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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 794
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION

REF : SD/1000.1

30 August 1946

SUBJECT : RIGGI Bruno and others

TO : SCI (3) R.A.A.C.

1. Reference our previous correspondence under even number.
2. The attached translated copy of a letter received from the Procureure Generale concerning the above case is forwarded herewith for your information.


E.J. EYE,
Colonel,
A/Director Public Safety,
Sub Commission

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PROCURA GENERALE PRESSO LA CORTE D'APPELLO DI ROMA

N.14808

1 August 1946.

Div.II.Sez.II.

SUBJECT : Ricci Bruno and Others.

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission.

Reference your SD/1000.1 dated 20/7/46, it is communicated that in the charge of the 10th July 1946, this Procura Generale has requested the Section of Enquiry to declare the hypothesis of voluntary homicide possible, and not to have to proceed against Ricci Umberto, Orati Renato, Ricci Bruno and Daniele Trento because not punishable being a question of an action of war according to the only art.n.194 D.L.L. of 12 April 1945. Furthermore, it has asked not to proceed against the a/m for the crime of theft as the fact does not exist, on behalf of Michelagnolo and Comeo, owing to lack of complete particulars and statements, the crime of swindling is closed due to the amnesty.

The Section of Enquiry of this Appeal Court, in sentence dated 25 July, in diversity to the requests of this office, has disposed the adjournment of all the offenders to the judgement of the Corte di Assise di Roma to answer for homicide and theft declaring the crime of swindling pardoned.

The Procuratore Generale
/s/ Rubbiani.

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PROCURA GENERALE PRESSO LA CORTE D'APPELLO DI ROMA

N. 14808 Prot.
Div. II Sez. II
Risp. a nota SD/1000.I
del 20/7/46

Roma, 1 agosto 1946

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
Sottocommissione per la P.S.
R O M A

OCCETTO: RICCI Bruno ed altri.

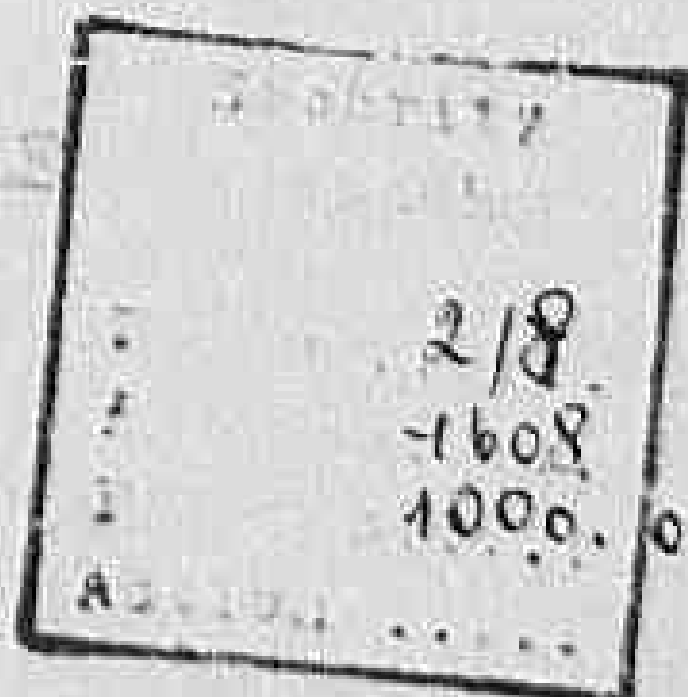
In relazione alla nota suindicata, si comunica che con requisitoria del 10 luglio u.s. questa Procura Generale ha richiesto la Sezione Istruttoria di voler dichiarare configurabile l'imputasi di concorso in omicidio volontario non doversi procedere nei confronti di RICCI Umberto, GRATI Renato, RICCI Bruno e DAVIELI Trento perchè non punibili essendosi trattato di azione di guerra ai sensi dell'articolo unico del D.L. 12 aprile 1945 n. 194. Ha richiesto altresì non doversi procedere nei confronti degli stessi per il reato di rapina perchè il fatto non sussiste, a carico di MICHELIACIO e COMEC per difetto di complete generalità e dichiararsi, il reato di truffa agli stessi ascritto, estinto per intervenuta amnistia.

