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GENERAL VITTORE MARCHI
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Luzel Sub. Commission

Ref. 4A of this file. Please see 5A & 6A
 of this file. On the facts described this Sub.
 Commission considers that MARCHI might not to
 hold any official position
 9th July 1944

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SECURITY BRANCH
APO 394.

5 July 1944

REF. : SB/140.I.1.

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TO : Col. A.E. Young, Security Branch.

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8. It is said that he has attempted to set up a section of this party in Picerno (Potenza), which he considers to be his permanent residence with little success as the public have no confidence in him they rather hold him in contempt. The population distrust him owing to his former Fascist activities.

9. On 12 March 1944, MARCHI spoke at the mass meeting of the various political parties in Galleria Umberto, Naples. He appears to have been sponsored by the Socialist party. He was violently anti-Monarchial. He was dressed in uniform which he is not authorised to wear, being of reserve status.

10. MARCHI is also an active member of the Grand Orient Masonic Lodge and it is alleged that he plans to dissolve all the masonic lodges which have been reestablished in liberated Italy and to set them up again on a new basis in which no open political character will be allowed to exist. The Grand Orient Lodge is not recognised by Masons of England and the United States

11. His activities are exclusively political and the sentiments expressed in his numerous speeches, pamphlets as well as in the newspaper "NUOVA ITALIA" are all evidence of his ambition to constitute a republic inspired by the doctrines of MAZZINI,
12. MARCHI has been a Fascist of some significance and always a prominent and ardent propagandist.
13. He has impressed some heads of the various political parties in Naples as an opportunist, but too stupid to be taken seriously. He is a definite anti-monarchist.
14. Ricciotti GARIBALDI referred to above is now interned.

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A.H. ELLIS,
Captain,
SECURITY BRANCH.

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Hq. A.C.C., Security Branch., A.P.O. 394. 5 July 1944.
To : Public Safety Sub Commission. Rear Hq. A.C.C.,

1. But for the fact that MARCHI is almost blind and partially maimed, I am of opinion he would have been interned for security reasons.
2. It is, therefore, undesirable that he should hold any official position.
3. This report is submitted to you in duplicate for any recommendation you may wish to make to the Legal Sub-Commission.

For the Director:

J. H. [Signature]

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HEAD HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394.

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ACC/14760/31/PS.

25 June, 1944.

SUBJECT : General Vittore MARCHI.

TO : Director, Security and Intelligence Branch.

1. MARCHI Vittore, Counsellor of the Court of Appeal, Rome, is at present attached to the Court of Appeal, Naples.
2. Legal Sub-Commission have asked that enquires be made regarding MARCHI with the view of determining the desirability of his return to Rome. Attached is a copy report of the Ministry of War dated 27 March, 1944, which gives certain information.
3. During April last, enquiries were made about MARCHI, by Capt. A.E. HEATH Region III Security Officer, as at that time, the Questore, Naples, was considering arresting MARCHI. The position then, was that MARCHI was "persona grata" with the Ministry of Justice, but the Minister of Interior desired his arrest, as it was suspected he was working against the Allies. No action was taken.
4. It is suggested that Capt. Heath, who is now in Rome, might be able to give further information and assist in this enquiry.

PAUL G. KIRK
Colonel Inf.
Chief Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Legal Subcommittee
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SUBJECT: MARCHI Vittore, Councillor of the Court of Appeal, Rome, at present attached to the Court of Appeal, Naples.

TO : Director, Public Safety Subcommittee.

1. This Subcommittee would appreciate it if you could kindly investigate the above official with the view of determining the desirability of his return to Rome.

2. Enclosed copy of a report of the Ministry of War dated 27 March 1944 which might be of some help.

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A. R. Thackrah
A. R. THACKRAH, Lt. Col.
for Chief Legal Officer.

Encl. copy report of M. of W.

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SEGRETO

MINISTERO DI GUERRA

(Gabinetto) Ufficio dei Generali-

N. di Prot. 1039/GN

P.L. 107 il 27 Marzo 44

OGGETTO: Generale della riserva MARCHI VITTORIO fu Antonio e di
Vitale Maria, nato a Potenza il 6.9.1892.

