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SUBJECT:- CC.RR Personnel in Fascist
Republican Party

HQ. ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

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AAI/1402/8/GSI(b)

27 MAY 44

A.C.C. Public Safety Sub-Commission

1. The following is an extract of a report received from AFHQ on the above subject.

"1. Correspondence intercepted in INDIA since 16 Aug. '42 and up to April of this year, shows that P.W. ex-members of the CC.RR are making regular reports in secret ink to N. Italy (mainly BOLOGNA) intended for senior officers of the CC.RR. in contact with the Fascist Republican Party. It is not known how much of this correspondence has got through, though probably very little.

2. It has been suggested to INDIA (see attached copy) that some of these letters should be released in order that the answers may be outlooked.

3. The central person at the Italian end is referred to as "Uncle BEFFE", "who is in contact with the Duce"; Genl. CERICA and Col. de LUCA, of CC.RR. are evidently also expected to be in touch with this person, and with Aldo VIDUSSONI of the F.R.P.

4. Attachment 3 is a list of the addressees and other persons mentioned in this correspondence."

2. SIM/CS have been asked to check these references but so far they have not been able to enlarge on the information already given in attachment 3 of the above-mentioned letter. Investigation is still being made, however, and any further information received will be passed to you.

for Vincent J. Thill
Brigadier, Major F.d.
B.G.S.(I).

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2

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B-389.450-A/14

9 May 1944

SUBJECT: MATTIOLI, Luigi

TO : Sr. Cdr. Mrs. R. GILL,
Room 527
Hotel Victoria
LONDON, W.C. 2.

1. On 11 Feb. '44 you sent us a copy of a P.W. Comment Slip received from INDIA, with the remark that "certain aspects of this may be of interest."

2. What aspects had you in mind?

3. As evidence of a clandestine movement among Italian P.W's, apparently reporting to (if not directed by) Carabinieri Reali personalities in N. Italy, it is of course of first-rate interest, and we have written to India for more information, the first instalment of which, a batch of intercepts covering from 16 Aug. '42, has just arrived.

4. We have not as yet, however, received from India their reading of the story as a whole. Have you any further evidence from other sources? Can you for example suggest the identity of "Uncle BEPPE"? He is evidently a senior member of the CC.RR and, it is suspected, an "O.V.R.A." official. "Aldo" is probably Aldo VIDUSSONI, a member of the National Directorate of the Fascist Republican Party, reported by O.S.S. as suspected of ex-Gestapo and other German connections.

5. We have referred to G.S.I.(b), A.A.I. who are in touch with S.I.M., (which is working with us in Italy), but in the meanwhile any further details you can supply will be welcome.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2:

/s/ Philip Lane, Capt.
for S.S.HILL-DILLON,
Colonel G.S.
G-2 (CI) Section

Copies to:- G.S.I.(b), A.A.I.
INC., A.F.H.Q.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Assistant Chief of Sta. , G-2

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B-389.450-A/14

9 May 1944

SUBJECT: Censorship MATTIOLI, Luigi

TO : Chief of the General Staff,
G.H.Q., INDIA

1. Further to our B-389.450-A/14 dated 27 Apr. '44 which replies to your No. 2878/IMI/GSI(j)(i) of 31 March '44.
2. The first batch of intercepts in this case has just been received through Information and Censorship Section, this H.Q.
3. On scrutinising them, the following additional questions occur to us (see para 4, our a/m letter):
 - (i) Have you any idea of the identity of Uncle BEPPE?
 - (ii) Was Capt. Sirio SIMONCINI in fact repatriated?
 - (iii) Was MATTIOLI, or any of the other persons involved in these secret despatches, known to be in contact with Gen. GAZZERA or other Senior Officers whose loyalty to the King and BADOGLIO was or is at all questionable?
4. Would it be possible to have any further secret ink letters scrutinised by X-ray or other means which do not restore the secret writing, and release them for normal delivery, in order that the answers may be outlooked?

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2:

/s/ Philip Lane, Capt.
for S.S.HILL-DILLON,
Colonel, G.S.
G-2 (CI) Section.

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NAME	DATE	INFORMATION
10. <u>MENINI</u> , Sgna (or MENINI) 24, via Oberdan k(?)	2.12.43.	a MATTIOLI (q.v.) to SARTI, Gabriella to inform her that his reports must be passed to "parish priest" confidante of the Duce and "godfather to one of the Lady's sons". b According to further letter of MATTIOLI, her husband "will send every month a report of the son, an intimate friend of the Duce, for Fr. SANTOLA" (q.v.) (Probably "parish priest", mentioned above)
11. <u>MASOTTI</u> , Costantino 4187 Sant Luca	2.5.44 (12.10.42)	a Addressee of letter in secret ink from MATTIOLI (q.v.)
12. <u>PALADINI</u> , Sgna (BOLOGNA)	2.5.44 (16.8.42)	a Friend of MATTIOLI, Luigi (q.v.) Her P.W. husband also writes in secret ink to SARTI Gabriella (q.v.)
13. <u>SIMONCINI</u> , Sirio Capitano	2.5.44 (22.3.43)	a ? P.W. ? returned to Italy, repatriated; mentioned in letter of SCARFI, Guiseppe, friend of MATTIOLI, Luigi (q.v.). Was to take news, expl. complaints of P.W. conditions to Italian authorities.
14. <u>STAGNI</u> , Signa Laura Presso CACCIARI (q.v.) Medicina, (BOLOGNA)	26.1.44 31.12.43	a Addressee of letter from CARRERAD (q.v.) containing secret ink message from MATTIOLI (qv) b Mention in letter to CACCIARI, Maria (q.v.)
15. SARTI(O)? Gabriella (and her sister Clara) 9 Salta Frediano (BOLOGNA)	2.12.43 2.5.44 (16.8.42)	a Fiancee of MATTIOLI (q.v.) addressee of letter from MATTIOLI (q.v.) giving Fascist report in secret ink. b Addressee (proposed) of similar letters from PALADINI (q.v.)
16. <u>VINDUSSONI</u> (E)?, Aldo	23.2.44 26.1.44	a (Fascist Party Directorate) Manager of National Institute of Blue Ribbon b Member of National Directorium of R.F.P. MATTIOLI (q.v.) in message written in secret ink - sent by CARRERAD A(q.v.) asks that a copy of his report be sent to Miss RICCI (q.v.) through VINDUSSONI (Probably Aldo)
17. <u>VIDUSSONI</u>	28.12.41 22.9.43	a Secy of P.N.F. b Suspected ex-Gestapo and German origin. Potentially dangerous.

