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RAMIRO DONATI

AUG. 1943 - FEB. 1944

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1.		- FIELDERS		Complete report on DONATI CHIODELLI, RAUL FIEGNA CAVA MARINARI MARTINEZ MARTUCCI PENNETTI ASSUNTA, Signorina MASTROCIINQUE, " KILFNER-TAMARA
2	11 March		Fielders to you	about release of DONATI
3 Signature	15 Feb.		you to Fiske	- see Release of DONATI - suggesting
4	16 Feb		Fiske to P.B.'s	- Release of DONATI - regarding
5	25 Feb.		Young to Wash	Actual terms of DONATI's Release
6	28 Feb		Stone to FAN	actually released

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SECURITY INTELLIGENCE SECTION

1 February 1944.

SUBJECT: Raimiro Donati.

TO : Colonel A. E. YOUNG.

1. With reference to the attached file received from the Legal Sub-Commission regarding the above named man who is at present interned in a camp at Aversa, I have to report making enquiries.

2. Before commencing, I called upon Major PAPINI, C.I.C., informed him that I was about to make investigation, and he asked to be informed if any new facts were disclosed.

3. Donati is a single man, about 50 years of age, and has been director of Naples Radio Station since 1934. Previously he held the same position at radio stations in Milan and Turin.

4. These radio stations are owned by a company known as S.I.A.R., the headquarters of which are in Rome. The company is controlled by Naul Chiodelli, a fascist National Councilor, Squadrista, and friend of Mussolini.

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LEO ASSUNTA, Maria. Secretary. Employed since 1939.

SPASIANO, Giovanni. Employed 3 years as radio technician.

MARTUCCI, Edoardo. Employed since 20-10-26. In charge of musical arrangements.

MARTINELLI, Bernardino. Employed by Company since 1933. Chief propaganda officer at Naples Radio since 1936.

MARTINELLI, Aldo. Chief Administrative officer. Employed since 1930.

AMATO, Amadeo. Employed as radio technician since 1926.

CARUZZA, Pellegrino. Employed as technician since July 1940.

Dr. VITALE, Ettore. Director of the gramophone record making section since 1 January 1940.

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Eda CACCHI KRAUSS. Secretary. Employed since 1937.

I have also interviewed: - The Owners, Dr. CABBONI, Enrico. Repre-
sentative for chemical products and medicines, ~~and~~
who lives at 66 Via Monte di Dio (Top Floor).

7. On 25 January 1944, a communication was received, Marked C. at this headquarters, signed by VIGNA, CAVA, MARINARI, and MARTINEZ. These four men are all Senior officials of E.I.A.R. and friends of DONATI. All save VIGNA,

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have visited him in prison, their reason being to receive instructions for the carrying on of the company's business.

8. MANUNARI took the initiative over this document, Marked C, and CAVA was the one who supplied the details of the journey.³

9. According to the Quastore, DONATI joined the Fascist Party in 1932, but never held any official party office. He is said to be a man of little scruples and very hasty tempered. Also, detested and hated by his Staff and radio artists.

10. My enquiries amongst the staff confirmed this. Some said he treated his staff like slaves, was rude and quite ruthless. He only appeared at the office in fascist uniform on "official occasions." Most of the staff say he was strict over the giving of the fascist salute and all the fascist etiquette. His work brought him frequently in contact with the Federal Secretary and other Party officials, but he is said to have not been really friendly with them.

11. In the report submitted by the C.I.C. Officers, dated 25 December 1943, Marked A, and in Mr. Rehm's report, Marked B, dated 30 November 1943, mention is made that DONATI was responsible for moving a quantity of spare radio parts and equipment from Naples to Rome shortly before the arrival of the Allies.

12. I found that two consignments were sent, the first on 28 August 1943, and the second on 8 September 1943. On the first occasion an auto-truck with trailer arrived. The trailer was left in Naples whilst the truck went on to Bari and collected a similar consignment from the radio station there. On the return journey the truck picked up the loaded trailer in Naples and returned to Rome.

13. Nearly all the members of the staff remember this. They cannot remember the exact date of the first journey, but all remember the date of the second as it occurred on Armistice Day. They all say no further consignment was sent.

14. These journeys are covered by insurance and I have taken possession of a book from which the particulars were written for this purpose. It confirms the date.

