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Region 6. A.C.C.

29th May, 1944.

SUBJECT:- O.V.R.A. activities in Sardinia.

TO :- Colonel A.E.Young, Director - Security Branch. ACC, Hq.

Ref. No:-

Sir.

1. The O.V.R.A. in Sardinia consisted of an Inspector General and eight men. The headquarters was located in a private house in Cagliari. There were about 70 paid informants. These informants were paid 250 to 500 lira per month, according to the value of the information they supplied. In exceptional cases they were given as much as 1,000 lira.

2. The Inspector General received 20,000 lira per month to pay all expenses, informants, the salaries of himself and his staff. The money was sent from the headquarters in Rome, and the Inspector General was responsible directly to headquarters.

3. His staff of 8 men carried out investigation work and obtained information. They also visited from time to time the paid informants to pay them and collect what information they had, which had to be written. The paid informants also used to send information by post to the Inspector General, who had a post office box for this purpose. The paid informants were drawn from all walks of life, waiters, bar tenders, Fascist Party members, professional men, and anti-Fascists. The last named men were forced to become paid informants in order to ensure that they were not sent to internment on the Lipari/or elsewhere.

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4. There were also in Sardinia a number of O.V.R.A. agents, or more probably paid informants, who were unknown to the Inspector General or his staff. These persons used to report by post direct to the headquarters in Rome and from time to time copies of their reports were sent to the Inspector General in Sardinia for investigation and verification. The names of these persons were never given in the copy reports. Some of these persons were undoubtedly big Fascists, who were spying on other Party members, but the last Inspector General, Dino Fabbri, told me that he did not know the identity of any of these persons.

5. In May, 1943, Cagliari was very heavily damaged by Allied bombers and the City was evacuated. The O.V.R.A. staff and headquarters then moved to Sassari. On 24th July, 1943, the day before Mussolini fell, instructions were received from Rome that the O.V.R.A. in Sardinia should come out into the open and cease to be a secret organisation. They were known as the Special Police, with Fabbri still in charge and still known as the Inspector General. Fabbri was also made Questore of Sassari, and the man who was the Questore was transferred to North Italy.

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6. Fabbri's O.V.R.A. staff then became known as the Special Police and they came out in the open and carried out arrests and searches in the normal way. As the O.V.R.A., however, they had been working completely under cover and not effecting arrests. When an arrest had been found necessary as the result of their investigations, or upon orders from Rome, the Inspector General had directed the Questore or the Carabinieri to effect the arrest.

7. Upon the arrival of the Allies in September, 1943, Fabbri came with the local Major of Carabinieri in Sassari to meet the Allies on their arrival in the town. Fabbri never tried to hide the fact that he and his men were ex-O.V.R.A., and he gave the Allies all possible assistance.

8. Early in March, 1944, Fabbri was relieved of his position and ordered to report to the Badoglio Government at Salerno. Dr. Colonna was then appointed Inspector General of the Special Police, and like Fabbri since 24th July, 1943, was responsible direct to the Minister of Interior. A man named Tisso was at the same time appointed Acting Questore. The two small forces in Sassari were then separated working under Colonna and Tisso respectively. Tisso was responsible for Sassari province, and Colonna and his Special Police covered the whole island.

9. Fabbri left Colonna his list of about 70 paid informers, and many of them are now being used by Colonna. Colonna has changed three of the ex-O.V.R.A. men for agents of public security. One of the three ex-O.V.R.A. men has been transferred to the mainland, whilst the other two are working as agents of public security under different Questore's in this island. Colonna is hoping to be able to exchange some more of his five remaining ex-O.V.R.A. men.

10. Colonna has little left of the O.V.R.A. records, whilst Fabbri says some were destroyed in the bombing of Cagliari, and the remaining secret files he burnt when the Germans temporarily took over Sassari in September, 1943, in order to expedite their evacuation of Sardinia.

11. Tisso, the Acting Questore of Sassari, is from all accounts, honest and anti-Fascist, but he is obviously a man of no great ability. He was previously an Commisario under the old Questore, who held office up till 24th July, 1943.

12. Colonna, like Fabbri has worked very well with the Allies. There is no doubt that his ex-O.V.R.A. men are better trained and have more ability than most of the Questore's agents of public security. Colonna was previously ~~XXXXXX~~ 5063 in the agents of public security on the Yugo-Slav boarder. Then he came to Alghero in Sardinia and was in charge of the agents of public security responsible for checking all persons coming from Spain, who used to arrive in Sardinia by air and sea at Alghero.