A SUA ECCELLENZA IL MINISTRO DI GRAZIA E
GIUSTIZIA

SALERNO

Il generale di brigata della riserva MARCHI VITTORIO svolge da qualche tempo, indossando a volte anche l'uniforme, un'attività in contravvenzione al regolamento di disciplina e incompatibile coi doveri dell'Ufficiale in congedo, posizione questa in cui il predetto si trova attualmente.

Il MARCHI è persona molto legata in passato al caduto regime fascista, del quale risulta essere stato convinto assertore e fervente propagandista. E' stato console Generale della milizia. Durante la guerra in Etiopia fu mandato là quale propagandista, e analoghi incarichi avrebbe avuto anche nell'attuale guerra.

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Secondo informazioni confidenziali sembrerebbe giustificato il sospetto che sotto l'attuale attività politica del Marchi, apparentemente intesa a potenziare la lotta contro i tedeschi e contro il fascismo, si dissimuli invece un'azione diversa e coperta, meglio conforme al suo passato fascista e coordinata all'attività repubblicana fascista, coi dirigenti della quale egli tenderebbe a prendere contatto.

Nei riguardi del Marchi è attualmente in corso una inchiesta disciplinare.

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Poiché il Marchi ha dichiarato d'essere Consigliere di Corte di Appello a disposizione, segnalo a V.E. quanto sopra, per notizia.

Firmato : IL MINISTRO

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ALLIED CUSTODY COMMISSION
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB-COMMISSION
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21 April 1944

SUBJECT: General Vittore MARCHI

TO : AFSC Region III
(attention Capt. Heath)

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1. Thank you for the copies of correspondence relating to General Marchi.
 2. It is not proposed to take any action at this Hqs.
 3. We have no further information regarding this man, but would like to be notified of any developments.

PAUL C. KIRK
Colonel, Inf.
Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission

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MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR
P.S. Gen. Directory.

SUBJECT : General Marchi Vittore.

TO : Questore of Naples.
ATTENTION: ACC, P.S. S/C.

Ref to your telephone conversation regarding General MARCHI Vittore, we beg you to ask ACC whether they think it advisable to arrest said person and forward their dispositions of said matter to the Questore of Naples and ACC PS Sub-Commission for information.

THE MINISTER
(REALE)

*Maj. Wilcox tel. to Region III for further information,
& we await it.*

*Telephoned to Capt Heath on 18th Apr. 1944.
Capt. Heath (Region 3 Pub. Safety) will send copies of
all comm. to ACC HQ on 20th April 1944*

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Ministero dell'Interno
Direzione Gen. P.S.

Salerno, 13/4/944=

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Risposta alla lettera

N. _____ del _____

OGGETTO

Telegramma in copia
a mano=

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COMMISSIONE ALLEATA CONTROLLO
Sottocommissione Pubblica
Sicurezza

S A L E R N O

N.010282/44IPunto Riferimento vostra richiesta telefonica circa noto generale Marchi Vittore pregasi interpellare codesto AMGOT se concordi opportunità procederne fermo provvedimento di conseguenza et riferendone punto Presente est diretto Questore Napoli et per conoscenza Commissione Alleata Controllo Sottocommissione Pubblica Sicurezza Salerno punto MINISTRO REALE

Visto per copia conforme

il Direttore Generale della P.S.

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U. S. Army

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: *Heath* :

Ref:- G-2/MARCHI/354

18 April 1944

SUBJECT: General Vittore MARCHI.

TO: Public Safety Sub-Commission,
A.C.C., Rear Headquarters. (Attn: Major WILLCOX)

1. Reference is made to our telephone conversation of this afternoon regarding Subject.

2. Attached hereto are copies of:-

- a. Letter from the R. Questura, Naples. — 1B
- b. Copy of a letter to the Questore of Naples, dated 15 April 1944, — 1C
- c.) Reports from various authorities regarding his — 1D
- d.) activities and background. — 1E
- e.) — 1F
- f.) — 1G

3. In addition to the information recorded in the attached correspondence and reports, as you will recall, during our telephone conversation, it was pointed out that on or about 13 April, the Italian Ministry of Justice agreed to release General MARCHI (who is a magistrate) from Potenza for an appointment to the Magistrature of Naples. In other words, whilst he would appear to be "persona grata" with the Ministry of Justice, the Minister of the Interior desires his arrest.

4. As is pointed out in Colonel POLETTI's letter to the Questore, these Headquarters cannot express any opinion or agree to his arrest until full particulars regarding his alleged responsibility for intelligence with the enemy is submitted for consideration. F.S.S., C.I.C. and P.W.B. are all in agreement with this.

