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Acc 10000/143/2195 370/03 BLACK MARKET - Rome
Sept-Dec. 1944

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MINUTE SHEET

No. of Sheet	Date	File No. of Ans'd Ltr.	From To	When	Subject
1	12 Sept.				FINANCIAL BLACK MARKET.
2.					BRISIA Gusslyne MARANEHELLO EUSA

To: FINANCE SUB-Com.

PROBABLE ILLICIT TRADE IN BLOCKED
MATERIAL - TIRES

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The caller - Hello
the callee - Hello
the caller - Good morning John.
the callee - have you heard?
the caller - Yes I have heard, but you should not have given
them the car.
the callee - I could not say no.
the caller - Are you going to settle the business regarding
those "1100" tires.
the callee - Must I take other information because Vicenti
could not tell me much about same.
the caller - Try and do it because I know a friend of his
wanted to take them and then did not. If he has
them still, try and buy them, it is a very good
occasion and one can gain something by selling
them.
the callee - But now what can I do?
the caller - You can tell him that you have found a good occa-
sion to sell them, try and do so because otherwise
it is impossible to live.
the callee - Be sure we will do something.
the caller - I have something for you and your wife.
the callee - what is it?
the caller - Cigarettes. Has your wife spoken to you of our
project.
the callee - No.
the caller - Call on me today at 3 and we will speak of it. I
will also give you the cigarettes.

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Rot 7290
(Serial number)CONFIDENTIAL
CIVIL CENSORSHIP GROUP
TELEPHONE

Date Mailed 6/12/44

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ROME.
(Station)From: Telephone 488166/488066
BRISSA Giuseppe/MARANGHELLO Elisa
Via XX Settembre 44
(Caller - una donna)

To:

(Callee - Giovanni)

Number of previous
comment sheets:
Caller R/T/5125
CalleeDisposition:
Passed ☒ X
Refused
Caller warned
Callee warned
Call cut offLanguage: - Italian. Observation started 0835
Recording No. Total time: 2 Mins.
Date 6 Dec. 1944
None.

COMMENT

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La chiamante - Pronto.
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 La chiamante - Buon giorno, Giovanni.
 Il chiamato - Hai saputo?
 La chiamante - Sì, ho saputo, ma tu non dovevi dargli la macchina.
 Il chiamato - Non potevo dirgli di no.
 La chiamante - Per quelle gomme della "1100" fai l'affare.
 Il chiamato - Devo segnalarle? Vincenti non mi ha saputo dare molti
 ragguagli.
 La chiamante - Cerca di concludere perchè io so che un suo amico voleva
 prenderle e poi non l'ha più prese. Se ancora ci sono, cerca di pren-
 derle, è un ottimo affare che ci si può guadagnare qualcosa.
 Il chiamato - Ma ora come faccio?
 La chiamante - Tu dirai che ti è capitata una occasione, cerca di combina-
 re altrimenti non si vive più.
 Il chiamato - Faremo qualcosa, stai tranquilla.
 La chiamante - Ho una cosa per te e per tua moglie.

Comment by

Reviewed by (over)-

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COMMENT
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Il chiamato - Che cosa?
 La chiamante - Sigarette. Tua moglie ti ha parlato del nostro progetto?
 Il chiamato - No.
 La chiamante - Passa da me oggi alle 3 che ne parleremo e ti darò le sigarette.

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Comment by—
Monitor 154

Reviewed by—
R.L. Woodcock
Lieut USNR

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SECURITY BRANCH
A.P.O. 394

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Ref : SB/380.03

12 September 1944

Subject : FINANCIAL BLACK MARKET

To : Finance Sub-Commission

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Copy of letter received this Branch
forwarded for your information and whatever action
you deem necessary.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:


JOHN A. MCKAY,
Major,
Security Branch.

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G-2 (Advanced Intelligence) CMF
c/o Rome Allied Area Command
APO 794, U.S. Army

Security Br.
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6 September, 1944.

SUBJECT: Financial Black Market.

TO : Security Branch,
Allied Control Commission,
APO 794, U.S. Army.

The attached report was prepared by a member of the
Economic Section, attached to this unit.

It is being passed to you for any action you may deem
it necessary to take.

[Signature]
A. J. COVENTRY,
Major, G.S.,
G-2 (Adv. Int.) CMF.

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COMBINED ECONOMIC WARFARE AGENCIES
G-2 (Advanced Intelligence) Section, AFHQ
Detachment #3
ROME



2 September, 1944

MEMO TO : Major Coventry, G-2 (Advanced Intelligence) Section.

The following information was received from Comm. Dott. Roberto Minetto, Via Napoli 80 and Via Mercede 5, Rome.

A big financial black market scandal is the so-called operation in gold currency*.

As a matter of fact, it seems that Yugoslav officers, who are travelling every week from Rome and the south (French colonies included) are buying in Italy the "yellow dollars" at a rate of about 115 liras each.

With them they buy especially in the French colonies gold sovereigns for \$35 and then they sell this gold currency in Rome.

The actual price is about, L.5600 each.

The dealers are the former Stock Exchange commissioners who are not very busy at present and therefore are giving life to these operations outside the building of the Stock Exchange. Naturally these operations have not an official standing and the amount of gold sovereigns and gold American eagles is not big, but still some hundreds of pieces are dealt with every morning from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The speculation of the French and Italian sellers of gold currency against yellow dollars is based upon the general belief that yellow and normal (the green ones) dollars will have in the future the same standard point (value?)."

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Hans R.L. Cochrissen

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