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SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY, LECCE
APR., MAY 1944

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION 2. HEADQUARTERS

Your ref _____ OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL POLICE OFFICER
My ref PS 8
Subject Political, Prisoners 15 May 1944
at Lecce.

TO : Chief, Public Safety Sub-Commission, A.C.C.
Rear Headquarters. APO 394

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I Forward the attached list of persons
held in Lecce Prison together with particulars of
offences preferred.

The Allied Military Government General
Court will commence hearing the cases on 23rd May
1944 at Lecce.

I will submit results in due course.

For the Regional Commissioner.

F.E. Coxhead
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Captain,
Regional Police Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION II

13 May 1944

REF : P 5 S;

SUBJECT: Political, Prisoners at Lecce.

TO : regional legal officer, region II.

On the 12th May 1944, I attended Lecce Penal Prison where I saw the following persons and charged them with the offences shown. (Detailed list of offences attached).

NAME.	OFFENCE
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di Mairo Lucia	(a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) and (g)
D'ELIA Fabio di Alberto	(a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) and (g)
di Angelina Vallone.	(a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) and (g)
MARTI Guiseppe di Francesco	(a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) and (g)
di Mello Onorine	(a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) and (g)
CARALDO Alfredo di Luigi	(a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) and (g)
di Tutino Rita	(a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) and (g)
ALIA Attilio di Paolozzi Luise	(a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) and (g)
di Ottorino	(a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) and (g)
PAOLINELLI Fiovo di Enrico	(a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) and (g)
di Casagdel Luola	(a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) and (g)
GLEWANE GUIDO di Paolo	(a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) and (g)
di Francisci Marietta	(a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) and (g)
FORTANA Gaetano di Giovanni	(a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) and (g)
di Fanto Giovanna	(a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) and (g)
CARALDO Gabriele	(a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) and (g)

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L'ELIA Fabio	(a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) and (g)
di Alberto	
di Angelina Vallone.	
MARTI Giuseppe	(a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) and (g)
di Francesco	
di Mello Onorine	
CAPALDO Alfredo	(a) (b) (c) (d) and (e)
di Luigi	
di Tutino Rita	
LILA Attilio	(a) (b) (c) (d) and (e)
di Paolozzi Luise	
di Ottorino	
PROBANTI Fiovo	(a) (b) (c) (d) and (e)
di Enrico	
di Casadei Lucia	
GASTANI GUIDO	(a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) and (g)
di Paolo	
di Francis Marietta	
FORTANA Gaetano	(a) (b) (c) (d) and (e)
di Giovanni	
di Fantò Giovanna	
CAPALDO Gabriele	
di Luigi	
di Tutino Rita	
PULI Luigi	(a) (b) (c) (d) and (e)
di Salvatore	
di Pulli Conchita	
NICCUOLO Mario	
di Salvatore	
di Ferrone Maria Addolorata	(a) (c) (d) (e) (f) and (g)

Not arrested. Ill. arrangements made for Medical 88434 if possible subsequently will be changed by Cap'Davoren

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KOLLO ANGELO	(a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) and (g)
di Francesco	
fu Maora Vita	
BASUOTO FELICE	(a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) and (g)
di Tommaso	
di Russi Domenica	
LIMONGELLI ALDO	(a) (b)
di Francesco	
di Luzia Maria	
CHIRIATTI ANTONIO	(a) (b)
di Giuseppe	
di Lelli Francesca de Paolis	
URSO GAETANO	(a) (b)
di Francesco	
di Masulli Francesca	
COMELLA LUCIANO	(a) (b)
di Giuseppe	
di Leuzzi Maria	
PINO FRANCESCO	(a) (b)
di Alessandro	
di Lecciso Anno	
LAMPISA FRANCESCO	(a) (b)
di Tommaso	
di Corallo Maria	
AMPOLO GIOVANNI	(a) (b)
fu Salvatore Egidio	
di Patti Carmela	
GIGIULI EUGENIO	(a) (b)
di Alfredo	
di Anna Cicorella	
TRIFANOE FRANCO	(a) (b)
di Antonio	
di Vigneri Maria	
PISANELLI MARCO	(a) (b)
di Gino	
di Marti Elvira	
LA GRUA LUIGI	(a) (b)
di Giuseppe	
di Rita Anna	
GROSSO ALDO	(a) (b) (f) and (g)
di Giovanni	
di Ventura Maria Lucia	
ROSENZA ARTURO	(a) (b)