La Sezione Istruttoria presso questa Corte di Appello con sentenza del 25 luglio decorso, in difformità delle richieste di questo ufficio, sopra trascritte, ha disposto il rinvio di tutti gli imputati al giudizio della Corte di Assise di Roma per rispondere di omicidio e rapina dichiarando amnistiato il reato di truffa.

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IL PROCURATORE GENERALE
(G. Rubbiani)

Giubiani



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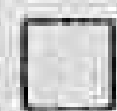
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
 A.P.O. 394
 PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION

REF : SD/100.1

20 July 1946

SUBJECT : RICH BRUNO and others

TO : Procuratore Generale, Presso la Corte
di Appello di Roma

1. Reference our previous correspondence regarding the above proceedings pending against the above.

2. It will be much appreciated if we could be informed of the present status of this case.

REF : SD/100.1

20 luglio 1946

OGGETTO : RICH Bruno e altri

AL : Procuratore Generale, Presso la Corte di
Appello di Roma

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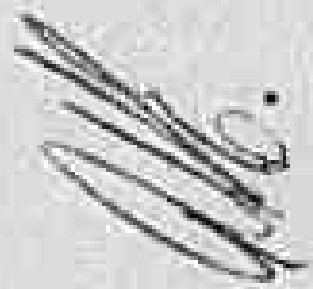
20 luglio 1946

OGGETTO : RICOTIRANO e altri

AL : Procuratore Generale, presso la Corte di Appello di ROMA

1. Con riferimento alla nostra precedente corrispondenza relativa al procedimento contro il nominativo in oggetto, vi saremo grati se vorrete informarci della sua presente posizione.

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E.J. SMYTH,
Colonel,
A/Director Public Safety,
Sub Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION

22 March 1946

REF : SD/1000.1

SUBJECT : RICCI Bruno
RICCI Umberto
ORATI Renato
MICHELIGNOLI Alfredo
TRENTO Daniele
COMEO Alfonso

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TO : Procuratore Generale, Presso la Corte di Appello di
Roma

1. This Division has been informed that proceedings are pending against the above named and that the first three are already held in custody at Rome.

2. It will be appreciated if you will forward to this office as soon as possible a resume of the charges. On receipt of these we will again communicate with you.

REF : SD/1000.1

22 Marzo 1946

COPIES TO : RICCI Bruno
RICCI Umberto
ORATI Renato
MICHELIGNOLI Alfredo
TRENTO Daniele
COMEO Alfonso

A : Procuratore General del Regno, presso la Corte di Appello
Roma

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22 Marzo 1946

OGGETTO : RICCI Bruno
 RICCI Umberto
 ORATI Renato
 MICHELIGNOLI Alfredo
 TRENTO Daniale
 COMEO Alfonso

A : Procuratore General del Regno, presso la Corte di Appello
Roma

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1. Questa Divisione e' stata informata che sono in corso procedimenti a carico dei sovranominati e che i primi tre elencati sono gia' tenuti in custodia a Roma.

2. Vi saremmo grati se ci invierete appena possibile, un sommario delle accuse. Vi daremo comunicazione al ricevimento di quanto sopra richiesto.

W. W. Chapin

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

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Ref: SD/1000.1

Subject: RICCI Bruno

RICCI Umberto

ORATI Renato

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COMEO Alfonso.

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CHAPMAN.

To: Procuratore Generale, Presso di Corte d'Appello
Roma.

TRADUZIONE

Questo Divisione è stato informato che
sono in corso procedimenti ~~esenti~~ a carico
dels/n e che i primi tre ^{educati} sono gio-
venuti in custodia a Roma -

Vi saremmo grati
~~gradiremmo moltissimo~~ se ci
inviarete al nostro ufficio appena
possibile, un sommario delle
accuse. Vi daremo comunicazione
~~al~~ al ricevimento di quanto
sopra richiesto

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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SECURITY DIVISION

