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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LOMBARDY REGION
APO 394
Regional Security Officer

Ref. S/ 596

June 29th, 1945.

SUBJECT:- Consular Agents.

TO:- A.C. HQ. Security Division
(Attn. Capt. HAYES)

1. Reference our S/262 dated 7 June 1945 and your SD/431.01-5 dated 23 June 1945.

2. The British Consul General, Mr. R.G. GOLDIE, arrived in the last days and took up residence at the Principe e Savoia Hotel. He will secure offices in the course of the next few days.

3. The American Consul General, Mr. Henry Coit MacLean, is in Milan, Hotel Diana. He will take over offices within a week or so.

4. This R.S.O. has also knowledge of the existence in Milan of a Czechoslovakian Consul, Mr. BOHUMIR CHYTIL, Via Baldissera 5.

5. For your information.

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A.E. HEATH
Major I.C.
Regional Security and
Intelligence Officer 6

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

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27 June 1945

REF : SD/431.01-5

SUBJECT : Consular Agents

TO : Regional Commissioner Lombardia Region
(Att.m. R.S.O.)

1. Reference S/252 dated 7 June 1945 and even reply SD/431.01-5 dated 25 June 1945.

2. Mr. H. COIT MACLEAN has proceeded to Milan, where he will eventually open the American Consular Office.

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

CBH/nb

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Executive Commissioner

LIAISON DIVISION

A P O 394

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Ref: 223/EC(L)

25 June 1945

SUBJECT: Consular Representatives

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission
Attn: Security Division

1. Reference is made to your letter SO/431.01 of 11 June and preceding correspondence.

2. Mr. H. Coit MacLean has proceeded to Milan where he will eventually open the American Consular office there and where he will have the rank of Consul General.

3. As previously stated, the British Consul General at Milan is Mr. R. G. Goldie.

W. H. MacLean
Officer in Charge
Liaison Division *W. H. MacLean*

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

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REF : SD/431.01-5

23 June 1945

SUBJECT : Consular Agents

TO : Regional Commission, Lomardy Region
(Att.n. RSO)

1. Reference S/262 dated 7 June 1945/
2. Information can only be furnished regarding British and American Consulates.
3. Mr. R.G. GOLDIE will shortly take up his post as British Consul General at Milan.
4. The personnel of the American Consulate is not at present available.
5. Please refer any special cases to this office in the event of difficulties arising.

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

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Office of the Executive Commissioner

LIAISON DIVISION

A P O 394

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Ref: 225/DC(L)

21 June 1945

SUBJECT: Consular Representatives

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission
attn: Security Division

1. Reference is your 11 June letter SD/431.01.
2. After consulting proper authorities regarding consular agents in Milan we are informed that information can be furnished only regarding British and American Consulates.
3. Mr. R.G. Goldie has been designated British Consul General at Milan and is taking up his post presently.
4. From information furnished, an American Consulate appears to be in operation although its personnel has not yet been advised to this Division at this writing. Further information is being obtained.

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Liaison Division*W. H. Sullivan*
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A.P.O. 394
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION

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REF : SD/431.01

11 June 1945

SUBJECT : Consular Representatives

TO : Liaison Division Hq., AC.

1. Several instances have recently occurred in Milan where individuals have falsely claimed to be consular agents.

2. It would therefore be appreciated if a list of the accredited consular agents in Milan could be forwarded to this Division.

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

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LOMBARDY REGION
APO 394
Regional Security Officer

Ref. S/262

June 7th, 1945.

Subject : List of accredited Consular Agents.

To : to A.C. Hq. Security Division
(Attn. Maj. HARVEY)

1. There are occurrences here where individuals claim to be Consular Representatives.

2. If possible, it would be appreciated if a list of accredited Consular Agents could be forwarded to these Hq. , possibly with a few particulars about their political activity in the past, more especially their various appointments.

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Major I.C.
Regional Security and
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A.F.O. 394
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION



REF : SD/431.01

3 May 1945

SUBJECT : Diplomatic Representatives - Vatican

TO : Liaison Division

1. The attached translation of a letter with enclosure received from the Ministry of the Interior is passed to you for your information.

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

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Translation

19 April 1945

Ministry of Interior
General Direction
of
Public Safety

To: Allied Commission
Security Division
R O M E

Division A.G.R. Sez. 3

Prot.N. 443/30942

SUBJECT: Diplomatic representatives, at the Holy See,
living in the Vatican City.

For your information, we transmit a copy of
today's notice of the above reference, sent to the Questura of
Rome, in which we fix the visits to the diplomatic representatives
of the enemy states at the Holy See, residing in the Vatican City.