CHIRIATTI Antonio	(a) (b)
di Giuseppe	
di Lelli Francesca de Paolis	(a) (b)
URSO Gaetano	
di Francesco	
di Mesulli Francesca	(a) (b)
COMELLA Luciano	
di Giuseppe	
di Leuzzi Maria	(a) (b)
PINO FRANCESCO	
di Alessandro	
di Lecciso Anno	(a) (b)
LANDISA FRANCESCO	
di TOMMASO	
di Corallo Maria	(a) (b)
AMPOLO Giovanni	
di Salvatore Rigidio	
di Patti Carmela	(a) (b)
GIGIULI Eugenio	
di Alfredo	
di Anna Ciccorella	(a) (b)
TRIFANOE Franco	
di Antonio	
di Vigneri Maria	(a) (b)
PISANELLI Marco	
di Gino	
di Marti Elvira	(a) (b)
LA GRUA Luigi	
di Giuseppe	
di Rita Anna	(a) (b) (f) and (g)
GROSSO ADDO	
di Giovanni	
di Ventura Maria Lucia	
POTENZA Arturo	(a) (b)
di Oronzo	
di Arseni Maria Luigia	(a) (b)
DE ELASI Luigi	
di Italo	
di Cocciolo Beatrice	(a) (b) (f) and (g)
SANZO Ottorino	
di Lucia	(a) (b)
CHIRONI TELESFORO	
di Vincenzo	
di Marto Lucia	
MASSAGLI Giuseppe	(a) (b)
di Raffaels	
di Caorti Vincenza	

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SCIASCIA ALDO

fu Adriano

(a) (b) (f) and (g)

di Gilda Mosco

RUOCO Raffaele

(a) (b) (f) and (g)

di Alceste

di Vagneti Emma

di Alessandro

(a) (b)

di Alfredo

di Vagneti Emma

PERRONE Antonio

(a) (b)

di Raffaele

di Quarta Carmela

D'ELLA GIUSEPPE

(a) (b) (f) and (g)

di Alessandro

di Zuko Abbondanza

D'ELLA Edoardo

(a) (b)

di Luigi

di Caterina Rollo

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Captain

Regional Police Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION II

LEGGE POLITICAL CASES - LIST OF CHARGES PREFERRED.

- (a) Political Conspiracy by Association, Art. 305 Penal Code, in that from November 1943 to the day of their arrest, they associated for the purpose of committing crimes specified in Articles 247, 255, 256, 257, 258, 260, 261, 270, 283, and 285 of the Penal Code.
- (b) Subversive Association Art. 270 P.O., in that, during the same period of time and at the same places, they reconstituted a fascist party group, whose object was to subvert by violence the economic and social order of the Italian State.
- (c) Helping the enemy Art. 244, 110 C.P. and Art. 15 C.P.M.G., in that during the same period of time and at the same places, in time of war they had intelligence with Nazi and Fascist authorities in the regions of Italy still occupied by the enemy in order to favour the military operations of the enemy to the prejudice of the Italian State and to endanger the operations of Allied and Italian Military Forces.
- (d) Political and Military Espionage Art. 257, 1 part and Nos. 1 and 110 Penal Code, and Arts. 15 and 72 C.P.M.G., in that during the same period of time and at the same places they endeavoured to obtain and obtained for the purpose of political and military espionage, in order to favour the Germans, military and political information, which in the interest of the security of the Italian State and of the Allied and Italian Military operations, ought to have remained secret. They especially obtained news concerning the airfield of Galatina, movements of Allied and Italian troops, arrival and departure of Allied convoys and the activity of Italian secret agents.
- (e) Revelation of State Secrets Art. 261, 1st and 2nd Parts, 110 P.O. and Arts. 15, 66, and 73 C.P.M.G. in that during the same period of time and at the same places they revealed secret information as specified in the previous paragraph for the purpose of military and political espionage.
- (f) Unlawfully holding and failing to deliver Arms, Art. 697, 698 C.P. 28 and 38 Testo Unico Legge P.S., 18-6-1931 n.773, in that they were holding arms, ammunition and other military weapons without the required license and in that they failed to report this fact and to deliver

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(f) Unlawfully holding and failing to deliver Arms. Art. 697, 698 C.P. 28 and 38 Testo Unico Legge P.S., 18-6-1931 n.773, in that they were holding arms, ammunition and other military weapons without the required license and in that they failed to report this fact and to deliver them to the authorities.

