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FRANCESCO SAVERIO GIOVANUCCI  
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The VP has asked me to say that he thinks that this file should be handed over to PS.

He suggests that when enquiry on S/C subjects are received the letter should go direct to the S/C concerned who will without the necessity for any specific instructions investigate and prepare a reply.

<sup>as requested</sup>

The S/C will supply you with the file no so that your letter register can be completed.

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I agree

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File of Enqes now passed to you as requested.

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W. Gordon  
Officer of CS <sup>Att</sup>



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C.A. Sec.

Ref 1 will you please call for a report for the  
Cops as soon as possible.

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G. Gordon

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When the action is reported to the mother and  
any steps taken. If you have any information in this  
matter already please send same in the report.

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R. R. Lipp

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Civil Affairs Section

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now stands. Further information is wanted vide 6A.

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matter already please provide a written report.

*J. P. Higgins*

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Public Safety Sub Commission

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COS. The information  
is submitted that this file should be  
transferred to PS S/C.

*J. P. Higgins*  
for VP.

C.A.S.  
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission  
APO 394

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AC/2602/005

10 November 1944

SUBJECT : Francesco Saverio GIOVANUCCI.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Lazio-Umbria Region.  
(Attn: R.P.S.O.).

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1. Your report dated 31st October, 1944, on the above named man which was received today, is acknowledged.
2. May this Headquarters please be informed of any reply received from ISID in response to your letter and also whether or not GIOVANUCCI is still being employed by ISID.
3. The result of the investigation referred to in paragraph 1 of your report should be forwarded to this Headquarters in due course.

W. L. Cox  
for JOHN W. CHAPMAN  
Colonel, J.A.G.D.  
Director Public Safety  
Sub-Commission

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| COL. CHAPMAN |      |      |
| COL. YOUNG   |      |      |
| Col. Sargent |      |      |
| Col. Wilson  |      |      |
| Col. Henry   |      |      |
| Col. Green   |      |      |
| Col. Wallace |      |      |
| Col. Powell  |      |      |

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1. Reference to the above, I have to inform you that certain aspects of the case are still under investigations and it is hoped that the enquiries will be completed in the near future.
2. The following are the answers to the points raised in HQ. No. letter of 28th October, 1944 - para.2:-

a) b) c) d) e) substantially correct.

- e) as the man was on the ration strength of a military organization, he was entitled to be in possession of Government rations. Likewise the Allied Military motor types are loaned to him, and are charged to his unit.
- f) no evidence offered by police but considered of minor importance in view of more serious charges proffered.
- 3) The charges formulated against the accused is:
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  - b) falsely using the title of lawyer;
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4. Complete liaison has been maintained with I.S.L.D. throughout investigations. I have checked with G-2, R.A.A.S. as to the nature of this organization's work, which I understand is inter-services liaison department, whereby certain elements have been used on work in connection with obtaining information from the ~~Italy~~ *Italy*.

5. The attached report of the case, which has also only just been completed, is being forwarded to I.S.L.D. with the request that any objections they may wish to raise be done through me., but I personally see no reason why this man, who has



a criminal record should not be proceeded against in the Italian Courts, and pending instructions to the contrary, I directed this procedure to be followed on 11th Oct. 1944.

6. On 15th Oct. 1944, I was informed that Giovannucci was at liberty. On enquiring at the Questura as to why this man was at liberty, I was informed that the charges formed against him under Italian law permitted provisional liberty. No influence has been brought to bear on the Italian authorities with regard to this release. In fact it was in direct contravention of my request of 11th Oct. 1944.

7. The case proceeds and further information, as available will be submitted in due course.

*P. E. COXHEAD*  
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Major  
Public Safety Officer,  
ROME.

Regional Public Safety HQ.

2nd Nov. 1944.

