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SUBJECT IS INVESTIGATION OF NEOFASCIST BLACK GUARDS IN MILAN PD
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PARA ONE PD ITALIAN GOVERNMENT CONTACTED AND AGREED FOR COPIES
OF INVESTIGATION REPORTS TO BE SUPPLIED TO MAJOR KENNARD OR
CAPTAIN HIRD ON UNDERSTANDING ACTION CONFINED SOLELY TO ALLIED
INTERESTS PD
PARA TWO PD INSPECTOR GENERAL IANTAPPI INSTRUCTED BY MINISTRI
OF INTERIOR PD
PARA THREE PD MAJOR KENNARD INFORMED BY COLONEL BYE CMA PUBLIC
SAFETY ALCOM CMA DECISION OF ITALIAN GOVERNMENT PD

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NICHOLAS PIOMBINO
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INCOMING MESSAGE

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MAJOR KENNARD, ALLIED COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE REPRESENTATIVE IN MILAN, REPORTS THAT INSPECTOR GENERAL IANNAFFI, IN CHARGE OF CURRENT INVESTIGATION OF NEO-FASCIST "BLACK GUARDS" ORGANIZATION IN MILAN, IS RELUCTANT TO SHOW HIM INTERROGATION REPORTS OF PERSONS APPREHENDED AND TO ALLOW BRITISH SECURE PERSONNEL TO ATTEND INTERROGATIONS. IN VIEW OF ORIGINAL ALLEGATION THAT THIS GROUP WAS PLOTTING ANTI-ALLIED "COUP" IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT KENNARD BE TAKEN IMMEDIATELY INTO IANNAFFI'S CONFIDENCE TO ENABLE HIM TO ASSESS DEGREE TO WHICH ALLIED INTERESTS ARE INVOLVED. PLEASE TAKE URGENTLY WHATEVER STEPS YOU CONSIDER APPROPRIATE TO ENSURE THAT KENNARD IS TAKEN INTO IANNAFFI'S CONFIDENCE AND PROVIDED WITH INFORMATION REQUIRED. REPORT ACTION TAKEN TO THIS HEADQUARTERS.

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ACTION: PUBLIC SAFETY S/C
 INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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ACTION

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel: 478427

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23 May 1946

SUBJECT : Arrest of Neo Fascists.

TO : V.P. Civil Affairs Section.

1. With reference to the report of the arrest of a number of Neo Fascists in Milan on 22nd May 1946.

2. I contacted Major Fleetwood by telephone on 23rd May who stated that 32 alleged Neo Fascists had been arrested by the Civil Police and as a result information had been given verbally by an informant to a member of the staff of No 59 Area, that the Neo Fascist organization to which the arrested persons belonged, had plotted for the murder of a British Military Police Officer in Milan, for the purpose of causing Allied intervention and by so doing causing the forthcoming elections and Referendum to be postponed.

3. In consequence of this information the Officer Commanding 59 Area had given orders as a precautionary measure for all Officers to carry arms in Milan and to move about in pairs during the hours of darkness. All troops to wear side arms.

Furthermore all Officers residing in Billets had been ordered to move into one of the Military Hotels.

4. I later saw Dr. Ferrari, Director General of Public Safety Ministry of Interior, who stated that the circumstances of the above arrests were briefly as follows.

5. The Sindaco of Milan, Signor Grappi who is a socialist, had formed a part of the Vigili Urbani, (the

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Municipal Police Force, which is under the control of the Sindaco and apart from the Questura) into a Political Section.

Without reference to the Questura the Sindaco ordered the arrest of the alleged Neo Fascists by the Vigili Urbani.

6. On receipt of this information the Ministry of Interior sent a Director General of Public Safety to Milan without delay to arrange for the arrested persons to be transferred to the Questura and the position regularized.

Recent information shows the arrests have increased to 51.

7. Nothing is known by the Ministry of any plot against British personnel.


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