15. Most of the staff say the spare parts were removed on instructions from Rome and FIERNA and CAVA produced to me a letter, dated 4 August 1943, from the head office in Rome to DONATI in which he is requested to send to Rome certain parts, a list of which is set out. Translation Marked D.

16. Following this, DONATI wrote to Dr. VITALE on 13 August 1943, and a translation of this letter is attached, and Marked E. At this time, Dr. VITALE was away from business as he was ill. Dr. VITALE then returned and made arrangements for spares and equipment under his control to be ready for removal. Dr. VITALE says that about the middle of July 1943, MONTOVANI, Chief of the technical services in Rome, telephoned to him and told him to get his equipment ready for removal to Rome at short notice. About 4 September 1943, MONTOVANI phoned from Rome about the second consignment and spoke to both VITALE and

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17. Towards the end of July or early in August, 1943, FIGURA says another official in Rome, GILLI, phoned to him and said that arrangements were being made for all spare parts not in use to be taken to Rome.

18. The truck came from Rome and some of the staff say it had a Leghorn registration number. The cost of the two journeys was not borne by the Naples office according to the staff.

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19. I have questioned the staff closely, and there does not appear to be any evidence to suggest that DONATI was responsible for the removal of these parts. Undoubtedly, the truth can be ascertained after the fall of Rome.

20. On the 11th or 12th September 1943, it became apparent that the Germans were going to take over Naples, and DONATI gave orders to the staff to go into hiding and for certain vital parts of the transmitter in Via Monsioni 46, to be hidden.

21. CAVA and FIERBA say that on 9 or 10 September, a telephone message came from Rome from the head office for DONATI. They both claim to have spoken to the official from Rome. His instructions were that if the Allies came, the staff should cooperate with them, but if the Germans came, the staff were to hide and the station was to be put out of working order. CAVA says the official's name was REVELLACQUA and FIERBA says it was Dr. PASALUNGA. They told DONATI when he returned and the following day DONATI gave orders for the instructions to be carried out.

22. All the staff that I interviewed confirmed that they went into hiding on these instructions and the station closed down.

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24. On 22nd September 1943, the Germans blew up the transmitting station at Via Margoni 46, but not the studios.

25. ASATO says he took away the list of addresses of the staff on FIERBA's instructions, so that the Germans would not find it.

26. Meanwhile, DONATI hid at the house of Dr. CARBONI, at 66 Via Monte di Dio. He was visited there by CAVA, FIERBA and MARTUCCI. I have seen Dr. CARBONI and he confirms this and says DONATI never went out of his house until 24th September, when they all had to leave as the Germans ordered the evacuation of the area. DONATI then went to Via Bernini 95, where CARBONI says he got him a single room. CARBONI says DONATI was afraid of the Germans at this time, although he admits that DONATI was friendly with some German officers whilst he lived at the Royal Hotel during 1942 and 1943.

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30. There is general agreement that the staff at Naples Radio were delighted when he was removed. Some fear that he will take his revenge on them when he is eventually liberated. The whole atmosphere at the studios has been quite different since his removal.

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31. I have been unable to see Major Kibling, who is no longer in Italy, and Mr. Rehm, who is at present in a theater of active operations. However, Mr. Rehm's report on DONATI is available and a copy is attached. Marked B.

32. On page 2 of his report, Mr. Rehm mentions that DONATI tried to make PENNETTI, the announcer, report to him daily all the activities of the Radio Station. PENNETTI confirmed this and says DONATI told him to report all activities, programmes, and any new developments on two separate occasions. He refused and reported this to Mr. Rehm. Afterwards, PENNETTI says DONATI was most hostile to him.

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36. MARTUCCI said DONATI tried to persuade Mr. Rehm not to employ him, saying that he (MARTUCCI) was no good. MARTUCCI also told me that DONATI sent him to PENNETTI with instructions that PENNETTI was not to come and offer to work for Mr. Rehm and the Allies. PENNETTI confirms this. MARTUCCI says DONATI did not wish any of his old staff to work for Mr. Rehm at Naples Radio Station.

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42. Lastly I would mention that I have received every possible help from Mr. Minifie and his staff of American Officials at Naples Radio.

Richard Fielder
 RICHARD FIELDER,
 Captain, Security Intelligence Section,
 A. C. C.