FOR THE MINISTER

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Ministero dell'Interno
DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

Trasmissione
Roma 19 aprile 1945

Divisione A.G.R. L. 3
Let. N° 443/30942 Allegati

Al'On. COMMISSIONE
ALDEATA
Sottocommissione per la
Pubblica Sicurezza
Rappresentanti del ROMA
Dr. L. N°

OGGETTO Rappresentanze diplomatiche, accreditate
presso la S. Sede, alloggiate nello S.C.V

Per opportuna notizia si trasmette copia della
nota odierna, pari numero, diretta alla Questura di
Roma, con la quale vengono disciplinate le visite
ai rappresentanti diplomatici di Stati nemici, ac-
creditati presso la S. Sede ed alloggiati nel ter-
ritorio della Città del Vaticano.

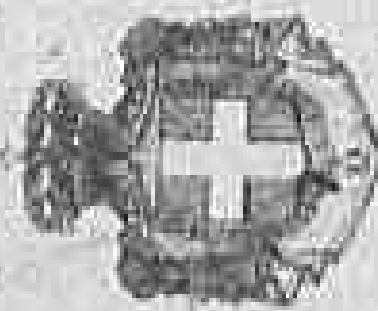
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Roma 19 aprile 1945



Ministero dell'Interno

DIREZIONE GENERALE
DELLA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

All. SIG. QUESTORE

di

ROMA

Divisione A.G.R. L. 3

Prot. N. 443/30942 Allegati

Risposta al Teleg. del

Dir. L. N.

OGGETTO Rappresentanze diplomatiche, accreditate presso la S.
Sede, alloggiate nello S.C.V.-

Dall'Ufficio Speciale di P.S. di "S. Pietro" è stata prospettata la necessità di disciplinare le visite ai rappresentanti diplomatici di stati nemici, accreditati presso la S. Sede ed alloggiati nel territorio dello S.C.V., non essendo più dette visite sottoposte, da qualche tempo, al controllo della Commissione Alleata.

Al riguardo, d'intesa con il Ministero degli Affari Esteri, si dispone che coloro i quali intendano visitare i predetti diplomatici e i loro familiari debbono, per iscritto, chiedere l'autorizzazione all'Ufficio Speciale di P.S. di "S. Pietro", il quale, previo nulla osta di codesta Questura, rilascerà regolare permesso da esibire, all'accesso, alla Gendarmeria Pontificia, e provvederà contemporaneamente ad informare del rilascio stesso la Segreteria dello Stato Vaticano.

Le uscite dei diplomatici in parola restano, naturalmente, sottoposte al controllo della Commissione Alleata.

Si prega di dare l'urgenza le disposizioni del caso, assicurando.

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IL CAPO DELLA POLIZIA

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Security Br.
2613Subject: SAN MARINO.Main H.Q., A.M.G.
Eighth Army.

3 Oct 44.

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R.C. & M.C. Section,
H.Q., A.C.C.
A.P.C. 394. ✓

1. There is attached a copy of a letter that has today been received from Signor Babboni, Secretary of State in SAN MARINO, on the subject of arrest and handing over of Italian nationals, whom it is considered are dangerous for security reasons.

2. Though the SAN MARINO authorities may appear in their note to be unhelpful as regards the above, no great importance should be attached to it, as it has been arranged between Major Zervudachi and Signor Babboni, that arrests will be carried out, provided that he, Signor Babboni, is satisfied that they are genuine security cases.

Befnow.

Group Captain,
Officer Commanding,
H.Q., A.M.G. Eighth Army Main.Copy to: Political Section, H.Q., A.C.C.

Security Branch
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File No 7/10
Action



REPUBLIC OF SAN MARINO
Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs

To: Major L.E. ZERVUDACHI
Political Liaison Officer

San Marino

I inform you of the daily order issued by the General Council at to-day's meeting regarding the request for extradition.

"The General Council has considered the Allies' request for the handing over of Italian citizens at present residing in this territory and confirms its decision on defending the traditions of Supremacy, Freedom and Asylum of the Republic. It states that the request will be considered on the International Conventions basis and particularly on the conventions existing between Great Britain, the United States of America and Italy and it will be decided if it is necessary to take the security measures which are necessary for the loyal development of the procedure.

Present the above to the Regency and the Secretary of Foreign Affairs in diplomatic form."

The Secretary of State

G. BARBONI.

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REPUBBLICA DI SAN MARINO
Segreteria di Stato per gli Affari Esteri

San Marino, li 28 Settembre 1944/1944
A.F.R.