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REF : SD/280.B

10 May 1946

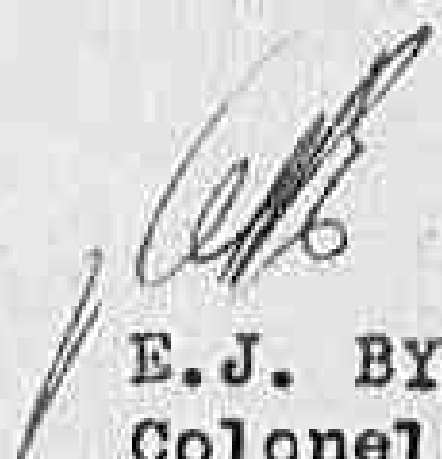
SUBJECT : RICCI Bruno, RICCI Umberto, ORATI Renato, MICHE-
LANGILO Alfredo, TRENTO Daniele and COMEO
Alfonso.

TO : Il Procuratore Generale del Regno,
Corte d'Appello,
ROMA

1. Capt. Hays of the U.S. Army, the officer making the Affidavit forwarded with our letter of even number dated 9 May 1946, will be available in Rome during the next SEVEN days.

2. He has been instructed by his Commanding Officer to represent his Unit and to attend before the Italian judicial Authorities to give evidence, if necessary, on the contents of his Affidavit.

3. Please inform this Headquarters of the date, if it is desired to call Capt. Hays.


E.J. BYE,
Colonel,
A/ Director Public Safety
Sub Commission

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hand 11/5.*

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION

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REF : SD/280.B

10 maggio 1946

OGGETTO : RICCI Bruno, RICCI Umberto, ORATI Renato,
MICHELANGELO Alfredo, TRENTO Daniele e
COMEO Alfonso.

A : Il procuratore Generale del Regno,
Corte d'Appello,
ROMA

Il Capitano Hays dell'esercito Americano, autore della dichiarazione inviata al vostro ufficio con lettera del 9 maggio 1946 pari numero, si troverà disponibile in Roma nei prossimi sette giorni.

Egli ha avuto l'incarico dal suo Ufficiale Superiore di rappresentare il suo Reggimento e di comparire davanti alle Autorità Giudiziarie Italiane per confermare, se necessario, quanto è già stato reso noto attraverso la sua dichiarazione.

Siamo in attesa di conoscere la data, nel caso si desideri chiamare il Capitano Hays.

EJB
E.J. BYE,
Colonel

A/ Director Public Safety
Sub Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION

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REF : SD/280.B

10 maggio 1946

OGGETTO : RICCI Bruno, RICCI Umberto, ORATI Renato,
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A/ Director Public Safety
Sub Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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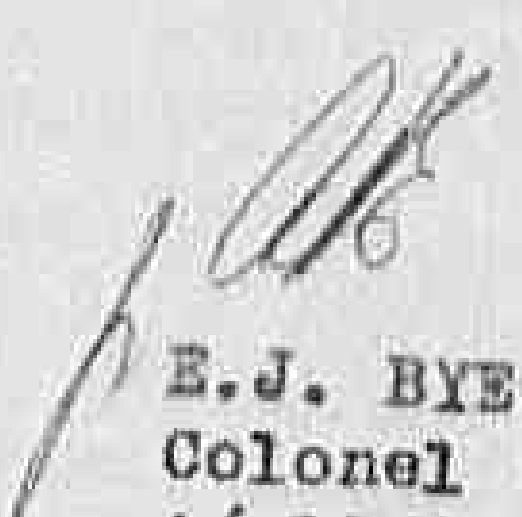
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9 May 1946

SUBJECT : RICCI Bruno, RICCI Umberto, ORATI Renato,
MICHELANGELO Alfredo, TRENTO Daniele and
COMEO Alfonso.

TO : Il Procuratore Generale del Regno,
Corte d'Appello,
ROMA

1. Referring to your memorandum of 4 April 1946.
2. Forwarded herewith is an Affidavit, together with translation, made by Capt. Donald HAYS of the US Army, who is fully cognizant with the facts and activities of the military mission with which the above named were connected.
3. It will be appreciated if you will inform this Headquarters of anything further which you desire to facilitate the early release of the persons now held in custody.