TO: Director Public Safety Sub-Commission, ACC.HQ.  
(thru Regional Commissioner)

1. Submitted in answer to your letter of 28th Oct. 1944 -  
Ref. ACC/2602/303.



J. R. POLLOCK  
Lt. Colonel,  
Chief, Public Safety  
Lazio-Umbria Region



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Major  
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ROME.

Regional Public Safety HQ.

2nd Nov. 1944. *Recd HQ*

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Ref. ACC/2602/303.



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Chief, Public Safety  
Lazio-Umbria Region

*Forwarded*

*Chandler, R. L. H.*  
*Col. and*  
*Ref. Com 1058 Log 10 - Umbria*



HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
Lazio-UMBRIA REGION

Regional Public Safety ID.

31st Oct. 1944.

SUBJECT: Francesco Saverio GIOVANUCCI.

1. On 25th Sept. 1944, as a result of information received, the above man was arrested by Piazza Cavallieri di Malta in the evening, and whilst being conveyed to the Questura by Vice-Brigadiere Calavita Pietro, in Fiat motorcar No. Naples 23500, the car broke down in the Piazza Venezia, and in the confusion that ensued Giovanucci escaped and was at liberty until 5rd October 1944, when he was re-arrested.

2. On 26th Sept. 1944, Vice Brigadiere Calavita went to the house of Signorina Lopez, 'finacee' to Giovanucci, where he hoped to re-arrest Giovanucci as this was his domicile.

3. Giovanucci, however, was not to be found on the premises, but the Vice Brigadiere sequestered various articles of food, military flash lamp, two motor tyres, the property of Allied Military. These articles were conveyed to the Questura office where they remained pending instructions.

4. The investigation into the various activities of Giovanucci has revealed that he has posed as legal advisor to the A.M.G. and he has often been seen in Allied uniform. Giovanucci has produced a typewritten form stating that he was employed as legal advisor to AMG. Region 3 in September 1943, signed Shields, Lt. Colonel. As Col. Shields is at the moment in Charlottesville U.S.A. this fact cannot be verified although a communication has been forwarded to Region 3, and a reply is awaited. However, assuming this point to be correct, at the time of Giovanucci's arrest he was employed in no legal capacity by the Allied forces. Giovanucci fraudently obtained in the name of the Allied Command, an apartment in Via Sallustiana, which he turned into an office known as the International Legal Studio, installing a Secretary and two other persons as members of the staff. Whilst he did not pay any money as rent for these premises within a few days he let 7 rooms to a painter Fella Capavina di Romano, at Lire 7000 a month, obtaining 6 months' rent in advance and a year's guarantee for occupation, endeavouring thus to realise an immediate profit of Lire 126,000.-



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5. Further investigations show that he rent a flat at 305 Via Nazionale is also in possession of premises of 20 rooms in Via Nazionale 230, which are richly furnished, and the Villa "Belloni" in Piazza Cavallieri di Malta 1, composed of 14 rooms, which are also richly furnished.
6. Evidence has been obtained that 1037 apartments were acquired from the Commissariato degli "alloggi" in the name of the Allied Command, which was supposed to require them. The following is the manner in which these apartments were obtained from the Commissariato degli "alloggi":



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7. The Villa "Belloni" was assigned to Giovannucci when he showed them a certificate qualifying him as an evicuee from Leghorn where he has no residence, and without obtaining the necessary information which would have shown him to be a bachelor, and already in possession of a flat. He also obtained a large flat at Via Nazionale 230 on presentation of dubious evacuation certificates for a certain Engineer Spano Giambattista. This apartment was passed to Giovannucci of the Allied Command. He made a verbal request to the Maresciallo of P.S. Angelo Quarantiello, attached to the Commissario degli Alloggi. The latter accompanied Giovannucci to the porter of the building, informing him that the apartment was to be handed over to the Allies, who were represented by Giovannucci, who immediately took possession of the place, placing a notice on the door.

8. Later Giovannucci, who had been deprived by the Commissariato degli Alloggi of the Villa "Belloni" got another flat belonging to ex-Minister Teruzzi. On this occasion he endeavoured to accelerate negotiations by trying to bribe Signorina Bozzani in Vicardi, Secretary of the Commissariato.