N. 612/E/14.

Al Signor
Maggiore L/E/ ZERVIDACHI
Ufficiale Politico di Collegamento
San Marino

Di pregio comunicarle l'ordine del giorno votato dal Consiglio Grande e Generale nella seduta odierna sulla richiesta di estradizione di cotesto Spett. Ufficio.

"Il Consiglio Grande e Generale vista la richiesta degli Alleati per la consegna di cittadini italiani attualmente residenti su questo territorio;
Riafferma la sua decisione di difendere le tradizioni di Sovranità, di libertà e di unità della Repubblica: Si dichiara disposto di esaminare la richiesta stessa in base alle Convenzioni internazionali in materia e particolarmente quelle esistenti con la Gran Bretagna, con gli Stati Uniti d'America e con l'Italia, riserve, se ed in quanto sia necessario, di adottare quelle misure di sicurezza che si rendessero necessarie per il leale svolgimento delle procedure.
Invia alla Reggenza e alla Segreteria degli Esteri di fare presente quanto sopra nelle forme diplomatiche."

Tanto ho il dovere di comunicarle.

IL SEGRETARIO DI STATO

G. FASOLI.

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HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 394

Regional Control and Military Government Section.

Ref: 110/ /CA.

7th August 1944

SUBJECT: Yugoslav Natls on route for FLORENCE.

TO : H.M. Minister to the Holy See, Vatican City.

I have the honour to inform you that three Yugoslav nationals, by name ZANKOVIC (father and son) and GEMILATH, have recently arrived in GENOA bearing a pass from the Yugoslav Legation to the Holy See and stating that they are en route for FLORENCE where they intend to assist Yugoslav refugees in the FLORENCE area.

I should be grateful if you would bring to the notice of the Yugoslav Legation through the Holy See that it is forbidden to enter the Army areas without a special permit. Applications for these permits should be made through the Allied Control Commission and unless they are in possession of them, travellers will inevitably be held up as is the case with the three Yugoslavs in question.

For operational reasons it is impossible to allow these 3 sons to enter FLORENCE for a considerable time and they will be returned to ROME as soon as transport is available.

I cannot emphasise too strongly the necessity for close adherence to military regulations with regard to control of travel and I should be most grateful if you would acquaint the Yugoslav Legation of this.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Security Branch
Rec'd 9 Aug
Book No 1594
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Action File

Brigadier, 2772
Executive Commission

Copy to: SMO, ANZ 6 Army.
Displaced Persons Sub-Commission.
Security Branch.

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Subject:- Italian Diplomats.

HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

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Security Branch, A.C.C.

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Attached is a copy of interrogation reports conducted by S.I.M.E., G.H.Q., M.E.F.

The subjects of these reports are Italian Diplomats who are being repatriated from TURKEY.

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HEADQUARTERS
4 JUL 1944
A.C.C.

Barry Young Major
for Brigadier
B.G.S. (I). 771

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NO. 1. SUMMARY OF DEMOROGATIONS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Nationality</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>File No.</u>
1. RICHARDI, Galeotti	Italian	Consul General, LEIR.	P. 6951
2. RICHARDI, Dante	Italian	W/T Operator, Naval Attache's Staff, LEIR.	OLL/117/238.
3. RICHARDI-CHENZI, Petrinio	Italian	Press Attache to Embassy.	OLL/117/238
4. RENARD, Reginaldo	Italian	Arabic Interpreter, LEIR.	P. 6702.
5. MARINELLI, Constantino	Italian	Vice-Consul, LEIR.	OLL/117/238
6. MARINELLI, Victoria	Italian	Wife of above.	OLL/117/238
7. MARINELLI, Pietro Luigi	Italian	Vice-Consul, LEIR.	OLL/117/238
8. PAVELLA, Giovanni	Italian	Chancellor, LEIR.	OLL/117/238.
9. PAVELLA, Walter	British by birth. Italian by marriage.	Wife of above.	OLL/117/238.
10. PUNO, Marquis Pasquale de	Italian	Consul, ADUNA	P. 7085
11. LEVANTE, Carlo	Italian	Courier, ADUNA	P. 5320
12. SERRAVALLO, Marquis de.	Italian	Vice-Consul, LEIR.	OLL/117/238.
13. RUCCO, Marcella	Italian	Wife of above.	OLL/117/238.
14. RUCCO, Renato	Italian	Secretary to SERRAVALLO.	OLL/117/238.