E.J. BYE,
Colonel
A/ Director Public Safety
Sub Commission

DICHIARAZIONE

Roma)
) SS.
Italia)

Il Capitano Donald C. Hays, O-2052198, con solenne giuramento fa la seguente deposizione:

Sono membro di un Comando subordinato delle Forze Alleate, operante nella zona del Mediterraneo. Il mio dovere di ufficiale legale di questo Reggimento é tale da richiedere una perfetta conoscenza di tutta la sua passata attività. Questa conoscenza mi viene da fatti che posso testimoniare, da documenti ufficiali e da dichiarazioni ricevute dal mio personale, il quale ha avuto diretta conoscenza dei fatti avvenuti.

Sono, così, venuto a conoscenza di tutti gli eventi che hanno portato alle accuse in corso contro Bruno RICCI, Umberto RICCI, Renato ORATI, Alfredo MICHELAGNOLI, Daniele TRENTO ed Alfonso COMEO, colpevoli di furto e dell'uccisione di Bruno ELETTI.

Dall'esame dei documenti ufficiali del mio Reggimento e da dichiarazioni di ufficiali ed uomini già appartenenti al mio Reggimento, i quali ebbero esatta conoscenza dei fatti avvenuti, ho la certezza che l'uccisione di Bruno ELETTI fu un'azione di guerra, dettata da necessità militari ed autorizzata dalla competente autorità; essa non può quindi essere considerata come un comune delitto, né giudicata da una corte civile. Perché la mia opinione sia degna di maggior fede, segue una fedele esposizione dei fatti relativi alla morte dell'ELETTI.

Tutti i sopra nominati erano membri o collaboratori di una missione militare sotto il comando di questa organizzazione, e, nel gennaio del 44, essi erano scesi con il paracadute nella zona di Roma dietro le linee nemiche. L'obiettivo della missione era di venire a conoscenza dei movimenti del nemico per trasmetterli, per radio, al Quartier Generale di Caserta, a vantaggio delle forze alleate. Prima di iniziare la missione, l'ELETTI e gli accusati furono esplicitamente avvertiti che la riuscita del loro compito era della massima importanza. Nulla doveva mettere in pericolo il buon esito della loro operazione e di fronte ad ogni eventuale ostacolo qualsiasi misura di sicurezza doveva venire adottata.

Bruno ELETTI non seguì gli ordini; egli mise in pericolo la vita dei suoi compagni ed in serio rischio il successo del loro compito, ammettendo alla sua confidenza molte persone della zona e commettendo altri atti che compromettevano seriamente la sicurezza della missione. Egli non solo venne meno agli ordini a lui impartiti prima che fosse stato inviato dal nostro Quartier Generale, ma continuò ad agire contro gli ordini emanati dalla missione dirigente. Di ciò venne informato il nostro Quartier Generale, che ordinò alla missione dirigente di prendere ogni misura necessaria per arrestare l'ELETTI. E fu per agire secondo questi ordini che l'ELETTI venne ucciso.

Successivamente la missione portò a termine compiti eccezionali. Le notizie da essa fornite aiutarono enormemente gli Alleati nello sbarco di Anzio. Essa ebbe una parte importante nella direzione e coordinazione della resistenza in Roma e nell'aiuto prestato nell'attuale stato libero della città. Dopo queste operazioni, alcuni degli accusati scesero col paracadute nella zona di Udine dove operarono in mo-

do esemplare stabilendo centri di spionaggio ed organizzando i Partigiani. Alcuni fra loro hanno ricevuto, a riconoscimento della loro opera, decorazioni sia dall'Inghilterra che dall'America.

Gli imputati sono anche accusati di aver rubato all'ELETTI £ 700.000. Tutto il denaro rubato all'ELETTI apparteneva alle forze alleate e doveva essere usato per le operazioni della missione. Non erano quindi fondi personali dell'ELETTI. Quando gli accusati fecero ritorno al nostro Quartier Generale, essi resero conto in modo soddisfacente dei loro fondi includendo anche quelli dell'ELETTI. L'accusa avanzata contro di loro per furto non ha perciò fondamento alcuno.