5. It would be appreciated if you would inform these Headquarters what action, if any, you propose to take at your end and if you can add any information to that already recorded.

A. J. Heath
A. J. HEATH

Cpt., I. 689

Regional Security Officer.

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R. QUESTURA DI NAPOLI

N. a Prot. 107826

NAPOLI, 14 Aprile 1944

Divisione P.P.

Sig. Capt. Heath,
Security Officer,
A.M.G.
Presso R. Prefettura

NAPOLI

Con Ministeriale n. 010282/441 del 13 corrente diretta a questa R. Questura e per conoscenza alla Commissione Alleata di Controllo - Sottocommissione Pubblica Sicurezza di Salerno - e' stato richiesto l'arresto del Generale in Congedo cieco di guerra e monco della mano destra, MARCHI VITTORE fu Antonio perche' ritenuto responsabile di intelligenza col nemico.

A richiesta del Ministero dell'Interno prego farmi conoscere se codesto Governo Militare Alleato concorda sull'opportunita' di procedere all'arresto del predetto Generale.

IL QUESTORE.

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REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U. S. Army

15 April 1944

OGGETTO: Generale in Congedo,
MARCHI Vittore, fu Antonio.

AL: Sig. Questore di Napoli.

1. In risposta al N. a Prot. 107826, Divisione P.P., in data del 14 Aprile 1944, inviata al mio Security Officer circa la richiesta per l'arresto del Generale in Congedo, cieco di guerra, MARCHI Vittore, fu Antonio, perche' ritenuto responsabile d'intelligenza col nemico (secondo il Ministeriale n. 010282/441 del 13 corrente diretta a cotesta R. Questura e per conoscenza alla Commissione Alleata di Controllo e la Pubblica Sicurezza di Salerno), senza la piu' ampia relazione su le ragioni per cui il Generale in questione sia ritenuto responsabile di intelligenza col nemico, questo Governo non potra' dare sua approvazione, o meno, quanto sull'opportunita' di procedere all'arresto del predetto Generale.

2. Pregasi, quindi di ben voler riferire quanto sopra al Ministero dell'Interno, sottolineando la necessita' di conoscere tutti i dettagli relativi al caso, onde potere provvedere alla massima sicurezza nei riguardi dello stesso Ministero e quella degli Alleati.

CHARLES POLETTI,
Lt. Col., AUS,
Regional Commissioner.**SECRET** 687

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HQ, P.B.S.

30 March 1944

1. The Chief of the Italian Counter-Intelligence Service called on this Officer this morning and volunteered the following information:-

"General MARCHI, Vittorio, great invalid, collaborator with General GARIBALDI, has recently confided that GARIBALDI himself, has left Naples to accompany 12 young members of the "GIOVANE ITALIA" (Italian Youth) called "GARIBALDINI" into the beachhead zone at Anzio."

"The aforementioned youths are to be brought near Rome to spread Republican Mazzini propaganda."

"MARCHI states that GARIBALDI will return to Naples in one week to organize one division of "GARIBALDINI" of about 14,900 men either to serve with the Fifth Army or a nucleus to be infiltrated to serve in German occupied Italy."

"It is noteworthy that General MARCHI, Vittorio, up until 25 July 1943 was an ardent Fascist and was so imbued with its principles that for the indisputable faith he had in the party, he was sent into East Africa as a propagandist."

"Recently, MARCHI went into the Provinces of POTENZA and MATERA where he recruited six youths, whom he accompanied to Naples. These youths formerly belonged to the Fascist Party."

"These six youths, together with six more recruited in Naples, were sent to the Anzio beachhead for the purpose of infiltration through the enemy lines, under the direction of GARIBALDI."

2. Since the above mentioned agents must have been sent with the knowledge and authorization of GSI b, AAIL, it is recommended that all information pertaining to the activities of General MARCHI be requested from the controlling Headquarters. It is the growing belief of this Officer that the confusion resulting from the un-coordinated activities of some of the various Allied and co-belligerent Intelligence Agencies, in and out of Naples, may become the cause of a serious hazard to the security of the Peninsular Base Section.