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6. MARINONI, Victoria	Italian	Wife of above.	011/117/238
7. BERLINGHIERI, Pietro Luigi	Italian	Vice-Consul, TRAPANI	011/117/238
8. PASTORI, Giovanni	Italian	Chancellor, LAIR.	011/117/238.
9. PASTORI, Ethelra	British by birth, Italian by marriage.	Wife of above.	011/117/238.
10. PIANO, Marguis Pasquale de	Italian	Consul, ADRIA	P. 7385
11. LEVANTI, Mario	Italian	Courier, ADRIA	P. 5320
12. SANDALICH, Marguis de.	Italian	Vice-Consul, LAURENCE.	011/117/238. ()
13. RUSSO, Marcello	Italian	Wife of above.	011/117/238.
14. RUSSO, Renato	Italian	Secretary to LAURENCE.	011/117/238.
15. FERRARIO, Pier Alberto	Italian	Vice-Consul, LAIR.	011/117/238.
16. PUMA, Antonio	Italian	Mechanic to Italian Ambassador.	011/117/238.
17. PUMILLI, Carmela	Italian	Chauffeur-servant to PUMILLI.	011/117/238.

The above formed a party of Italians from the Italian Consulates in TURKEY who were being repatriated by the British authorities. They arrived in RUFT on June 6., 44.

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A. DIFFICULTIES OF INTERVIEWING

1. The I.Os. wish first to indicate some of the difficulties under which the interrogations were carried out. When the party had stayed in ALGERIA and BEIRUT on their journey to SYRIA, they had been allowed complete liberty of movement and had received the impression that in Egypt they would be lodged in some palatial hotel. They found it, therefore, irksome to be confined, first of all, to the precincts of their hotel and later to the resort in which they were residing, without permission to circulate freely. Although, in the I.Os' opinion, the hotel in question, the higher-placed Italians found that it did not reach the standard they had been led to expect and consequently felt disillusioned. These and certain matters of minor importance led to a certain asperity of atmosphere which, though not voiced openly, could be sensed.

2. The value of most of the interrogations is doubtful. Since the members of the party were travelling with diplomatic passports, claimed diplomatic privileges and were therefore treated as co-belligerent diplomats, the interrogations had perforce to be conducted on a very friendly footing and no cross-examination was possible.

B. REASONS FOR RETURNING TO ITALY

3. In December 43, the Italian Ambassador in TURKEY was ordered by his Government to cut down the personnel of state employees in TURKEY in order to save expense. Consular work had almost ceased so that the Consulates of LEBEY, TRABZON, ANKARA and IZMIR could be closed and the offices left in charge of one junior employee. The members of this party were therefore detailed for the journey. Some of them, namely APOLLONI-CHRYSTI and LEVANTIS, had requested from the beginning to be repatriated, some had volunteered when asked, e.g. PINTO, while others had been personally recalled by the Italian Government, e.g. BIGNARDI. Wives had naturally followed their husbands and servants their employers. The immediate reason for undertaking this particular journey was that they had been detailed for it by the Italian Ambassador. The case of MARIANO only should be considered apart (see below under Personalities).

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C. PREVIOUS FACIST HISTORY

4. It was natural that all the men should formerly have been members of the Fascist party since they were all members of the Diplomatic Service or Armed Forces or were State employees, though they all disclaim anything more than a lukewarm adherence to the Party. Some of them, e.g. BIONDELLI and PAVELLA had formerly belonged to an opposition party (the church-organised Nationalist Party), some had joined very late, e.g. RICHETTI, BELLINZAGHI, MURARO and RENARDI, but all claim to have been forced to join, because of their profession. This is probably untrue in certain cases, though it is difficult to say which, but it is certainly true that in the interests of their careers, they all had to be members of the party.

D. ANTI-ALLIED ACTIVITIES

5. Since all the men were connected with consular or ambassadorial staffs in a neutral country, it was natural that many of them should have been connected to a greater or lesser degree with espionage work, which some of them have admitted, e.g. RICHETTI, FITTO

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LAVARE, SANFELICE and AMERIO. These people claim to have collaborated with the Allies subsequent to the mistakes and in this connection have mentioned the names of certain British Intelligence Officers.

B. POST-ARMISTICE ACTIVITY

6. All members of the party, with the exception only of AMERIO, claim to have dropped all contact with the Germans immediately the collapse of Italy was announced. They took up a definite attitude of non-collaboration with Germany, some, e.g. BIGNARDI and APOLLONI, claimed offered their services to the Allies, and some, e.g. RENZI, SANFELICE and APOLLONI-CHETTI are known to have collaborated with the Allies. Other than this, they all continued with their routine administrative duties. AMERIO, alone, admitted that he roused the suspicions of British Security by his continued contact with HERRMANN, the German Vice-Consul in LAUR. He liked HERRMANN as a man and also tried through him to return to his family in Northern Italy. Subsequently he dropped this idea, broke off contact with HERRMANN and had himself transferred to ESPERINO.

