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SITUATION REPORT - PIEMONTE REGION

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
Liaison and Civil Affairs Branch
APO 794
Public Safety Division

REF : LAGAR/N. 610.08/PS/Security 4 February 1947

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NOVARA PROVINCE
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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

15/9/45

OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY : NOVARA

SUBJECT : Antecedent history of MOSCATELLI VINCENZO = Sindaco of Novara *

TO : The Regional Public Safety Officer, Piedmont Region, Turin.
attn of Regional Security Officer.

Copy to the Provincial Commissioner HQ.AMG., Novara.

Ref : NO/PS/27

1. Moscatelli was born in Novara on the 13th February 1908 and lived there with his parents. His father was an engine driver with the Italian State Railways.

Very little is known of his early life but it is stated that he is a fisherman by profession but also became a clerk. His father was a very active Communist and in 1924 Moscatelli went to Russia where he worked and studied. He remained in the Soviet Union until 1930 when he returned to Italy via Switzerland. He entered Italy by means of a false passport bearing the name of Kraftz Franz.

2. On the 8th November 1930 he was arrested at Bologna for being in possession of false documents and a large quantity of propaganda material in connection with subversive activities. He was then using the name of Conti Aldo and was an official in the 'Federazione Giovanile Comunista Italiana'. He also held the post of Inter Regional trustee for the Communist Party for Emilia and Romagna.

3. After his arrest he was tried by a Special Court for the Defence of the State and sentenced to 16 years imprisonment on a charge of subversive and anti-national propaganda. He was however pardoned by the amnesty granted by the R.D.L., of the 25th Sept., 34 and upon his release from prison he returned to Russia. He always travelled through Switzerland.

4. In the period September - October 1943 he returned to Italy and began to organize the Partisan Groups in the Valsesia area. He was arrested in December 1943 for being in possession of bombs, firearms and being a person likely to commit crimes. He was detained at Borgo Sesia but his release was obtained by a successful attack upon the jail by his men who at the time were led by Angin.

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5. In the Partisan period he often came into contact with the present Prefect Fornera and with other elements of the local C.L.N.

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He presided over several Partisan Courts where elements of the Fascist espionage were sentenced to death. He had an excellent intelligence service instituted by the C.I.P.

With the liberation of the Province of Novara he was appointed Sindaco of that town. Since the end of the war he appears to have received large sums of money, presumably for support and protection. Among these sums there are the following:-

- 5.000.000. lire from the dealer Enzo Lambertenghi of Novara to be used to re-establish sound financial condition for the Comune of Novara.
- 3.000.000. lire from the Costruzioni Meccaniche Aeronautiche in favour of the Communist Party.
- 100.000 lire from the Costruzioni Meccaniche Aeronautiche for the restitution of a truck that had been requisitioned by Pesgo in the insurrectional period.
- 1.300.000 lire from the firm Savoini and Figli of Borganmanero for the sale of a truck with trailer that had been captured by the Partisan formations and formerly allocated for use to the Republican Armed Forces.

He is a very active member of the Communist Party and was a candidate for Cabinet Rank at the time of the formation of the Italian Government. He was a candidate for the office of Post War Assistance. It is stated that his lack of education prevented the post being given to him in comparison to the other candidate.

During his service with the Partisans he was of a violent nature but of late he has assumed a calmer attitude and his views as expressed to the public are not so extreme. This 'change of face' can be attributed to the criticism which has been levelled at him by the public.

He has a decided authority over the Partisan elements in the Valsesia district which includes the central part of the Novara Province and the northern part of the Vercelli Province. His Partisan formations are apparently demobilized but the organization is still being kept alive through the newly instituted A.N.P.I.. Each group or unit is still in being and liaison is maintained and orders sent out from Novara where the Valsesia Military District (Partisan) have their headquarters.

Moscatelli is also President of the Co-Operative Garibaldi in which several millions of lire have been invested and whose trucks it is alleged are a means of communications with the Communist Party in other parts of Italy.

His assistant in the Partisan movement was 'Ciro' whose correct name is Gastone Ernaldo who left this area to take up an important post with the Communist Party in Milan.

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P.P.S.O. Novara

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