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First Enclosure

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Naples Aug. 28, 1943

General Direction of the E.I.A.R.
Post Office Box 164
Montecatini Terme

~~Material~~

Shipment of Materiel

Following ~~your~~ ^{my} telegram of the 28.th of August:

"For insurance purposes concerning our policy no. 36 we notify you that a truck train with radio materiel for a total value of 400000 Lira bound for our Rome Office is now leaving our office of Cupa S. Giovanni 60, Naples, with itinerary Naples-Agnano-Rome stop Separate list will follow stop Eiar Radio Naples"

we enclose to the present 2 forms 35 T. (no. 264 and no. 265) concerning same shipment of materiel owned by us from the depot of Cupa S. Giovanni and Agnano of Naples to the depot at Abazia dei Cappuccini of S. Cirignano-Andonna dei Miracoli-Rome.

E.I.A.R.
The Director
(Signed: Donati)

Enclosures: 2 forms 35 T. no. 264 and 265

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The Director
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Second Enclosure

Naples ~~Aug~~
Sept. 8, 1943

General Direction E.I.A.R.
Post Office Box 161

NOTIFICAZIONE TERZA

Shipment of materiel

We enclose here 4 forms 35 T. in order to give effect to our insurance policy 86 corresponding to no. 266-267-268 and 269 and concerning to the materiel shipped from our depots of Pompei, Naples and Mugnano to our depots in Rome on the 7.th and 8.th of this month.

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E.I.A.R.
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Radio Naples

P.W.B.

30 November 1943

Memo

TO : Capt. Manley, Lt. Fatti

From: George Rehn

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Immediately after the first meeting with Donati, I started to form a radio team of Italians. Five of them were employees of EIAR. Sigmund Leo Assunta

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Immediately after the first meeting with Donati, I started to form a radio team of Italians. Five of them were employees of ELAR, Signorina Leo Assunta, typist; Enrico Martucci, maestro; Pennetti, speaker and two technicians. Donati said none of them was any good. During the next few days, Donati tried to intimidate Pennetti and to compel him to report daily on activities at Radio Naples studios. Pennetti refused. A short time later he suddenly demanded the services of the two technicians, without consulting me. I cancelled the order without consulting Donati, to the obvious relief of the two men, Arato and Carrera. He then demanded the services of Signorina Leo Assunta, on the grounds that she was needed for abbonamenti work in the post office, her previous job. I pointed out in a letter to Donati that the post office was still closed and that power was not yet available in Naples. He then proposes a typist to take the place of Signorina Leo Assunta. This was Signorina Mastrocchino (see Capt. Manley's information on

this young woman). She was introduced to me by Dino Marinari, Donati's man in Sorrento. Marinari was overheard talking with Signorina Mastrocinque, after I had given her a test and told her I would inform her if opening occurred, that she could count on the job, that Donati was in control, that I would have to as he said, and that she would be valuable for keeping Donati informed of activities at Radio Naples studio (See statements submitted to Capt. Manley.) Needless to say, Signorina Mastrocinque is still waiting for a job.

For the next two or three weeks, Donati appeared occasionally at the studio, but never came into my office. He talked with the technicians in a discouraging manner, tried to obtain information without success I believe, for all the men working for Radio Naples have proved to be extremely loyal - and departed, always unseen by me.

About ten days ago he made a new move. He announced to the two above-named technicians and to Maestro Vertucci and typist Leo Assunta that they were due for vacations of varying lengths of time up to 28 days. He said their places would be filled by other employees of ELAR. These people came to me, very upset and confused. I promptly informed Donati, through his engineer, Edmondo Fiegna, that there were to be no changes in personnel, without my consent and that in the present case, those persons who wished to take their vacations could do so if their absence did not interfere with the operation of the studio. I am still trying to get a statement from Donati to the effect that these persons will obtain their vacation money, which is due them, even if they continue to work for me, or at least that the money will be held for them, since the vacation is due for the past year and Radio Naples has only been operating since Oct. 15. In other words, if they wish to continue to work, it seems to me they still deserve their vacation money.

