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REGIONAL MINING DIVISION
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION REGION VI
APO 397

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8 May 1944

REF: 014.2

SUBJECT: Political Activity, Carbonia

TO: C.G., A.G.S., APO 534.
Regional Allied Commissioner, Region 6, APO. 397.
Chief, Mining Division, Hq., ACC, APO 394.

- Certain confidential information has recently been brought to the attention of this Headquarters which merits thought and consideration. The information is believed to be reliable.
- 2. No direct efforts have been made by this Headquarters to curb political activity in the mining districts although passive measures have been necessary upon occasion to prevent interference with continued production from the Sardinian Mines.
- 3. Presently, organized efforts are being made by a group calling themselves Communists to obtain political control in this district. Political control in the sense understood by the natives here is complete regimentation as practiced by the Fascists in the past. Aggressive efforts are being made to place so called Communists in key positions in the communal and economic life of the community, without regard as to the ability of those so placed but solely because of political affiliations. Promises are being made that more food and increased pay will be provided. The only means of enforcing their demands is the threat of local or general strikes (which may seriously handicap our efforts to produce materials in furtherance of the war effort), or a mild form of terrorism conducted by goon squads.
- 4. Individuals known to be active outside Carbonia are Fronga and an assistant by the name of Gigi Piga. Locally we have Pellisoni, Mistrone, Russo and Montagna. It is believed that these individuals are being directed by an organized group headed by someone well trained in activities of this kind. Work slow-downs or strikes have not always been spontaneous but give every indication of being well planned. We have been told that four (4) Italians previously trained in Russia are to be sent into the coal mines on or after May 20. Furthermore an arrangement has been made to initiate a request from the new Italian Government, asking that a committee be sent to the Continent, presumably for a discussion of labor problems but actually this committee will have the prearranged mission of requesting Russian participation in the Allied Control of Sardinia on the grounds that the Americans and British have not demonstrated proper co-operation with the Communist Party.
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- 5. This Headquarters does not propose to take any counter-measures unless otherwise directed by a higher authority. However, it is believed that increasingly serious labor disturbances may occur unless it is recognized that this infiltration is taking place. Appropriate measures should be taken to protect our efforts to produce ores and minerals from Sardinia but matters of this kind must, of necessity, be directed from a very high level in view of the implications arising from active measures to curb political activities. It is our considered opinion that a more forceful attitude is indicated.

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