13. Colonna is anti-fascist, but unfortunately not honest.

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From all accounts he and his wife are mixed up in the Black Market in Sassari. However, he has worked very well with the Allies, secured some good information and effected a number of very good arrests involving Fascists. Colonna and his eight agents are shortly transferring their headquarters to Cagliari on the instructions of General Pinna, the High Commissioner for Sardinia. (Italian)

I4. There is no evidence that the O.V.R.A. is still active as the old Fascist O.V.R.A. On the contrary its staff here is actively working in co-operation with the Allies. However, the members of the O.V.R.A. who were unknown to Fabbri, may still be individually working and collecting information, but unless they have radios then cannot get their information to the O.V.R.A. headquarters in German Occupied Italy.

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I5. Commandatore Dino Fabbri became a member of the Fascist Party only in 1933. He was 33 years in the agents of public security, eventually becoming Vice-Questore of Trieste. In 1937, he was sent by Bocchini, chief of all Italian Police, to become Inspector General of the O.V.R.A. in Sardinia. Whilst here Fabbri reported many gerarchs to Rome for graft and corruption.

I6. As already stated Fabbri co-operated whole-heartedly with the Allies, and when General Martini was arrested trying to leave the island to join the Germans, in this General's possession was found a note saying that Fabbri was dangerous and that all Fascists must keep away from.

I7. Fabbri is a man of considerable ability, and was, in my opinion, the best informed man in Sardinia. His information was also reliable. If it is possible for him to be found work as a Questore in any part of liberated Italy, I am quite certain he would be invaluable and continue to work in conjunction with the Allies. He has served in Rome many years ago.

Richard Seidert
Captain.
Security Branch.A.C.C.

Copy to C.I.C. Detachment, Sardinia, for their information.

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A band of italians were caught once trying to escape to occupied ^{Italy} mostly for personal reasons. An "exposure" by carabinieri officials of a plot to start a clandestine radio, complete with code, turned out to be an attempt by the carabinieri to compromise a man they didn't like.

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4 May 1944

SUBJECT: Preliminary Report of arrests of Major ELIA, Capt PELLESCI, Capt GRAMAGLIA, Lieut SERLI and Lieut LAZZARI for their attempted escape to German-occupied Italy.

TO : Rear HQ, ACC, Public Safety Sub-Commission, APO 394
FROM : Public Safety Division, A.C.C., Region VI.

As a result of information received at this office and which was subsequently passed on the the Special Police Inspectorate for Sardinia, the following named persons were arrested on 28 April 1944 by that Police Inspectorate:

Major ELIA Michele, born at Milan on 19/6/1905, Commander of the 18th Fire Corps at Cagliari and Supervisor of all Fire Fighting Units in Sardinia.

Capt PELLESCI Tito, born at S. Miniato (Pisa) on 26/7/1900, Commander of the 49th Corps Apuania and Vice-Commandant of the 18th Fire Corps at Cagliari.

Naval Capt GRAMAGLIA Giovanni, born at La Spezia on 5/1/1903 and recently discharged from the Italian Navy.

Lieut SERLI, formerly of the Milmart (Fascist Militia) and now discharged from the Army.

Lieut LAZZARI, former officer of the Milmart (Fascist Militia).

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Immediately following this initial attempt, plans were laid down for a second attempt. The motorboat "Iolanda" was made ready for the trip and Lt SERLI was substituted for Lt. Col. AGOSTINI. Instead of attempting a direct route to German-occupied Italy, it was decided to make for the Balearic Islands and reach Northern Italy through Spain and France.

Immediately upon word by Dr. COLONNA, Functionary of P.S., Special Police Inspectorate, that he was about to proceed with the arrests, this office notified that U.S. Naval Intelligence and the C.I.C. The following officers witnessed the actual arrests and confiscation of the motorboat "Iolanda":

Lieut P. A. Alfieri, U.S. Naval Intelligence.

Mr. Peter Regis, C.I.C.

Capt J. E. Hughes, Capt Bradberry, Capt S. Bean and Lieut.

P. Wood, all of this office.

600 littros of gasoline were found aboard the motorboat plus two large containers of water. The gasoline for the proposed trip was secured by Major ELIA and Capt PELLESCI. An additional 870 littros of gasoline were found hidden at the 18th Fire Corps caserma. All gasoline was confiscated and turned over to the 310th Quartermaster Section. The motorboat "IOLANDA" is in the custody of the U. S. Navy. A search of Major ELIA's quarters revealed a map with a charted course from Cagliari to the Balearic islands designated in pencil. All the arrested, with the exception of Lt. LAZZARI, were fully packed and ready for departure when apprehended.

The radio transmitter and receiver at the 18th Fire Corps caserma was in full operation and messages were transmitted and received illegally after the date of the Armistice. The transmitter is now in the possession of the C.I.C.