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Both Pennetti and Signorina Leo Assunta have already paid one penalty, small if you wish but just the type of needling that keeps workers disturbed in their minds and that interferes with good work. It seems that several months ago, before our arrival, Donati purchased a quantity of potatoes with ELAR money and these potatoes were later to be sold to ELAR employees at the purchase price. These potatoes were distributed about a week ago to all ELAR employees except Pennetti and Signorina Leo Assunta, the two persons first hired by Radio Naples from ELAR and the two have

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I am now informed, though I have yet to obtain definite proof, that Donati's plea of illness during the past ten days was quite unfounded, that he decided to remain indoors until such time had passed that would permit him to begin to draw on EIAR funds then being held escrow. An agreement has been reached with Donati, I understand, which permits him to draw sufficient funds out of an EIAR account amounting to \$54,000, to meet his monthly payroll. He then is to account to PWE for the sum expended. His books should be carefully checked. It might be mentioned that on

the official payroll he submitted to Major Kibling some time ago, both Pennetti and Signorina Leo Assunta were named as employees.

All these incidents that have been cited are minor from one viewpoint but their cumulative effect is major. They interfere with ELAR people now working for Radio Naples, they sugar ill for all persons who have connections with Radio Naples and then will be turned back to ELAR when we depart, but of far greater importance is the clear indication they give of Donati's mentality, his attitude toward the Allies, and how little interested he is in carrying on the kind of democratic work we try to establish. That he seeks to protect his job and his investment in ELAR, which are both definite proof of Fascist connections since ELAR, through a supposedly independent organization, obviously enjoyed the favor if not the full protection of the Fascist government, is understandable. But that he should be permitted to do even while he reveals genuine antagonism toward Radio Naples and the Allies, should not be countenanced, and that he should be permitted to resume his commanding position over Radio Naples when we give it up, is nothing more than accepting the defeat and reputation of all that has been done by PWB for radio in Naples. The only solution is my opinion is the complete removal of Donati, Fiegna and Marinari as ELAR heads in Naples and vicinity, and the substitution in their places of sound business men of known democratic principles who will help to carry out the work we start. Removal of Donati may or may not mean his arrest but his removal must be effected without delay.

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The undersigned declares to be acquainted with the following:

During the month of August, dispositions were imparted from the General's Headquarters of the E.I.R.A. for shipment from Naples to Rome of radio equipment consisting of spare parts for our plants and equipment.

Said dispositions, it is evident were also imparted to the E.I. A.R. at Bari.

In fact the shipment was to be by means of auto-truck, sent for that purpose from General Headquarters in Rome and was to follow a pre-established itinerary.

An earlier shipment was effected on August, 28th 1943. A second shipment also by means of auto-train sent by our General Hdqs in Rome, was effected on 8th September, 1943, leaving at 1430 hours from Mugnano (of Naples) with material taken from our emergency warehouses in Pompei and Mugnano and from our local warehouses in Via Egiziaca a Piazza Falcone 41a.

Ing. Donati took occasion of the favourable occasion to send to Rome to relatives residing therein crates containing household implements and other personal effects with the intent to deposit same in localities not subject to bombardments.

Naples, January, 25, 1944.

Signed:-

FIEGNA Edmondo. CAVA Francesco. MARINARI Bernardino. MARTINEZ
Aldo.

E.I.A.R.
General Direction

Express

Inter-department correspondence

E.I.A.R.
Via Roma 429
Rome

Written by PQ/b1
Checked by Donati

Rome Aug. 4, 1945

Subject: Tubes shipment

~~request~~ request

We ask you to ship to the Rome Direction in Rome Via Montello 5 the tubes mentioned as follows. They will have to be insured for the amount specified near each of them

N.6 tubes type	DET5 each 10 10 10 centimetres	Insurance 150 Lira each
2	GUT	100
4	GUS keep them all	500
1	MT9L semi 2	2500
1	DET3	2000
3	845	450
3	869	2050
6	866A	200
10	872A	600
5	MCL/30	60
14	RC2/200	2350
6	RC15/100	1050
4	EE05/15	250
3	EE1/20	530
8	TC2/250	2300
8	W153	350
3	cathode tubes type E12/12	850
2	" " VS3/18x	850
15	tubes type E12-270/100	80
33	RCN250L	50
91	RC289	250
15	STV280/80	350

that you will draw out of the supply of your transmitters

The following tubes will have to be drawn ~~for~~ out of the supply at the disposal of the General Direction

N.2 tubes type 49
etc.

You will draw the following tubes out of the reserve of the cable office

N.7 tubes type EM102
etc.

As instructed in our circular DC/114959 of the 3rd of May 1939, you will specify to the Rome Office all data concerning the tubes shipped, including the number of the order with which they will have- you will have received them. You will mention the present letter under the heading "Remarks" in the appropriate forms 85 for depot transfer.