NAME	DATE	INFORMATION
1. "Uncle BEPPE"	2.12.43.a	One copy of MATTIOLI's (q.v.) reports to be passed to him by SARTI, Gabriella (q.v.) "if he is still with the Duce"; otherwise to General CERICA (q.v.); or failing him to LUCA (q.v.)
2. CACCIARI, Maria	31.3.44.a	Addressee of letter from P.W. 414945 CACCIARI, Sgt. Bruno. Camp 313, M.E. in which is mention of STAGNI (q.v.)
3. CASTELLANI 1142, via Giordano NAPLES	2.5.44. a b	Proposed addressee of letter from MATTIOLI (q.v.) containing reports. "Tina" (Sgna MATTIOLI) to explain to him about secret ink messages.
4. CERICA, General	2.12.43.a	One copy of MATTIOLI's (q.v.) reports to be passed to him by SARTI, Gab (q.v.) if "Uncle BEPPE" (q.v.) is <u>not</u> "still with Duce"
5. di DOMENICO Dr. Michele	2.5.44.a	In ?? Ministry of Interior; concerned with recruiting of Indian P.W's by Fascist Govt. Mentioned in letter of MATTIOLI Luigi (q.v.)
6. Col. LUCA, Ugo Lt. Col. de Luca	31.3.44 (i) (ii)	NOT identical with Col. de L. of S.I.M. (Italian Intelligence Service), Liaison Officer with German Command. S.I.M.: Head of department responsible for distribution of secret documents, codes, etc. to Army H.Q.s (Usually sent by hand of Carabinieri Reali - CC.RR).
7. MATTIOLI, Lt. Luigi P.W. 11547-Camp 27 INDIA CHIERICATO CARRERAD (q.v.)	2.12.43 a 13.1.44 b 11.1.43 c	Secret ink message in letter from @ above to SARTI, Gabriella (q.v.) showing he is confessed Fascist and is sending regular reports on Fascist activities among P.W's in INDIA. (see MEMI, CERICA, "Uncle BEPPE" Col. LUCA) Formerly worked with "Uncle BEPPE" Copies of his reports (as above) to be sent by new addressee STAGNI, Laura (q.v.) to RICCI Renato (q.v.) through VIDUSSONI (q.v.) and to Father SANTOLA (q.v.) ... sgd. CARRERAD (q.v.) Had been in SPAIN.
8. MATTIOLI, Sgna (sister) 14, via Galliera (BOLOGNA)	2.5.44 a (16.8.42) 15.3.44 b	Addressee of correspondence from MATTIOLI Luigi (q.v.) dated 16.8.42. onward. Presumed to be in contact with German Censorship and R.P.F. H.Q.
9. MARSIGLI 48, via S'Azeglio	2.5.44 a (15.8.42) b	Proposed addressee of letters from MATTIOLI (q.v.) containing reports. "Tina" (Sgna MATTIOLI) to explain to him about the secret ink messages.

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>INFORMATION</u>
1. <u>LUCA</u> , Col. Ugo	31.3.44	<p>In 1920 he was a police officer in IZMIR during the Allied occupation of Turkey, and was instrumental in saving the life of SARAJOGLU, the present Prime Minister in Turkey.</p> <p>Was Chief of Police in Rhodes from 1937-42. He is Carabinieri Officer attached to the S.I.M. and was sent to ANKARA by the Duce in May '41, on account of his influence over SARAJOGLU in order to organize political activities, including the escape from internment of Gen. SARAJOGLU.</p> <p>As cover he was given the title of Assistant to the Commercial Attache.</p> <p>In July '41 he went on a special mission to the Caucasus.</p> <p>July '42 having failed to effect the escape of the General he returned to ROME., and is reported to have made a clandestine visit to IRAK end of '42.</p> <p>In response to urgent appeals from ZAVATTARI he returned to ANKARA.</p>

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SUBJECT: Luigi MATTIOLI and Correspondents

Adv HQ. Allied Armies in Italy

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AAI/1402/8/GSI(b)

TO: ACC, Public Safety Sub-Commission

28 June 44

Reference our AAI/1402/8/GSI(b) dated 27 May 1944.

1. It has now been learned from India that "Uncle BEPPI" is Colonel BONINI Giuseppe, believed now in BOLOGNA, and probably MATTIOLI's battalion commander in the Spanish War.
2. It is also learned that the Captain SIMONCINI Sirio, mentioned in AFHQ's B 389.450 - A/4 dated 9 May 44 copy of which was attached to the a/m letter, was repatriated to Italy in March 1943.

Copy to:

SIL/CS (Conversation Major DOTTI -
Captain STANHOPE-WRIGHT refers)

Summary Capt
Brigadier,
B.G.S.(I).



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