and Republican tendency, the imminence of the elections, the various interpretations given to the manifestations, the possibility of disturbances is not to be excluded.

In order to provide for the services of order and public safety, it is necessary that the Questura have at disposal possible contingents of Public Force to affront energetically any eventual occurrence and to safe-guard and re-establish public order, whereas, though suppressing all other services which are not of extra-ordinary importance, it can rely on 1500 men of the Corps of the P.S. Guards, 700 CC.RR., 150 CC.FF., besides a small number of sailors and soldiers of the Air Force.

In order to be in a position to take any eventual action, I kindly ask you to put at the disposal of this office the following, in whatever number possible.

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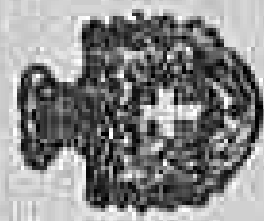
1. The cadets of the local Technical police school of Rome.
2. The cadets of the technical police school of Nettuno. These should be brought on vehicles and be ready by 08.00 hrs of the 24th inst. Once their necessity is over they should be taken back to their school.
3. The CC.RR. Battalion of Monte Mario .

Please approach the Ministries of War - Navy and Air to take an interest, in that all the military stationed in Rome be kept to barracks at the disposal of this office for any eventual aid.

The Questore
Ciro Verdiani.

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REGIA QUESTURA DI ROMA

N°014291-Gab.-A.4.B.-

Roma, li 19 maggio 1946.-

O G G E T T O : XXIV Maggio - Anniversario entrata in guerra.- Richiesta rinforzi.-

ECCELLENZA CAPO DELLA POLIZIA
ECCELLENZA P R E F E T T O

/ c.p.c., SIG. Lt. Col. R.T. MILLHOUSE - S.Vitale -

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caricati, concorreranno con l'Autorità di P.S. a regolare l'ordinato svolgimento delle manifestazioni ma, data la tensione esistente tra la tendenza monarchica e repubblicana, l'imminenza delle elezioni, la varia interpretazione che si vuol dare alle manifestazioni, non è da escludere possibilità di turbamento dell'ordine pubblico. E' necessario, per provvedere ai servizi di ordine e di sicurezza, che la Questura abbia a disposizione i possibili contingenti di Forza Pubblica per fronteggiare, con la dovuta energia, qualsiasi evenienza e per tutelare e ristabilire l'ordine pubblico, mentre, pur sopprimendo ogni altro servizio, che non rivesta carattere di straordinaria importanza, non può contare che su 1500 uomini del Corpo delle Guardie di P.S., 700 militari dell'Arma dei CC.RR., 150 Guardie di Finanza, nonché su una piccola aliquota di Marinai ed Avieri.

Per essere in grado di provvedere, nel possibile, alle eventuali necessità di servizio, prego siano messi a disposizione di quest'Ufficio, nel numero che sarà possibile:

- 1°) - Gli Allievi della locale Scuola Tecnica di Polizia di Roma;
- 2°) - Gli Allievi della Scuola Tecnica di Polizia di Nettuno - Questi dovrebbero essere fatti qui concentrare con automezzi per le ore 8 del giorno 24. A cessato bisogno dovrebbero essere fatti rientrare subito in sede;
- 3°) - il battaglione dei CC.RR. di Monte Mario.

Prego voler interessare i Ministeri della Guerra, della Marina e dell'Aeronautica perchè tutti i militari di stanza a Roma siano tenuti consegnati in caserma, a disposizione di quest'Ufficio, per eventuali le pronto impiego.

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(Ciro Verdiani)

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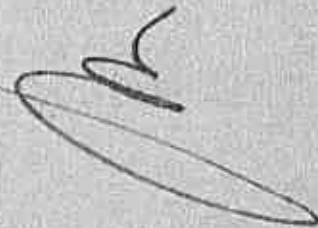
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(Ciro Verdiani)



R. QUESTURA DI ROMA

Gabinetto
Roneo 00481

10 May 1946.

URGENT

N. 013711 Gab. A.4.B.

Today during the Monarchic manifestations the Police services, disposed by me, did not function as prescribed in yesterday's ordnance.

The crowd, after having demonstrated at the Quirinale, was able to form a procession through the streets of the city, whereas I had given dispositions that such an occurrence should, by all means be avoided and the necessary Police Forces were at the disposition of the heads of the services.

No blockades were disposed which by means of the Reparti Celeri and horses could have avoided the demonstrators from going to Piazza Viminale where they caused a hostile demonstration and where some, even though a very small number, succeeded in jumping over the gates without giving the agents a chance to stop them, as would have been easy having the means at disposal.

I was obliged to personally intervene and unfortunately I had to notice the lack of initiative, energy and technique on behalf of the officers, Agents etc.

In this morning's meeting I had recommended that during such demonstrations, the intervention should take place with the maximum of energy using all the means necessary, as long as the prefixed purposes were attained.

While I deplore today's behaviour, I invite Officers and Agents to form a new mentality and the necessary technique which both concur in being able to affront such situations which owing to the slackness of the Police may burst out into consequences, very serious for the Nation.

I remind you that the interventions must bear a conciliative action until the masses show a decided will of violence and in such case maximum energy with determined intervention using all means according to the Law.

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Son dovuto intervenire personalmente ed ho dovuto purtroppo omettere l'arresto di alcuni funzionari, ufficiali, e tecnici.

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Nella mia riunione di stamane avevo raccomandato che in tali dimo-
strazioni l'intervento avvenisse con la massima energia risolutiva
usando tutti i mezzi di impiego pur di raggiungere gli scopi prefissi.

Mentre deploro il comportamento odierno, invito Funzionari, Ufficiali
ed Agenti a formarsi la nuova mentalità e la necessaria tecnica che co-
corrono per fronteggiare simili situazioni, che nella rilassatezza, della

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lizia possono sfociare in conseguenze gravissime per la Nazione.

Ricordo che gli interventi devono essere improntati ad azione conciliativa sino a che le masse non dimostrino decisa volontà di violenza ed in questo caso a massima energia con interventi risolutivi sino a mezzi estremi secondo le norme di Legge.

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