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Ref:- 925/GN

From: War Ministry
To: Army Sub Commission
Subject: Gen (of the reserve) MARCHI Vittore fu Antonio e di Vitale Maria, b. POTENZA 1892.

Date 31 March 1944

A/m attained the rank of Gen during the past regime and is a demobilised officer.

Investigations are afoot regarding his wearing of his uniform his acting in a manner incompatible with his uniform and detrimental to effective discipline.

On 12 March 1944 at NAPLES he spoke in public, in his General's uniform.

MARCHI appears to be insinuating himself into work with some Allied unit, and availing himself (with the unit's permission) of Allied transport. He recently went to NAPLES in an AMERICAN light truck.

He was bound to Fascism in the past, and seemed to be a fervent and convinced propagandist of the regime. He has been Consul General of the Fascist Militia. During the War in ETHIOPIA he was sent out there as propagandist, and has held similar posts in the present War. He is blind from a war wound, but at PIGERNO (POTENZA Province) it is said that his blindness is hereditary. A notorious Fascist up to 25 July, he has become a laughing stock through his sudden conversion to anti-Fascism.

According to confidential information, the suspicion seems justified that beneath MARCHI's present political activity, where he appears to carry on an intense and sustained struggle against Germans and Fascism and for which purpose he is reputed to hold a document signed by General Alexander's Secretary, rendering him immune from police measures, he hides instead a dark and different activity, more in keeping with his Fascist past and coordinated with Fascist republican activity, with whose leaders is said to be trying to make contact.

He lives in PIAZZETTA OLIVELLA 19, Naples.

The above is passed to you for collaboration.

Sgd FIORE-VERNAZZA
Chief of Cabinet

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MARCHI was a Lieut. Colonel in the regular army, took part in the last war and was wounded in the war. Was put in reserve as Lieut. Colonel after 1920. As a reserve officer, was actively engaged in promoting Fascist activities and was promoted Colonel and then General.

Became blind in 1926 due to venereal disease. It is supposed to be inferred that this was indirectly the result of war service.

He remained in contact with the Germans and was invited to Germany representing war veterans.

Behaved strangely after armistice. After Badoglio Government established itself in Brindisi, he claimed that he was being supported in his efforts by Allied authorities and as such got in touch with Garibaldi. He was unknown in military circles in Naples. Suspected as he is or was in touch with GARIBALDI of being used by O.S.S.

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Captain MICHALOWSKY has talked with heads of various political parties in Naples about MARCHI. Consensus of opinion seems to be that he is too stupid to be dangerous and is not to be taken seriously. It is believed to have been a mistake to have had him appear at the March 12th political meeting in Naples, sponsored by the Socialist Party. He is being investigated by Italian authorities on three counts:-

1. He appeared in uniform which he was not authorized to do because he is in reserve status,
2. He was not sent by his superiors,
3. Disloyal utterances against the King.

F.S.S. - General of Army reserve,
Prof. University of Naples,
Speaker at meeting in Naples, 12 March 1944.

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O.S.S. (X-2 Branch) Allied Armies in Italy. A.P.O. 777

SUBJECT: MARCHI, Prof. Avv. Vittore

1. Subject is a member of the Grand Orient Masonic Lodge.
2. He is a General and a war blind.
3. Subject plans to dissolve all the masonic lodges which have been re-established in Liberated Italy and to set them up again on a new basis. In the new lodges no open political character shall be allowed to exist.
4. Subject lives in the apartment occupied by RICCIOTTI GARIBALDI, in Naples.
5. Gen. MARCHI is a councillor at the Rome Court of Appeals.
6. Since 1911 Subject has been a member of the Garibaldine movement, and RICCIOTTI GARIBALDI has recognized his honorary army rank of General.
7. Subject has been a member of the Giovane Italia, a semi-clandestine Mazzinian movement during the Fascist period.
8. Subject has always been an outspoken anti-Fascist, but could never be stopped because he was a war blind, a general in the army and because of his position in the magistrature.
9. Gen. MARCHI has been chosen by GARIBALDI as his adjutant because of above qualifications.
10. Gen. MARCHI is now conducting a campaign to enlist volunteers in the proposed Garibaldi Legion.
11. Gen. MARCHI is trying to induce the various political parties to desist from carrying on a campaign against the shady character of RICCIOTTI GARIBALDI.

MARCHI Vittore, fu Antonio e di Vitale Maria, born at Potenza 1892.

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