9. After Giovannucci had been arrested and upon being questioned he endeavoured to justify his actions by saying they were in complete agreement with the Allies, who authorised him to wear uniform and to circulate in the cars at his disposal.

10. He produced two documents in English, one of which was an original dated 17th Nov. 1943, and the second a copy as he had lost the original. He denied ever having in his possession documents of the Vatican State. He also declared that he had been a legal advisor to A.M.C. and produced copy of a document written in English, signed Lt. Col. Shields.

11. With regard to food, as he was working with the Allies, he possession of rations can be verified through his Command, as is also the possession of the motor tyres.

12. On 4th Oct. 1944, Capt. Rafter of 59 Via Sicilia, informed Commissario Manes that there was no need to proceed further with any investigations with regard to the use of Allied uniform, possession of rations or of motor tyres. They should, however, proceed to charge him with offences committed under Italian law. Maj. Coxhead was informed of the above on the same day, and confirmed that it was necessary to proceed with the investigations against the man and again at 21.30 hours on the same day Maj. Coxhead gave definite instructions that under no circumstances was Giovannucci to be released. He was to be guarded strictly to avoid his escape and prevent him to be in contact with other persons.

13. On 11th Oct. 1944, Commissario Manes attended before Maj. Coxhead and requested information as to Giovannucci's position with the Allies and he was informed that they were to proceed against the man as if he were an ordinary normal Italian citizen, and to be treated in accordance with the Italian penal code.

14. Further enquiries show that Giovannucci agreed to be buying a motor car from 3 persons, who had been arrested for the theft of cars.



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He is accused of making a false declaration with regard to these vehicles, and after agreeing to buy a car, the car disappeared, and has yet to be traced. Giovannucci informed these people that the vehicle had been requisitioned by the Allied Police. This is false.

15. These facts had been denounced to the judiciary authorities together with the arrest report of the three car thieves, who sustained their accusations whilst under interrogation at the Questura.

16. Giovannucci is charged with:-

- a) falsely and abusively using the names of the Allied authorities with intention to deceive.
- b) continued fraud, falsely using the title of a lawyer apart from the above mentioned offence, which will be treated separately.

17. Motor car No. KA. 23500 is impounded at the Questura, but from the "Libretto" which is produced it is apparent that this vehicle belongs to Giovannucci.

18. The other impounded articles are retained pending further directions and disposition of the case.

19. Giovannucci was released on 15th Oct. 1944, without reference to Maj. Coxhead by the Authorities at the Questura. When this information was received, Maj. Coxhead enquired the reasons, and was informed that the charges against Giovannucci were such that provisional liberty could be granted. At no time was any pressure brought to bear by this office upon the Questura for the release of this man.

*P. Coxhead*  
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Major  
Public Safety Officer,  
ROME.

*J. M. H. H. H.*



HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission  
APO 394

8 November 1944

AC/2502/CCS

SUBJECT : GIOVANNUCCI, F.S.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Lazio-Umbria Region.  
(Attn: R.F.S.G.).

Please expedite your reply to our AC/2502/CCS  
dated 20 October 1944, concerning the above named.

JOHN W. CHEFFMAN  
Colonel, J.A.G. N.  
Director Public Safety  
Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
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ACC/2602/CCS

28 October 1944

SUBJECT : GIOVANNUCCI, F. S.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Lazio-Umbria Region.  
(Attn: R.P.S.O.).

