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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL POLICE OFFICER

My ref PS/R

Subject Political.

21 Aug. 1944

TO : Chief, Public Safety Sub-Commission, ACC., HQ.,
APO 394. ✓

The attached report received from the F.P.O.
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action as you may deem necessary.

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HEADQUARTERS REGION VII

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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File Ref: RV11/PS/413

Date: 8th August 1944

SUBJECT: Suspected Subversive Activity - Fascist

TO: Chief, Public Safety Sub-Commission,
Headquarters, A. C. C., APO NO. 394.

1. The following information has been received at this H.Q. from a very reliable source and it is passed to you for information and any action you may deem desirable.
2. Prior to the invasion of the Italian mainland in September 1943, one FABRIZZI Lelio fu Fabrizio di Ferdinandi Delia was resident with his wife, FABRIZZI Carmela, a former elementary school teacher, at Via De Iessi No. 31, Catanzaro. He gained a livelihood as the Catanzaro representative of the Italo-American Oil Society.
3. It can be stated that subject is a radical fascist of the most dangerous type and the following is his fascist record :-
 - Squadrista
 - Centurione of MVSN
 - Member of Fascist Federation, Catanzaro
 - Member of Fascist Discipline Committee, Catanzaro
 - Volunteer, Ethiopian Campaign
 - Volunteer, Spanish Civil War
 - Officer of an 'M' Battalion
4. Following the occupation of Catanzaro by the Allied Armies and after the signing of the Armistice, FABRIZZI, by reason of his publicly announced pro-fascist and pro-German tendencies fled from the district and went to Rome. There he swore allegiance to Mussolini and was appointed to the staff of the Fascist Republican Militia. He retained this position until the liberation of Rome when the

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rapidity of the Allied advance overtook him and he was compelled to 'disappear'.

5. The information continues to the effect that his wife is now resident with her family at an unknown address in Chieti and that Fabrizio is intending to stay with her preparatory to making an effort to rejoin the Fascist Republican forces in German occupied Italy.
6. FABRIZZI, who was born at Sulmona, Province of Aquila, on 31st March 1907, is described as about 5 feet 5 ins, thin face, fresh complexion, black hair brushed back, clean shaven, dark brown eyes, prominent ears protruding from head, slightly turned up nose, teeth natural good condition, 1.1/2 inch scar right upper lip giving appearance of hair lip, stocky build, smart appearance, speaks Italian only. When last seen in Rome in June was wearing a mid-grey summer weight suit and brown trilby hat turned down in front.
7. FABRIZZI Lelio has a brother, FABRIZZI Manlio, who also possesses a substantial fascist record. He, as in the case of the brother was a centurione of the MVSN and it is alleged 'attained' the rank of Major in the Fascist Republican Army in Rome after the Armistice. The rapidity of the advance likewise overtook Manlio and recently he has visited Catanzaro. His present whereabouts are unknown but the information points to his having left for Chieti with the ultimate intention of crossing the 'lines'.
8. This suspect is approximately 5 feet 5 ins, round face, ruddy complexion, dark brown hair parted left side, small tooth-brush moustache, eyes pale, ears and nose normal, natural teeth good condition, stocky but athletic build, smart appearance, speaks Italian only. When last seen was wearing light-weight mid-brown suit, no hat. He is 35 years of age having been born at Cintella, Venice Province, on 11th January 1909.

G. Richardson
G. Richardson, Major, 3122
Reg. Public Safety Officer,
for Regional Commissioner.

Copy to Reg. Com. HQ Reg. VII, ACC.

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HEADQUARTERS REGION VII

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

Date: 1st August 1944.

File Ref: RV11/PS/413

SUBJECT: SUSPECTED SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY - FASCIST.

TO: OFFICER COMMANDING, M.E.I.A., CATANZARO.

1. On 22nd July 1944, FERRI Ranieri, an accountant, and CARPINIGNANI Demetrio, a Sergeant Major of the Italian Army, called at this H.Q. and made complaints regarding the conduct of certain officials at their place of employment, Direzione Lavori Comando Genio, Italian Military H.Q., CATANZARO.

2. Attached hereto are copies of signed statements made by the complainants and by reference thereto it will be seen that they both declare that certain of their co-employees, viz.,

- (1) FRANCESCHI Ferruccio
- (2) THICOMI Salvatore
- (3) JANELLI Manlio
- (4) MARAZZITI Antonio, and
- (5) VECCHI Giustino

possess strong pro-fascist sympathies and are actively engaged in spreading anti-Allied propaganda. Examples of this alleged subversive conduct, it will be observed, are detailed by informants who, incidentally, took great pains to declare that their motive in coming forward was not actuated by personal spite but owing to their hate of the fascist party and its doctrines.

3. In consequence, as a result of the facilities ³¹²¹ granted by your Mission, I interrogated suspects FRANCESCHI and VECCHI at this H.Q. on 29th July 1944.