E' mia opinione che principale elemento del delitto sia l'illegale intento di uccidere. In questo caso, d'altra parte, l'atto degli accusati non fu compiuto soltanto a difesa delle loro vite e per portare a termine la loro missione, ma anche per salvaguardare la vita delle truppe alleate e di altri gruppi di spionaggio composti da elementi italiani. La loro cattura e quella delle loro radio trasmettenti avrebbe dato al nemico la possibilità di trasmettere agli Alleati informazioni false, di catturare altri gruppi di analoga natura, formati di elementi italiani, e di procurarsi vitali informazioni intorno alle misure strategiche alleate ed ai movimenti di truppe. L'uccisione dell'ELETTI non fu un comune assassinio, ma essa fu dettata da necessità di carattere militare. Gli uomini che portarono a termine l'esecuzione erano sotto il comando delle forze alleate ed essi hanno agito in ottemperanza agli ordini ricevuti.

s/DONALD C. HAYS
DONALD C. HAYS
Capt., JAGD

Giurato davanti a me in Roma, Italia, Il 6
maggio 1946.

s/ JOSEPH L. PALOSKY
JOSEPH L. PALOSKY
Captain AGD
Adjutant

S E C R E T

15 January 1946

SUBJECT: Bruno RICCI, Umberto RICCI, Renato GRATI,
Alfredo MICHELACOLI, Daniele TRENTO, and
Alfonso COMEO

TO: Security Division, Public Safety Sub-commission,
Allied Commission. Attention: Capt. ELLIS

1. This headquarters has been informed that criminal charges are presently pending in the Italian courts against the above-named individuals for the alleged murder of Bruno ELETTI. The first three above-named are presently held in prison in Rome; the others are still at large.

2. All of the above were members of or collaborators with a military mission under the command of this organization and were parachuted into the Rome area behind enemy lines in January 1944. The mission's objective was the procurement by clandestine means of intelligence regarding enemy movements and the transmission thereof by radio to headquarters at Caserta for the use of the Allied forces. Before going to the field, ELETTI and the accused were given explicit orders that the security of the mission was of paramount importance. They were impressed with the fact that nothing should be allowed to endanger the safety of their operation and if anything did arise, they should take whatever steps they deemed necessary to protect that safety.

3. Bruno ELETTI failed to heed these orders and endangered the lives of his fellow mission members and the successful accomplishment of their objective by taking into his confidence a number of persons in the area in and about his home at Tivoli, and by doing other acts which were endangering the mission's security. He not only disobeyed the orders he had been given before he was dispatched from our headquarters but he persisted in continuing these actions against the orders of the mission leader. Word of this reached our headquarters and orders were sent to the mission leader to take whatever steps he deemed necessary to stop ELETTI. It is understood that acting under these orders ELETTI was executed.

4. Subsequently the mission performed exceptional service. Intelligence furnished by it aided immeasurably in the break-through at Anzio. It played an important part in directing and coordinating the resistance efforts inside Rome and helped in the actual freeing of the city. Later some of the accused were parachuted into the Udine area where they did

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extremely valuable work both from the standpoint of intelligence and in the organizing of partisans. Some of them have received British and American commendations and decorations for their work.

5. A basic element of the crime of murder or manslaughter is the unlawful intent to kill. The intent of the accused in this case, however, was not only to safeguard their own lives and to accomplish their mission, but also to safeguard the lives of Allied troops and other intelligence groups consisting of Italian nationals. Capture by the Germans of their radio transmitter and of themselves would have given the enemy the possible means of sending false information to the Allies, of capturing other chains and of procuring vital information of Allied strategy and troop movements. ELETTI's death was not murder but was a battle casualty. It was dictated by the well accepted principle of military necessity. The men who carried out the execution were under the command of the Allied forces and were acting under competent orders. It is the opinion of this headquarters that civilian courts have no jurisdiction of this case.

6. It is urgently requested that necessary steps be taken to have the charges against the accused growing out of this incident dropped, and that those of the accused presently detained in prison be released as soon as possible. It is further suggested that since this matter involves questions of security that any report of the facts as set forth in any communication to the Italian authorities omit any mention of this organization, but that reference be made only to a subordinate command of the Allied Forces in Italy.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Donald C. Hays
DONALD C. HAYS
Capt., JAGD
Theater Counsel

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Case of Bruno ELETTI (Killed)

Held in jail:

Bruno RICCI
Umberto RICCI
Renato ORATI

At large :

Alfredo MICHELIGNOLI

Attorney for the accused:

Alessandro Fazioli
Telephone 486240

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394
PUBLIC SAFETY AND COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION

REF : SD/280

11 April 1946

SUBJECT : RIGGI Bruno; RIGGI Umberto; CRATI Renato;
MICHELANGELO Alfredo; TRENTO Daniele and
COMEO Alfonso.