C. CONTACT WITH REPUBLICAN PARTISANS

7. None of the party claim to have had anything to do with the Republican Fascist Party concerning the strength of which in Turkey opinions seem to vary, though the majority of the party think it is a very weak movement. For most of them, their out of allegiance, taken on being admitted to the Diplomatic Service, had been made to the King as head of the State and not to MUSOLINI as head of the Fascist Party. A decision was therefore hardly necessary. They remembered their loyalty to the King. This was made easier for some of them, e.g. BIGNARDI, always an ardent Loyalist, AMERIO, who had held a civilian position in the Royal Household and whose wife was Lady-in-Waiting to the Queen, and PIERO and SANFELICE who belong to the Italian aristocracy.

D. GENERAL SECURITY ASPECTS

8. It is not thought that any member of the party presents any problem of Security Interest. None of them have been known to have carried on anti-Allied activity since the collapse of Italy; they have been detailed for repatriation by the collaborating Italian Ambassador in Turkey and will report to their various departments on arrival in Italy. This alone would be insufficient to clear them, but since they have either collaborated with the Allies in

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F. CONTACT WITH INTERNATIONAL PAZARI

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(NOTE - Since this is a party of diplomats travelling with diplomatic passports, it has not been possible to search their luggage, which consisted of 24 trunks and a considerable number of suitcases).

The only reason for which it is thought fit that any of the members of this party could justifiably be held in for the obtaining of further information concerning pro-fascist Italian and German Intelligence work. In most cases this information is already in the hands of the Allies or it is too old to be of any great value. The names of those people are given below:

- (a) RICHIORETI
- W/F information and codes, now in hands of RHE in ISMIL.

- (b) REINFORCED
Information concerning German activities in TRAMON in 1942 and contact between Germans and a Russian H.M.V.D. General in VIENNA.
- (c) PIREO
System of the passing of tracts and material from Turkey to Syria by the smugglers. PIREO thinks the smugglers took the money and did not deliver the goods.
- (d) SAMUELSON
Intelligence activities in SYRIAN VILLAGES. Information now in hands of British in TRAMON.
- (e) PIREO
Intelligence work in LAMAR.

H. PERSONALITIES

9. The following are considered unimportant and of no interest whatsoever:-

- No. 6. HARRISON, Victoria
No. 7. WATKINS, Thelma
No. 8. RUDOLPH, Marcelle
No. 9. ROBINSON, Renato
No. 10. PIREO, Antonio
No. 11. PERCIVAL, Carmela.

Notes are given herewith by the other members of the party. For further particulars, see individual interrogation reports.

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- No. 1. PIREO - An ardent Royalist and concerned in Turkey with consular work only. Declared his loyalty to the King immediately after the Armistice and instructed his staff to drop all contact with Germans. Offered assistance to British and American consuls in LAMAR.
2. REINFORCED - Lost promotion in the Marines through not joining the Fascist party before 1938. Was w/g operator and in LAMAR transmitted information concerning shipping and arrival of material. Collaborated with allies, after the Armistice, by sending reports to ESTABLISH, concerning refugees from the islands. All information, including codes, said to have been handed over to D.I.S., LAMAR.

9. The following are considered unimportant and of no interest whatsoever :-

- No. 6. HARBUNCI, Victoria
 9. DAVILA, Thelma
 13. RUOXO, Marcelle
 14. RONGATI, Renato
 16. PINNA, Antonio
 17. RAVOCHI, Carmela.

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Notes are given herewith by the other members of the party. For further particulars, see individual interrogation reports.

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RICHARDI - An ardent Royalist and concerned in Turkey with consular work only. Declared his loyalty to the King immediately after the Armistice and instructed his staff to drop all contact with Germans. Offered assistance to British and American consuls in LAMIA.

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RICHARDI - Lost promotion in the marines through not joining the Fascist party before 1938. Was W/T operator and in LAMIA transmitted information concerning shipping and arrival of material. Collaborated with Allies, after the Armistice, by sending reports to ISTANBUL concerning refugees from the islands. All information, including codes, said to have been handed over to B.I.M., LAMIA.

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APOLLONI-GRATTI - Malikod Fascists and not interested in politics. Recalled from LAMIA, Dec. '41 because he resented and resisted German attitude of domination, only to find the same attitude adopted by the Germans in Turkey. He was therefore unable to collaborate with them in Turkey but only carried out his duties as Press Attache. After the Armistice, he is known to have collaborated with the Allies and used his Press Attache's organisation to combat Axis propaganda.

