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Subject Volunteers of the Revolution. 18 June 1944 ^{1A}

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

THRU: Regional Commissioner, Region II.

1. Forwarded herewith is a report on "Volunteers of the Revolution" received from the P.P.S.O. Bari, which it is understood originated from a reliable source.

2. This matter is being investigated by G.S.I. (b) No 2 District.

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Excellency.

Their has been organised, for about a month, in Bari, a secret organisation entitled "Volunteers of the Revolution".

This organisation receives orders from the Armed Patriots Command in Enemy occupied territory, with HQ. in Milano. In Bari at the head of this organisation is an Alpine Colonel, united with an officer of the Carabinieri sent purposely by the Patriotic Command.

Taking part in this, until now, are about 200 officers and civilians who also came from Occupied Italy (Enemy), either because they were sentenced to death by the German and Fascist Tribunal, or on special mission.

One determines many aims:-

1. To suppress all those Generals, Superior Fascist Officers and Pro-Germans, who at the time of the Armistice made the soldiers lay down their arms or dispersed their units or showed themselves inept at organising armed resistance.

It seems that among those designated to death are some Generals returning from the Balkans, where they would have abandoned their posts. and some superior officers returning from occupied territory, either as fascist spies or requested by the patriots for having collaborated in the first days with the Germans, the general of the Militia GRAN-NANTONI OTTORINO and the consul PASCIULLI, entered liberated Italy at the end of January.

2. They have at their disposal an enormous mass of armed men - with automatic arms - who united with the patriots in occupied territory, at the moment of peace should arrest all the responsible officials of the past regime? all the aforesaid officers not yet suppressed, and other personalities not yet well known, to place them at the disposal of a special patriotic tribunal which should function already in occupied territory. The patriotic command would assume the power

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The patriotic command of occupied Italy is in radio communication with said organisation in liberated Italy, which should receive instruction also in a conventional language transmitted through a clandestine Italian Radio.

One civilian each week passes through the lines with secret communications and to deliver documents.

In Bari, or in nearby territory there should exist, already a depository of arms for said purpose. Said organisation receives many adherents, who are rigorously selected, among all those people who come from enemy territory.

Taking part in said organisation also are ten women for the more intricate work(of which some are refugees).

These have different tasks like communication among the officers

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to approach Allied Officers and the Italian members of the Government. Among these is a Yugo-Slav (born at Lubiana) named EDA, with her HQ. at Lecce. It seems that taking part also in said organisation is the director of the review "Gioconda".

It is difficult to obtain news more deeply because the spies fade away silently.

All the associates have received orders to refuse any recompense for its Military value, which eventually would be given them by the present Military power. They swear by the photograph of GARIBALDI, they receive orders from a superior officer they call BERTANI; They have at their disposal enormous funds. They have many centres of communication both in Liberated Italy and on the front line of Occupied Italy, VASTO, LECCE, NAPOLI, MESSINA, SALERNO, CHIETI, ASCOLI, VELLETRI.

All the associates are marked (identified) with a progressive number, the women have the number, 5, 15, 25, 35, 45, 55, 65, etc.

The contents is directed to your Excellency because in these days they say that GENERAL PASULA must be suppressed, he has been charged with a criminal attempt on a SLAV;

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