TO : Capt. Donald C. HAYS, Theater Counsel

1. Reference your Memo of 15 January 1946.
2. The Procuratore Generale del Regno arranged for the papers concerning the brothers RIGGI and CRATI to be transferred from TIVOLI to ROME for his perusal.
3. They are all charged with murder and theft in respect of ELETTI. The motive for the murder is the alleged theft of 700,000 lire, thus the charge, in accordance with Italian law, is the most serious degree of homicide. This sum according to the evidence before the authorities was given to ELETTI by the Allies to support the Mission of which he was a member.
4. The three accused in their interrogations have stated that ELETTI was killed by the radio operator COMEO Alfonso attached to the partisan group of whom MICHELANGELO Alfredo and DANIELI Trento were also members. All three have said that MICHELANGELO acting on the instructions of the Allied Command ordered the killing of ELETTI after they had discovered his treachery.
5. On 9 April I discussed the matter with the Procuratore Generale del Regno (Dott. RUBBIANI) who informed me that owing to the delicate nature of the case, especially in view of the statements made by the accused that the murder was carried out on Allied instructions, he has ordered the case to be transferred from TIVOLI to ROME (Corte d'Appello).
6. The following points have now to be cleared before any further action can be taken. 1190
 - (1) MICHELANGELO should be traced and a statement taken regarding his action - he will not be arrested.

- (ii) How much money was given to the Mission and was it handed to ELPTI - this is important because if the allegations are not true it lessens the gravity of the homicide charge.

7. It would be appreciated if a statement could be given covering the above points in particular and supported by some general information regarding the despatch, activities of this Mission etc., by some member of your organisation who is acquainted with the matter and could, if necessary, give evidence. It is not thought likely at this stage that the latter will be necessary but naturally must be kept in mind.

8. On receipt of above statement I will again see the Procuratore Generale del Regno and inform you of developments.

A.H. ELIAS,
Captain,
Security Division.

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TRANSLATION

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MEMORANDA

Reference is made to your memoranda dated 22 March, on the trial pending against Alfredo MICHELANGELO, Alfonso COMEO, Umberto RICCI, Renato ORATI, Bruno RICCI, Trento DANIELI, charged of murder and continued thefts against Bruno ELETTI.

After examination of the records, the following information is forwarded:

Subjects are charged with being involved in the murder of the young partisan Bruno ELETTI, which occurred at the end of March 44, at Monte Spadato (Tivoli). They stole from him 700000 lire that he was keeping for the support of the movement, under directions of the Allied Command, against Nazi-Fascists.

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Eletti joined the same group which always acted on the orders issued by the Allied Command. It is learned, from the statements of the said detainees, that Alfredo MICHELANGELO, on instructions of the Allied Command, ordered Bruno ELETTI's killing after his treachery had been discovered.

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It will be appreciated if you will kindly inform 1189
us of the necessary facts to clarify the position.

IL PROCURATORE GENERALE DEL REGNO
(G. RUBIANI)

/s/ RUBIANI

Rome 4 April 1946

- PRO MEMORIA -

in relazione al vostro pro memoria in data 22 marzo scorso su procedimento penale a carico di Michelangelo Alfredo, Comeo Alfonso, Ricci Umberto, Orati Renato, Ricci Bruno, Danieli Trento imputati di omicidio a scopo di rapina e di rapina aggravata in persona di Eletti Bruno; dopo aver preso visione degli atti processuali, sono in grado di poter fornire le seguenti informative.

I suindicati individui sono imputati di avere, verso la fine di Marzo 1944, in località Montespaccato di Tivoli, concorso nell'uccisione del giovane partigiano Eletti Bruno, che avrebbero poi depredato della somma di lire 200.000 che l'Eletti deteneva per sovvenzioni da fare nell'azione contro i nazi-fascisti e sotto gli ordini del Comando Alleato.