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MURANO - Born in Egypt. In ALEXANDRIA, he was put in charge of the Radio and Press Dept. for the Near and Middle East and was engaged in writing summaries on the text of various Arabic papers and Radio broadcasts to the Arabic world. After the Armistice, contacted the British Embassy in ISTANBUL and placed self at the disposal of the British authorities, giving full details of his work in Turkey. MURANO has no desire to go to

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ITALY and claims to have been promised by the British Authorities in LONDON that he would be permitted to remain in EXPT. Has no relatives or friends in Italy.

5. BARBUDAI - Unpolitically minded and interested only in his consular work.

7. BARBUDAI - Is not interested in politics. He has some knowledge of G.I.S. activities in SYRIA, but in value is very doubtful since it is concerned only with the year 1942 and the chief person concerned, BARBUDAI, a bogus botany professor, left SYRIA in October of that year. He mentions also that during the same period a German aircraft used to fly over SYRIA and communicate by V/T with the Vio-Conall. He also mentions contact between BARBUDAI and the Russian General in charge of the H.K.V.D. in SYRIA.

8. BARBUDAI - Was member of former Nationalist Party, a church party which opposed the rise of Fascism. His wife is an American born British subject and he has spent many years in SYRIA. Their only child is with its grandparents in LIVERPOOL. After the Armistice, he offered his services to the British.

10. PIZZO - Formerly represented the Nationalist Party in SYRIA. In ADANA was concerned with collecting of information on Arab countries and the passing of funds and material by the smugglers through to Syria. All information on this has been handed over to the B.I.S. in ADANA, with whom he is known to have collaborated since the Armistice.

11. LEVANTINE - Seems to have been confused with his cousin PIZZO and brother ALFONSO. On his official journeys as courier, kept his eyes and ears open for information, but was otherwise not actively engaged in espionage. Could have remained in Turkey because of his film, the Campagne Italiana de Navigation in SYRIA but preferred to go to Italy for sentimental reasons, because his country is at war.

12. BARBUDAI - Claims to favour a democratic regime and was never an ardent Fascist. Was engaged in anti-Allied intelligence activities in SYRIA but states that all details of his work are now in the hands of the B.I.S. in LONDON. Eldest of himself at the disposal of the British and American Consuls

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ENGLAND. Their only child is with its grandparents in LIVER-
POOL. After the Armistice, he offered his services to the
British.

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SAUDIA. In ADANA was concerned with collecting of informa-
tion on Arab countries and the passing of tracts and material
by the smugglers through to Syria. All information on this
has been handed over to the B.I.S. in ADANA, with whom he is
known to have collaborated since the Armistice.
11. LEWIS MARIO - Seems to have been confused with his cousin
LEWIS and brother ALFONSO. On his official journeys as courier,
kept his eyes and ears open for information, but was otherwise
not actively engaged in espionage. Could have remained in
Turkey because of his film, the Compagnie Italienne de Navigation
in ISMAHIA but preferred to go to Italy for sentimental reasons,
because his country is at war.
12. SAVIGNIUS - Claims to favour a democratic regime and was
never an ardent Fascist. Was engaged in anti-Allied Intelligence
activities in ANTIOCH VILAYET but states that all details of his
work are now in the hands of the B.I.S. in ISMAHIA. Placed
himself at the disposal of the British and American Consuls
General in ISMAHIA.
13. FRIGERIO - Always connected with the Navy. Family had
connections with the Royal House, his wife was Lady-in-Waiting
to the Queen and he himself had held a civilian post in the
Royal Household. Had been concerned with Intelligence work
in PORTO and LEWIS, in which latter town he collaborated with
the Germans. Was very friendly with the German Consul General,
HIMMELHAGEN and after the Armistice he asked HIMMELHAGEN to get
him through to Northern Italy in order to rejoin his family. On
the orders of his superior Naval Attache, he dropped the project
and when he realised that he had raised the suspicions of British
Security, he asked to be transferred to ISMAHIA, where he worked
on the question of Italian internees in Turkey.

14th June, 1944.

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S.I.M.E. Report No. 2.

Name: LEVANTE, Mario.
Nationality: ITALIAN.
Occupation: Diplomat.

CIRCUMSTANCES OF INTERVIEW.

1. LEVANTE is a member of a party of 17 Italian diplomats from TURIN, being repatriated to ITALY via the Middle East. He has already been in enquired case after his arrival in CAIRO, and has proved to be of no further security interest, but nevertheless it has been decided to question him in detail on German couriers and the routes they took, since he himself was an Italian courier, and attached to the Italian Consulate in AMMAN.