(g) Unlawful carrying of Arms Art. 699 P.C. and 42 Testo Unico Legge P.S. 18-6-1931 n.773 in that under the same circumstances they carried arms outside their dwellings and their appurtenances.

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL POLICE OFFICER

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Subject _____

21st April 1944

TO : Chief, Public Safety Subcommission, A.C.C.
Rear Headquarters, APO 394.

Copy to Col. Young, Security Branch, ✓
A.C.C.

SECRET

I forward for your information a copy
of notes dealing with subversive activity in Mexico.

The persons named are under attention
by order of HQ, No 2, District, Intelligence.

Discussion as to method of trial is in
progress with Regional Legal Officer, Region 2, A.C.C.
who has communicated with Chief Legal Officer on the
subject.

I will forward to you additional
information as it becomes available.

Poxhead
Captain.

Regional Police 3130

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FASCIST ORGANISATION AT LECCE

1. Origins

Began as the result of various friends, sharing the same pro Fascist views, meeting to discuss the situation caused by the Allied occupation of S. Italy. Joined by so many acquaintances and others, previously unknown, that decision taken in Nov 1943 to adopt a definite organisation.

2. Organisation

Divided into 5 groups, each with own leader. No supreme leader: all decisions taken by group leaders together at meetings, always held in different places each leader responsible for own group in Lecce and any contacts made by the group in the surrounding country. Each group worked completely on its own and its members did not know the identities of the members of the other groups.

The group leaders were - CHIRONI, Romaldo.

MARTI, Pippi.

CAPALDO, Gabriella.

CAPALDO, Alfredo.

D'ELIA, Fabio.

3. Aims:

1. to organise a system for the collection and transmission to the Fascist Republican govt. of military information.
2. to prepare for eventual armed rising in the event of an Allied reverse in Italy.
3. to organise the immediate carrying out of anti-Allied and anti-Badoglio govt. sabotage.

4. Achievements

1. acquisition and repair of w/t transmitting and receiving set with a view to establishing contact with occupied Italy. (this actually came to nothing, owing to failing to get necessary spaces).
2. detailed military information obtained thro' ELIA about GALATINA air-port (i.e. numbers a types of planes, stationed there, position of runways, dispersal areas, stores and dumps details of fuel pipe line between TARANTO and the airport).
3. Discovery by CAPALDO, Alfredo of the identity of an agent of the Badoglio govt, who was about to go on a mission to German occupied Italy.
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5. Information supplied by Guido GASTANI about arrival of a convoy in Taranto and its contents.

During Interrogation.

The u/m admitted to a full knowledge of the organisation.-

CAPALDO, Alfredo.	-	ELIA, Fabio d'.
CHIRONI, Romaldo.	-	MARTI, Giuseppe
MISOUGLIO, Mario	-	PIOLANTI, Piovo.

The u/m were aware of the existence of a Fascist organisation.

BARUTTO, Felice	-	CHIRATTI, Antonio.
ELIA, Attilio d'	-	FERRARI, Alessandro.

GAETANI, Guido - GIDIULI, Eugenio
 LIMONGELLI, Aldo. - ROLLO, Angelo.
 SCIASCIA, Aldo. -

The u/m were aware of the existence of an organisation, but denied knowledge of its true nature.

COLISIA, Luciano. - PERRONE, Antonio.

The u/m admitted passing on information.

FONTANO, Gaetano.

The u/m denied any knowledge of the Fascist organisation.

CAPALDO, Giuseppe - AMPOLO, Giovanni.
 CHIRIATTI, Ciccola - CHIRONI, Telesforo.
 DE ELIASI, Luigi - ELIA, Gaetano d'.
 ELIA, Giuseppe d' - GROSSO, Aldo.
 LA GRUA, Luigi - LAUDISA, Francesco.
 MASSAGLI, Giuseppe - FINO, Francesco.
 PISANELLI, Mario. - FULLI, Luigi.
 POTENZA, Arturo - RUOCO, Raffaele.
 SANSO, Ottorino. - TRIFANCE, Franco.
 URSO, Gaetano.

This is completely contradicted by the statements of Fabio d'ELIA and Romaldo CHIRONI.

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