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L'Istruttoria è ancora nella prima fase dell'indagine e, data la sua delicatezza particolarmente sul punto se l'uccisione dell'Eletti sia effettivamente avvenuta pel suo tradimento e su preciso ordine superiore, ho in data d'oggi ritenuto opportuno, ai fini di giustizia, disporre l'avocazione della indagini alla Sezione Istruttoria presso questa Corte d'Appello.

Sarò intanto molto grato a codesto ufficio se vorrà fornire alla giustizia tutti gli elementi in suo possesso, che possano, in relazione, alla sostanza degli accertamenti da esperire, ~~utili~~ essere utili per acclarare completamente la verità

IL PROCURATORE GENERALE DEL REGNO
(G. Rubbiani)

Roma 4 Aprile 1946

Rubbiani.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O.394
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION

REF. : SD/280

9 April 1946

SUBJECT : BELLINI Angelo -
Plans handed to C.I.C.

TO : G-2, R.A.A.C.

1. The attached letter dated 1 April 1946 from the above named
is forwarded for information and any action you deem necessary.

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

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ALLIED COMMISSION
Security Division
R O M E

Casalmaggiore 1 April 46

The undersigned Angelo BELLINI, living at Casalmaggiore (Cremona), 37 Via Cairoli, on 18 Nov. 44 crossed the front line to bring some plans, which he had made, to the Allies.

In Florence he was interrogated on the matter and then sent to Rome. On 4 Jan. 45 he presented himself to Major Brod at C.I.C. giving him the description of the plans: "Sfruttamento a scopo bellico della pressione ottenuta dal passaggio dallo stato liquido a quello gassoso dell'aria, a scopo motrice" and "Ruota elastica a compensazione".

On 15 Jan. 45 I went again to Major Brod to present another plan concerning submarines.

Untill now no reply has been received. I beg your Command to let me have only an acknowledgement of my work.

/s/ Angelo BELLINI

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
NAPLES COMMUNE
APO 394
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

11 OCT. 1945

Ref: PS 9.5

Date 8 Oct. 45

SUBJECT:

Naples - Patriotic Association.

TO

Headquarters, Allied Commission,
(Attn: Public Safety Sub-Commission).

Forwarded for information is translated
copy of letter from the R. Questore Naples to the
Prefect, Naples Province, subject above.

For the Commissioner:

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F.P. LUCKMAN
Major, A.C.,
S.C.A.P.O.

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TRANSLATION

R. QUESTURA di NAPOLI

File N. 109045 Div. Gab.

Naples, 1 October 45

SUBJECT: Naples - Patriotic Associations.

For some time now certain irresponsible people in Naples enlisted in several patriotic associations or which call themselves so, are displaying a systematic challenging attitude towards the leaders of the official parties. Such attitude reveals itself with an increasing number of posters anonymously spread about and with all sorts of deceitful and subtle expedients which, as it is known, made it possible for some inconsiderable people - who are not to be found among war veterans or dismissed labourers - to introduce themselves disguised in the premises of the local Chamber of Labour, causing regrettable incidents which took place after the Prime Minister had left the Chamber of Labour.

Up to now this Office has tried to persuade the leaders of these organizations to behave otherwise, but some of them - although notoriously ill-famed and with criminal records which are left in the files of this Office - make use of their qualities of "patriots" or of "enlisted in patriotic associations" to display a rather unrespectful attitude towards those who are in charge of keeping order, to whose discipline must be given credit if up to now more serious incidents have not taken place. But all efforts have been useless.

As the situation is undoubtedly deteriorating, for the a/m associations (for several reasons and purposes) instead of amalgamating with the national association (A.N.P.I.) they openly oppose it; and as the undersigned cannot disinterest himself of the protection of the public order which could suddenly be disturbed by the initiative of some of the a/m associations, I deem my duty to call in your Excellency's attention upon the detailed requests forwarded by this Office with report N. 109045 dated May the 19th and with subject: "Naples - Patriotic Associations" so that after they have been reconsidered again, urgent decisions suggested by the circumstances may be reached.