LEVANTE'S ACTIVITIES AS A COURIER.

2. LEVANTE states that on his arrival at AMMAN in April 1941, he was made a courier and detailed to travel between AMMAN and ISTANBUL. He worked in turns with another Italian courier called NEREMANO BAKDA. The Germans at the time had no couriers of their own, and sent their diplomatic bags through the Italian Consulate. LEVANTE travelled regularly between AMMAN - AMMAN - ISTANBUL by train, and delivered both the Italian and German diplomatic bags to the Italian Legation in AMMAN, and the Italian Embassy in ISTANBUL.
3. In Oct. 1941, the German Consulate in AMMAN employed their own couriers who travelled by train between AMMAN - AMMAN - ISTANBUL. LEVANTE states that the majority of the German couriers were German Consular officials. He is unaware of their names, but states that BAKDA, one of the Consular officials travelled the most. LEVANTE was introduced to him by an Italian Embassy official in ISTANBUL, (name forgotten).
4. The Italian diplomatic bags were sent from ISTANBUL to AMMAN, by a German courier plane. LEVANTE states that he was never friendly with the German couriers, and unaware of their activities. BAKDA failed to do so after the division and left for AMMAN. He is unaware of any other

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himself was an Italian courier, and attached to the Italian Consulate in ADANA.

LEVANTE'S MOVEMENTS AS A COURIER.

2. LEVANTE states that on his arrival at ADANA in April 1941, he was made a courier and detailed to travel between ADANA and ISTANBUL. He worked in turn with another Italian courier called AUGUSTO BRACCA. The Germans at this time had no couriers of their own, and sent their diplomatic bags through the Italian Consulate. LEVANTE travelled regularly between ADANA - ANKARA - ISTANBUL by train, and delivered both the Italian and German diplomatic bags to the Italian Legation in ANKARA, and the Italian Embassy in ISTANBUL.
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4. The Italian diplomatic bags were sent from ISTANBUL to VALENTIA, by a German courier plane. LEVANTE states that he was never friendly with the German couriers, and unaware of their activities. BRACCA rallied to the Germans after the Armistice and left for BOLOGNA. He is unaware of any other reason used by the Germans.

GERMANIZATION.

5. That although LEVANTE was one of the only two Italian couriers at the Italian Consulate in ADANA, his sphere of movement was limited. Since the German couriers were ordinary Consular Officials in ADANA, it is very likely that they looked down on LEVANTE and had very little in common with him.

RECONCILIATION.

6. That LEVANTE's case be considered at a close, and that he be permitted to continue his journey to IRAN, since he is of no further security interest.

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G.H.S., K.H.F.

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DATE OF INTERVIEW: 16th June 1944.

S.I.N.E. NUMBER NC.2.

Name: FRIGERIO, Pier Alberto.

Nationality: Italian.

Occupation: Diplomat.

CIRCUMSTANCES OF INTERVIEW.

1. FRIGERIO is a member of a party of 17 Italian Diplomats from THAIK being repatriated to Italy via the Middle East. On his arrival in CAIRO he was subjected to a preliminary interrogation with the object of checking his bona fides prior to his departure for Italy. This necessary security check was carried out and FRIGERIO was considered to be of no further security interest, but nevertheless it was decided that he should be asked to give full details as to the German Intelligence Service in THAIK and elsewhere and his knowledge of the British escape organizations. He gave the following information during the course of the interrogation.

FRIGERIO'S INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES IN THAIK.

2. FRIGERIO states that he was the Italian Vice Consul at THAIK from March 1943 until January 1944. During this period he worked in the Italian Consulate General in THAIK and was in charge of the Italian Naval Intelligence Service there. He was in direct wireless communication with S.I.S. in NOME and had as his assistant Warrant Officer RICCIOTTI, Danto. His chief interest lay in the shipping movements between THAIK and the Greek islands and the Allied aid to the patriots. He states that he obtained most of his information on shipping activities in the area from an Italian shipping agent called SANDON TI, who had his offices in the dock area.

3. FRIGERIO states that although he was extremely interested in discovering the functions of the British escape organization in THAIK and was fully aware of the fact that the British organized regular shipping traffic between SAMOS, CHIOS and THAIK, he was never able to obtain any details as to the methods used and the personnel engaged in organizing the shipping and the escape of hundreds of Greeks. He had

arrival in CAIRO he was subjected to a preliminary interrogation and the object of checking his bona fides prior to his departure for Italy. This necessary security check was carried out and PRIGERIO was considered to be of no further security interest, but nevertheless it was decided that he should be asked to give full details as to the German Intelligence Service in IZMIR and elsewhere and his knowledge of the British escape organizations. He gave the following information during the course of the interrogation.