Major ELIA and Capt PELLESCI have signed detailed confessions, copies of which are in the files of this office. Capt GRAMAGLIA has admitted that he took part in the escape plans but has stated that he did not intend to participate in the second attempt as he did not consider the motorboat "Iolanda" seaworthy for such a trip. Lt SERLI and Lt LAZZARI have been removed to Sassari for interrogation. Copies of their statements have not as yet reached this office.

A complete report will be forwarded in the near future.

All relative statements and reports of the arresting Police agents and informers are in our files.

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APO 397

HQ/SUS/70.

3 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Arrests, Fascist Movement.

TO : Rear HQ, A.C.C., Public Safety Sub-Commission.

FROM : Public Safety Section, A.C.C., Region VI.

1. As a result of investigations conducted by the Inspector General of Public Safety on activities of the "Regional Fascist Committee", the following persons have been arrested and are now in custody at the prison in Sassari:

PIGLIARU Antonio, University student.

PINNA Gavino, Doctor in Law.

TANDA Giovanni, 2nd Lt. Infantry.

SCANU Cav. Vincenzo, retired Army captain.

BERARDI Cesare, Regioniere.

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Inspector General of Public Safety. All of the arrested are steadfast in their declarations that they were determined to engage in political conspiracy for the overthrow of the State and for the exchange of intelligence with the enemy because of their political convictions.

4. Charges have been filed against each of those arrested in his own capacity for violation of Articles 241 and 244 of the C.P.V., and Articles 247, 257, 262, 265, 268, 282, 283, 286 and 305 of the Penal Code covered by Article 310.

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MEMORANDUM ON THE SITUATION IN SARDINIA UP TO MARCH 17TH.

In the name of the Fascist Republican Government - having at last found a way of communicating with the Centre - in order to inform the competent political and military organs as to the present political situation in Sardinia, as it has slowly developed, we precise the following points:

Forward on facts after July 25th and pertaining to Sept 8th.

The situation of Sardinian Fascism at the date of the State's collapse was absolutely negative. Lack of news - besides other factors which showed up and are supposed to be in common with the rest of Italy - lack of initiative with all leaders at the head of Fascist organizations (including the most important political, military and militia leaders) left organizations and members completely abandoned, therefore determining that general confusion which brought to the disbanding of all those units which could - even if not on July 26th - have at least later determine an efficient restart even in this Island. It can be observed though that all this is due to the fact that Sardinia is an island, which was clearly demonstrated as negative at the time of the Armistice. The Armistice caught us in complete disorganization, therefore allowing the anti-Fascists and anti-Nationals to be superior, in favor of the "Liberators".

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Dazed by propaganda (this did not only happen in Sardinia), helped by the already said absentism - hoping to start life in an easier way, and mostly hoping for immediate comfort, the Sardinian people at first (really for only the first 24 hours) ~~admired~~ ^{embraced} the news of the Armistice with joy. Later, they remained for some days in a state of strong and confused worry of thought (only selfish) that destruction was over. Then the "Liberators" came, welcomed in certain well known houses with sympathy! But with them did not come what the Sardinians selfishly expected.

At present, discontent among common people grows day by day. The first signs were bad after disorder which took place in many

towns in January: manifestations calmed by troops armed with machine guns and even with medium tanks (French). Such manifestations were started by the food situation; different from those promised at first by the foreign and internal propaganda, (such manifestations were organized by the Communist Party). For example: in Iglesias, in February, 30 died of starvation! The people feel once more betrayed by the false, shameful enemy propaganda. Prices increase alarmingly most necessary items are absolutely missing on the market, in many towns bread has been missing for some days; the bread ration, with all the propaganda, has remained the same (150 grams), the flour mixture is getting worse, pasta rations was missing for many months, and now they give 1 kg. a month. Wheat has been confiscated or requisitioned from farmers, taking their food ration away even. No corn, or very little has been given for sowing, and the crops are expected to be very scarce. All this determines always greater discontent especially among factory and farming classes, also because the "Allies" are preparing still worse things for the people, because in June-July they shall not even bring a crumb over here, as everything has to be used for the second front! Therefore we do not hesitate in saying that the people, realizing the promises so generously given, to be false, now turn decidedly towards us; all this is helped by the "Voice of Youth" - "Resurgo" - "Hurray for Italy" and by the "Alert", just published by the Fascist Republican Government. (Note - Why doesn't Barraccu periodically take care of the "Alert" as a Sardinian paper in the Continent? It would be well, in such a case, to dictate articles to the Radio for us to print.)

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A few thousand people are waiting. In order to establish communications, we attach the conventional + names. Help us!

At present, it is not advisable for us to move on our own. Too many Badoglio troops - too much U. S. Air Corps - small action is not advisable - today guerilla is impossible - individual incidents shall be provoked in time to create a psychological state: information should be sent a few days before by radio.