1. Reference is made to letter dated 25 October 1944 from your Regional Public Safety Officer on the above subject.
2. It has been stated by Lt Col Count de Salla that:
  - (a) Giovannucci falsely represented himself as employed as legal advisor to the Allied Forces.
  - (b) He falsely represented himself as an Avvocato.
  - (c) He illegally requisitioned a villa occupied by nuns and orphans whom he ill treated and threw out.
  - (d) He illegally used Italian and Allied Uniform.
  - (e) Was in unlawful possession of Government rations and Allied motor-tyres.
  - (f) He had two cars with false labels describing them as "Praga".
3. May it please be stated whether these specific allegations have been investigated and if so the result of the investigation.
4. May it further be stated what charges are now in the hands of the Procura del Regno.
5. Information is requested as to whether the allegations have been brought to the notice of I.S.I.D. and with what result. It will also be appreciated if the full address of I.S.I.D. can be supplied, with any available information as to duties of extreme importance in which Giovannucci is engaged.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN  
Colonel, J.A.G.D.  
Director Public Safety  
Sub-Commission





HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
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PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

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Rome, October 25th 1944

TO: Director  
Public Safety SubCommission.  
A.C.C. Headquarters  
A.P.O. 394

FROM: Public Safety Officer - Rome.

SUBJECT: Giovannucci Francesco Saverio.

1. With reference to telephone conversation with Lt.Col. Wilcox and this Office re the above named I have to inform you that the case continues to be under investigation.
2. Lt. Col. Count de Salis has informed that the above has illegally requisitioned a motor-car n° NA 23500, is in possession of Allied Military motor car tyres of Allied Military rations, and of Allied Military petrol in addition to civil complaints.
3. The man is employed by I.S.L.D. under command of Lt.Col. Hocker, the motor car NA 23500 is actually his own property, (libretto produced) the motor car tyres are on charge to I.S.L.D., and rations and petrol are issued to him; he therefore is in proper possession thereof.

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4. The civil charges have been investigated, GIOVANNUCI has been released on provisional liberty after spending some ten days in detention, and the complaints are now being dealt with by the Procura del Re.
5. I.S.L.D. consider this man to be of extreme importance, do not desire the Italian authorities to detain him, or to give any opportunity for cross-examination on subjects connected with I.S.L.D. activities.
6. The enquiry when completed will be submitted for directions to higher authority in view of the complications which may arise if GIOVANNUCI's connections with I.S.L.D. became public.

*P. Coxhead*  
Major  
Public Safety Officer  
Rome ..



PRIVATE & PERSONALHEADQUARTERS  
ROME ALLIED AREA COMMAND

Telephone 66398

19th October, 1944

GIANUCCI AND SPANO CASE

Dear Brigadier,

I feel that this may be very much outside my terms of reference, but I am compelled to bring to your notice a recent case which Colonel Pollock and Major Coxhead have been dealing with at my request. They have both done their utmost, and have taken both time and great personal trouble over it, but there are certain aspects of the case as handled by the Questura that I am quite unable to understand.

1. An individual called F.S. GIANUCCI came up from Naples, falsely represented himself as employed as legal adviser to the Allied Forces (He had, in fact, done odd jobs for ISLD) represented himself as an Avvocato, which he was not, and illegally requisitioned, on false pretences, a villa occupied by nuns and orphans, whom he ill-treated and threw out.

There were other items such as the illegal wearing of Italian and Allied uniform, theft of Government rations, illegal possession of Allied motor-tyres, but I had to intervene on the question of alleged ill-treatment of nuns and orphans, as such conduct on the part of an employee of the Allied Forces caused trouble at the Vatican. He had two cars which have been impounded with false labels describing them as "Press".

2. He was associated with a certain G.B. SPANO, who was given requisitioned furniture from the villa.

If my information, given by one of our services, is correct, G.B. Spano was wounded when serving with the Fascists, was a Fascist legionary in Spain, and has been a registered Fascist since 7th June 1919. He was the founder of the Fascio di Combattimento in Buenos Aires.

3. Gianucci. All the facts are in my reports. My point is that such an individual should not be employed by Allied Services.

4. May I suggest that you should call for a complete report on this case, including my reports, with special reference to the action of the Questura in releasing him. He is still harrying the nuns, who have complained again.

Yours very sincerely

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John de Salis

Brigadier M. Lush. ACC.

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