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To : Director Public Safety, S.C. AC/HQ.
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Subject : Ernesto CABRUNA;

Rome, 11/6/45

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the attached report on the above named .

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This is a summary of informations concerning Ernesto Cabrera.-

At the beginning of world war I he was a CC.RR. N.C.O.: he followed an air-driving course, and became N.C.O. Pilot of CC.RR.- He was promoted second lieutenant, then first lieutenant.-

During his serving as a pilot he got strictly acquainted with D'Annunzio, whom he would serve especially for personal informations.- As reward D'Annunzio backed strongly Cabrera insisting to have him awarded with gold medal for a crashed enemy plane.- D'Annunzio was said then to have written the statement of the reasons for the medal.-

When Fiume's adventure began, Cabrera followed D'Annunzio, who intensely used this CC.RR. officer for information and spying-duties relating to the activity of "Reggenza del Carnaro".-

Cabrera accomplished many missions outside Fiume always concerning informations on person hostile to the Commander (D'Annunzio) and his interests.-

Meanwhile Cabrera disclosed a spying and persecutor mind which in Fiume circles was well remarked.- Many incidents followed (a duel by the way, with Mario Carli) and this kind of professional accuser and informer became less and less popular among the Fiume circles.-

Meanwhile Cabrera's prominent position had induced him to assume attitudes in opposition to the usual CC.RR.'s composedness (among other he criticized King and Govt for granting an act of ^{pardon to deserters} and he was eliminated by CC.RR. Command.-

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When fascism came Cabrera liked to join again the CC.RR. and in 1923 steps were made with Mussolini in order that he (Mussolini) would order CC.RR. to readmit Cabrera.- .- Mussolini persistently begged, instructed CC.RR. Command to readmit Cabrera.- But CC.RR. Command was inflexible; the elements in their possession, the far from good informations they had about Cabrera, and his spying habits managed for Cabrera to be given a refusal.-

But Mussolini was urged again so that Cabrera was readmitted in the Italian Air force just then founded.- But shortly afterwards with rash accusations due to his chronic trend to scandals he raised a big gossip in the Air force so as to force Gen. Balbo to dismiss him, who seems to have been qualified as a person completely lacking in moral principles and suffering ^{from} mental derangement.-

Cabrera's clues went lost since.- He was said to have gone abroad, to Greece and Russia, nobody knows why; he came back to Italy and lived on makeshifts.- It was rumoured he would become a missionary monk as his brother.- It must be thought of, by the way, he is an uneducated person who acts only by impulse, without reading newspapers nor taking into account what happens.- He takes great care in giving the impression of being a mystic in good faith, whereas deeds and experience have shown he is far from that.-

During German occupation Cabrera was undergoing a treatment at Fatebenefratelli Hospital where he had been admitted long time before. During this period Cabrera would receive almost daily Gen. Colonel Panetta,

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fanatic and ambitious person, who planned to use Cabrera as the flag and the leader to work on to go ahead.-

Pinetta was in touch with the most different gangs of clandestine action; he convinced Cabrera to become a tool of extreme left elements in the fighting sector.- Cabrera joined the Communist Party, Pinetta the Catholic Communist Party, today Christian left.-

They were able so, soon after the liberation of Rome, to grasp the appointments of Commissario and Vice Commissario of "Wounded Association", where, instead of carrying out the pacification and friendship policy the Government has ordered the fighting organizations, (and which the "Associazioni Combattenti" followed successfully) they carried out a policy of inner discord, of persecution against the patriotic and even-minded elements, of bringing into work the anarchist elements (the extremist Costa now the boss in Rome of the "Associazione dei Mutilati").-

A very painful situation turned out, which gave way to following incidents :

a) - Incident between Comm. Mari and Cabrera who was slapped and did not react, contrarily to what Count Colonel Piretti, head of Clandestine League F.V.E. denounced to H.E. Chiri, Commissario Aggiunto to "Commissariato del Reduce", at the presence of a Commission of Wounded men.- (The incident was originated by Cabrera's slander against Del Croix, whom he accused of having taken to North the Association's millions, whereas Del Croix was arrested by republicans and detained long before Bersani, who was later killed by patriots at Milan, took to North the funds of the Association).-

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b) - The violent article of "quotidiano" against Cabrera.- It was very critic in spite of the usual moderation of this Catholic newspaper and it stressed the situation of tension at the Association.-

c) - The accusations against General Martelli and his son a patriot who during the German occupation acted on behalf of Military Command of the Action Party.- The accusations were so rash that four newspapers (Risorgimento Liberale, Italia Libera, Epoca, Ricostruzione) edited the sharp answer of Martelli, whereas none, not even "Unità" agreed to edit Cabrera's reply.-

It must be remarked that Cabrera relies on Andreotti brothers, one of whom has been lately arrested and released by the Allies.- With their support Cabrera was appointed leader of the Associazione Partigiana, which he had given hospitality at the Casa Madre dei Mutilati.- This Associazione Partigiana is the competitor of A.N.P.I., the sole organization recognized by the Govt and the G.I.N.-

Cabrera's activity however also in this case gave way to incidents.-

The situation which has turned out at the Associazione, due to Cabrera's discordant and persecuting mind, is a particularly delicate one.-

It must be borne in mind that Cabrera, owing to his complete incapacity, his narrow mind, his gross ignorance is nothing but a mental sickman, and the action of Pinetta, an excited character and highly ambitious, greatly affects

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and catches him.-

An instance of Cebrena's mind is that he, presumably to imitate D'Annunzio as to the exterior attitudes, not only assumes mystic and hieratic postures of an inspired man, but lets himself be addressed as "Comandante" which throws a ridiculous shade on the actual Comisariato of the Associazione Mutilati.-

Roma, 28/5/1945.-

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