The arrival of an emissary must always be communicated by radio after or during the news of 2000, using messages: "Special Message for Black Orchid". Be careful of Radio Sardinia (wave lengths on Bolzano; m. ----).

Important - Badoglio troops look for officers and NCO's experts of peninsula zones (mostly Istria - Venezia Giulia - Tuscany Romagna) for espionage.

Important - High U.S. officer has made plan for Europe invasion. We do not know if the rumor is true. It should be combined action, next April, in Holland, Belgium, France, Cote d'Azur. We should have sent a map if there was no hurry.

About news on Radio Rome about arrest of Fascist leaders, it seems that they are 18, among which are Militia General MARFINI, Inspector of Fascist Party OFFEDDU, Federal MACCARI, Col. CHIAMA (3 silver and two bronze medals), MARIO GIUA (3 times wounded, silver medal), MANNUZZU (Vice Federal, mutilates of war), GUSTAVO SCANU and others.

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SECRET

CODE TAKEN FROM PERSON ESCAPING BY FISHING BOAT AT OLBIA 21 MARCH 44

Provisional Convention

1. Emissary shall land
Between Porto Conte and Porto Ferro
In 4 (three, two, etc.) days time
Horses 4 Men 40
At Naples
2. He shall bring arms
In 4 (three, two etc) moons
Bells will ring
3. He shall bring transmitting radio
Our bugles will blow
set
4. He shall bring printing material
We'll listen to your com-
plaints.
It will be a sunny day
5. Prepare reception
Frascati
Bologna
Foggia
6. Emissary already working in prov-
ince of Nuoro
Sassari
Cagliari
Work must be done during the
hours of the night
We need potatoes
7. Establish contact with emissary,
who already has orders regards
We need information on Allied Air
Corps
8. Inform of ship movements in Sard
Ports
Never get tired
9. For the moment, keep up propaganda
Carry out acts of sabotage
Gather fruits
10. Get military information of any
kind
Wait for the sun to rise
All is fine when clouds drift
away
11. Our men shall collect it
He shall use the following pass-
word
Wait for the child
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April sweet sleep
- 14. We await fresh orders
We sing an old song
- 15. Airfield of Alghero
City of Palermo
" " Avellino
" " Bari
" " Savona
" " Benevento
" " Taranto
" " Salerno
" " Augusta
" " Siracusa
" " Enna
" " Messina
" " Agrigento
" " Pescara
- 16. Port of Olbia
" " Cagliari
" " Porto Torres
" " La Maddalena
" " Alghero

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Port of San Antioco

17. 50 (10, 30 etc.) bomber planes
50 (10, 20, 30 etc) fighter planes

50 (10, 20, 30 etc) Flying Fortresses

18 (6, 5, 8 etc) transport ships
18 (6, 5, 8 etc) warships

18. Bad Anti-Aircraft defence

19. Good anti-aircraft defence

20. Defence of field left to Padoglio
Troops

21. Allied anti-aircraft artillery

22. Police on our heels

23. Police have arrested our comrades

24. We cannot fulfill your desire at
present

25. We cannot use the usual way

We cannot continue transmitting

City of Città Catania

50 (10, 30 etc) red flowers
50 (10, 20, 30 etc) yellow
flowers

50 (10, 20, 30 etc) wild
orchids

18 (6, 5, 8 etc) sacks of flour
18 (6, 5, 8 etc) barrels of
wine

Work is tiring

Dancing is amusing

Mid-August, my wife and I
do not know you

Live, horse, that the grass
grows

We've got your jackass

We intend moving

The river has flooded

Do not forget my words
Star Dust

NOTE - We are waiting for a complete code to use instead of the
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We hope to transmit with a clandestine radio set which has
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DEAR BARRACCU:

The writer is an old friend of yours, who, since November 1940, appealed to you - in your role of Federal of Bengasi - in order to be called for military service and sent to units in front lines in Cirenaica. I got your answer, assuring me that you'd be interested in the case, and saying that for you also it had been difficult to be enlisted, even though you had battled against a congregation of doctors (these are your words). I am repeating such words so that you can have faith in the person writing and in the holder of this letter.

I shall also remind you that our friendship goes back to an early date, as we were together for many years in Bengasi and th during the 1915 - 1918 war.

You shall therefor treat the messenger with this letter with utmost faith, and give him your necessary help for everything he'll say to you.

I have much faith in your interested action and feel that your help is necessary and urgent for our sainted cause and for our Island.

I kiss you as a friend and beg you to assure the Duce that the squadrista and the pure Fascists of the first hour have remained faithful to him, and work with faith. Your comrade.

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