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4. By the interrogation I am satisfied that these individuals are not guilty of the misconduct alleged: It will be appreciated after reading the remainder of this report that the denunciations were merely revengeful acts on the part of the informants, a tendency which we know to be all too common amongst many Italians.
5. It appears that informant FERRI, during the course of his employment, has obtained monies in a manner which 'satisfies' the British criminal offence of obtaining money by false pretences. FERRI was questioned by his superior FRANCESCHI; he made no admission or denial of the offence, but uttered a threat to the effect that he would denounce him, FRANCESCHI, and his assistants to the authorities accusing them of fascist activities. FERRI has been dismissed from his position and the facts are under consideration by the appropriate Italian authorities with a view to the institution of criminal proceedings.
6. The second informant CARPINIGNANI has also been discovered acting improperly in connection with money matters and the facts of his case have been brought to the notice of the Italian Military judicial authorities by FRANCESCHI. CARPINIGNANI since September last has been drawing a salary without authority from two different sources, viz., the Italian Army in which he ranks as a Sergeant Major and the Direzione Lavori Comando Genio where he has been placed by the Military authorities as an assistant.
7. Without further comment, these papers are passed to you for information.

G. Richardson
G. Richardson, Major,
Reg. Public Safety Officer
for the Regional Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS REGION VII

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

File Ref:

Date: 22nd July 1944

SUBJECT: STATEMENT OF FERRE Ranieri and accountant of
Largo Pianicello, No 1, Vatanzare, who saith:
TO:

I am a refugee from the Grosseto Province and at the present moment I am employed as an accountant at the Direzione di Lavori (Military Engineers, 31 Corpo d'Armata).

I have come forward to tell you of the pro-Fascist sympathies and activities of certain persons engaged at my place of employment. Their names are:-

FRANCESCHI Ferruccio, who is a Squadrista and still an ardent Fascist.

TRICOMI Salvatore

JANELLI Manlio.

MARAZZITI Antonio.

VECCHI Giustino.

One day in April 1944, I cannot remember the exact date, FRANCESCHI during general conversation said to me "It was a mistake you were not a Fascist before; you are well educated and would have got a good rank for yourself and your family. I would like to add that the persons I have mentioned were present during this particular conversation.

Yesterday we learnt from the newspaper that an attempt had been made on Hitler's life, further that such attempt had been unsuccessful. The failure of the attempt was plauded by the persons I have named and I heard the man VECCHI say "It is a lie that any attempt was made as Hitler was adored by people in Germany".

I am a member of the Party of Action but I must explain that I have no personal grudge whatsoever against the individuals my grudge is against the Fascist party and its doctrine, and that is why I am giving you this information today.

This statement has been read to me through an ~~interpreter~~ and it is true and correct.

(Signed) FERRE RANIERI

Statement taken and signature witnessed by Major G. Richardson and Capt. L. Eddings Public Safety Division H.Q. Region 7 ACC.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

File Ref:

Date: 22nd July 1944

SUBJECT: STATEMENT OF:- CARPINICHIANI Demetrio, Sergeant Major
31 Corpo d'Armata, Italian Army, a volunteer soldier
TO: who saith:-

I am at present performing duty in the office of the Lavori del Genio Militare, Catanzaro, as a supervisor, and I wish to state that I am a volunteer soldier.

I wish to tell you that at my place of employment there are a number of people who are pro-Fascist both in sympathy and activity. Their names are:-

FRANCESCHI Ferruccio who is a Squadrista and still an ardent Fascist.

TRICOMI Salvatore

JANELLI Manlio

MARAZZITI Antonio

VECONI Gaetano.

At about 5 pm. on or about the 7th July 1944, I was in an office at my place of employment whilst in an adjoining office I heard the persons I have named conversing. I would add that the construction of the offices permits one to overhear what is said in the others. I then heard these people singing the Fascist song Giovinezza and shouting 'Viva il Duce' and 'Viva il Fascismo'. I clearly recognised the voice of FRANCESCHI. I went to their room and I there saw FRANCESCHI standing in an arrogant attitude with his hands upon his hips. At first I thought they may have been drunk, but it was apparent to me that not only were they sober but they were serious. When FRANCESCHI saw me standing at the doorway he said to me "The Duce will return; Fascism will triumph and we will do what we have to do. Where is your King." I said nothing but left the office in disgust. I would like to add that hanging in FRANCESCHI's office was, and still is a photograph of Mussolini.

Last evening, 21st July 1944, I was present at about 6/30 pm., on the balcony which runs outside our offices, 3118 I saw all the persons named with the exception of JANELLI talking together. I heard FRANCESCHI say in a very serious manner - they had been discussing the supposed revolt in Germany and the attempt on the life of Hitler - "This time is all right. Here in Italy we have two enemies, England and America." I

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Army Corps, if not in direct action at least as a source of weapons and explosives. Two of the arrested, CAP CASALE of Catanzaro and BRUNI of Cosenza are Italian officers. A third PAPPALÀ Mariano is a N.C.O. serving with the 114 Infantry Regiment. 40 hand bombs are said to have been consigned to the boys by a serving N.C.O. of the PERE barracks who is a native of DUELLA. The CRISTONE Fascists looked upon the local barracks as a more or less secure source of arms and explosives. MAGGIORI Ernesto claims to have obtained the 11 rifles which were found on the property of MURIELI at CRISTONE from an Italian sailor. At CATANZARO the boys were in contact with a Sergeant-Major of the 277th Infantry Regiment. CAP CASALE boasted of ten contacts amongst the officers of the 'MANTOVA' Division.