PRIGERIO'S INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES IN IZMIR.

2. PRIGERIO states that he was the Italian Vice Consul at IZMIR from March 1943 until January 1944. During this period he worked in the Italian Consulate General in Izmir and was in charge of the Italian Naval Intelligence Service there. He was in direct wireless communication with S.I.S. in NAZIS and had as his assistant Warrant Officer R. CIGOTI, Danto. His chief interest lay in the shipping movements between Izmir and the Greek islands and the Allied aid to the patriots. He states that he obtained most of his information on shipping activities in the area from an Italian shipping agent called LANDON TI, who had his offices in the dock area.

3. PRIGERIO states that although he was extremely interested in discovering the functions of the British escape organization in IZMIR and was fully aware of the fact that the British organized regular shipping traffic between LANDON, CHIOS and IZMIR, he was never able to obtain any details as to the methods used and the personnel engaged in organizing the shipping and the escape of hundreds of Greeks. He had always been very suspicious of the Greek enigma alongside Mr. LANDON's YACHT.

4. PRIGERIO was also engaged in finding out the names and activities of the various British Intelligence personnel in IZMIR. He obtained most of his required information from two Italians named GALITZAI and MIRALI; who in turn obtained their information from Turkish press correspondents.

PRIGERIO'S CONTACTS WITH THE GERMANS.

5. PRIGERIO states that the only person in the German Intelligence Service known to him in IZMIR, was HUMPHREY, the Vice-Consul and the Naval Intelligence Officer. He often called on HUMPHREY at his office and passed over the information he was able to obtain on shipping movements between IZMIR and CHIOS, and in return HUMPHREY supplied him with the latest information on traffic of shipping between CHIOS and IZMIR, but they never exchanged names of their informants, and agents. He is not acquainted with any other German Intelligence personnel in IZMIR.

CONCLUSION.

6. That although PERCARIO was entrusted with an important post in I.M.H., his activities were limited and quite unimportant, and that he had to rely on the Germans for the greater part of his required information. From all indications it appears that PERCARIO's work in I.M.H. was unsuccessful and at the same time the information obtained was of little importance.

RECOMMENDATION.

That PERCARIO's case be considered closed, since he is of no further security interest.

J. B. Exum, Jr.
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DATE OF INTERROGATION: 20.6.44.

S.I.M.E. REPORT NO.3.

Name: LEVANTE, Mario.
Nationality: Italian.
Occupation: Diplomat (Courier ADANA).

CIRCUMSTANCES OF INTERROGATION.

1. LEVANTE was a courier at the Italian Consulate in IZMIR. He travelled backwards and forwards between ADANA and ANKARA and ISTANBUL. Although he was interrogated on his arrival in CAIRO and considered to be of no further Security interest, it was suggested that he be further questioned on his knowledge of AYVAZIAN and his contacts with ROCCARDI. He gave the following information during the course of the interrogation.

AYVAZIAN.

2. LEVANTE states that he has had no contact with Joseph AYVAZIAN ever since early 1941, when he left ALEXANDRETTA and went to ADANA, where he was employed as a courier to the Italian Consulate and travelled between ADANA, ANKARA and ISTANBUL. Nevertheless he paid a few short visits to ALEXANDRETTA during his period of stay at ADANA, to see his brother ALFREDO and the rest of his family. Whilst in ALEXANDRETTA he occasionally went to AYVAZIAN's hotel and states that he invariably saw some of the German Consular officials and believes that they were introduced to AYVAZIAN by PAULA KOCH. He is unaware of AYVAZIAN's relations with the Germans in ALEXANDRETTA.

3. LEVANTE states that PAULA KOCH and JOSEPH AYVAZIAN were brought up together by Mr. KOCH (PAULA's father) in ALEPPO. They had always been the greatest of friends and as a result AYVAZIAN got to know the entire staff of the German Consulate in ALEXANDRETTA and was considered by the local population to be in close collaboration with the

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4. LEVANTE said that he has never been in close contact with ROCCARDI in ALEXANDRETTA, since he had always been employed in ADANA, but nevertheless he had met ROCCARDI on several occasions at the Italian Vice Consulate in ALEXANDRETTA, and handed over to him the diplomatic bag from the Italian Consulate in ADANA. It is very likely that MARIO LEVANTE has been confused with his brother ALFREDO, the present Italian Vice Consul in ALEXANDRETTA.

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