In case you did not deem necessary to dissolve the above mentioned associations - and I believe they should be -

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In case you did not deem necessary to dissolve the 1184 above mentioned associations - and I believe they should be - I beg you to consider if it would not be the case of proceeding to the most large epuration of all leaders of the associations in question so that they will not go on being led and represented by people with criminal records and notoriously ill-famed, which is an affront to any honest person, independently from any political creed.

I therefore wait for the decisions that your Excellency will take about it.

IL QUESTORE
(M. Broccoli)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION

REF : SD/280

23 June 1945

SUBJECT : Blackmail in Modena

TO : Major HEATH, Regional Security and Intelligence
Office, Lombardia Region.

1. Reference your S/425 20 June 1945 regarding blackmail
and terrorism at Modena.

2. Captain GALE the Security Officer of Emilia Region
was down to see me today and I have passed the letter on to him
for what he can do.

3. He has agreed to respect the confidential nature of the
case.

SJH
S.J. HARVEY,
Major,
Security Division.

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SO(M) Liaison Staff,

Rome.

31st May 1945.

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Office of the Executive Commissioner,
Allied Commission.

Attached is a list of personalities
supplied by a British Liaison Officer
from the MODENA area, which will probably
be of interest to A.M.G.

It would be appreciated if you
would pass the list to the department
concerned.

HEADQUARTERS

1 JUN 1945

Captain,

SO(M) Liaison Staff.

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E.O. 11652, Sec. 3(C) and 5(D) or (E)
By *[signature]* Date *1/1/74*
NARS, Date *6/7/74*

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Lieut-Colonel COTTAPAVI,
General Staff
Officer

Became chief of staff of the MODENA Provincial Command in March at the suggestion of the CIN. Brigadier-General GUIDELLI accepted him, but I and partisan leaders objected to his appointment as he had previously avoided being associated with the resistance movement and had refused a position offered him last September by the Comando Piana. He was a blatant 'parvenu', and I consider that he should not be allowed to profit by his recent association with the C.V.I., which he has every intention of using at the War Ministry. On the other hand, he did not allow himself to be compromised with the Germans and Republicans.

He won the M.C. while serving in the British Army in ITALY in 1915 - 1918. He was assistant military attache in LONDON before this war. And he was chief of staff of the Italian Armistice Commission to FRANCE in 1949. Lives in MODENA.

25 May 45

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REFERENCES

Appendix to Report by Major DAVIES

PERSONALITIES

MARIO FLOTT
© ARMANDO

was Commander of the GARIBARDI CORPS DI ARONA in MANCINI Province in summer 1944. Disbanded his partisans at end July on account failure to resist German drives.

Organised and controlled civil administration and supplies in mountains efficiently and with a superficial veneer of communism, which was repugnant to the peasant small-holders of the mountains. Communist propaganda and influence never succeeded later in the area on account of the reaction against ARMANZO. (The tenant farmers and labourers of the Brillian plain, as far as we can judge now, are imbued with communism)

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Brigadier-General
of Artillery
GIUSELLI
became first commander of all the armed partisan forces of MODENA Province, i.e. of the Mountain Division and of the Plains Division. He was previously a S.A.P., was known for his anti-Fascist and anti-German views and was associated with C.U.M.B.R. DALIO, Commandante-Generale of C.U.M.B.R. appointed him.

He is an alpine artillery officer and during most of the war was in the artillery department of the War Ministry. He has now become deputy-commander to General CEPICA of the BOLIGNA Area.

He threw himself with zest into his partisan command and exhibited energetic leadership. He was well regarded by the patriots in spite of the unwelcome choice of his chief of staff, COETARAVI.

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Admiral BRIZIO

Ex-Naval attaché at BARI and Commander of the Naval Academy and Base of LEGHORN at the time of the 1943 Armistice. Refused to be associated in the surrender of the Italian Fleet. On account of his anti-allied sentiments became compromised with German and Republican. Was not employed by BRIZIO because there was no naval job which was equivalent to his rank. He lived at MODENA and used to visit MILAN and other places at intervals. He and his wife (Swedish) left MODENA ten days before the Allies arrived. Their original plan had been to go to GERMANY according to my informant, a cousin of the Admiral's.

25 May 45

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