E.I.A.R.
Italian Broadcasting Corporation
General Direction

Express
Prof. Ettore Vitale

Copy

4 Copies of each

Capit. Laidlaw Room 16-17-18

Naples, Aug. 13 1943

Security Intelligence
Etc 4-8

Yesterday evening I received your registered letter from Amcolli: it was the first news I heard of you since you left Naples.

I am sorry to learn that your vacation time had partly been absorbed by your illness. Nevertheless, given the war events that have taken place in Naples during the month of August, your absence had to be concluded with a..... peremptory recall.

The very grant of a vacation is exceptional in that the General Direction requires that all male personnel, regardless of rank or position, stay on duty and has ordered the suspension of Summer vacations for all the employees.

The offices in Via Egiziaca have been damaged (concussion) in the enemy raid of the 4th of August.

The General Direction is thinking, at present, of sending part of the records making machinery to the Rome depot by means of a big truck that, in the next week, will have to carry to Rome much material of the technical section.

The facts mentioned above will explain to you how urgent and necessary is your early return to duty is. The exceptional moment requires personal sacrifices from everybody. I urge you, therefore, to come back to Naples as soon as possible.

Very Truly Yours

(Signed)

Ing. Amaro Donati.



R. QUESTURA DI NAPOLI

N. di prot. 01559 Divisione P.P.

Risposta a nota

Napoli 28.1.1944

Allegati

OGGETTO:

Sig. Capitano Fehr
Intelligenza Sicurezza
Palazzo della Provincia
Stanza N. 1

N A P O L I

Con riferimento alla richiesta telefonica del 27 corrente comunico le chieste informazioni sul conto dell'ing. Donato Raimo fu Arturo e di Mannini Annita nato a Montopoli Valdarno (Pisa) il 16.11.1884, abitante in Via Reppini n. 55.

Raimo è in questa città dal 1934, quale Direttore del locale E.I.A.R., con sede in Via Roma n. 423, proveniente da Genova, ove aveva esercitato la stessa attività.

Raimo essere stato iscritto al diciotto P.P.P. nel 1932, quando cioè l'iscrizione si rese obbligatoria per tutti gli impiegati dello Stato.

È ex Tenente colonnello di Fanteria ritirato dalla guerra I 15 - 17, e non è in possesso di alcun titolo onorifico.

È persona di carattere rigido ed autoritario e rispondeva per la sua attività nella Direzione dell'Esercito e per la sua condotta tra i suoi dipendenti.

Veniva notato a Napoli in compagnia di una sua figlia cecogiocosa, sposata in linea nobile e militare.

Non ebbe rapporti con i tedeschi durante la loro permanenza in questa città, ed anzi nel settembre scorso venne attivamente ricercato da loro, poiché aveva fatto smontare dai suoi tecnici, tutte le valvole esistenti nella stazione trasmittente dell'E.I.A.R. di Via Monte di Dio, in modo da non permettere il funzionamento.

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Gods in buone condizioni economiche, senza
nessa concessione in denaro, ed in questi anni po-
ne precedenti vendite.

Ecc. assiguo-

II QUESTORE

Manicelli

Royal Questura of Naples

Naples, the 29. th of January 1944

Capt. Fehr
Security and Intelligence Subcommission

NAPLES

With reference to your request by telephone ^{of} ~~on~~ the 27. th of this month, ~~ready~~ notify I enclose you ~~of~~ the informations you asked on ing. Remiro Donati, ~~father~~ son of the late Arturo and Anita Mannini, born in Montopoli Valdarno (Pisa) on the 16. th of July 1884, with residence at Via Bernini 95.

He has been a resident of this city since 1934, in the capacity of Director of the local E.I.A.R., with office at Via Rome 429; he came from Genoa, where he had held the same position.

He is known to have been a member of the disbanded National Fascist Party since 1932, that is, at a time when it became practically compulsory to join it for all civil servants.

He is an ex Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry, a disabled veteran of the 1915-18 war. He does not possess any honorific title.

He is a person of a strict and authoritarian character and, on account of his uprightness, ~~he is not known to the authorities~~ in directing the organization and his honesty, he enjoys the esteem of his dependents.

At Capri he was noticed in the company of a Czechoslovakian lady who was under suspicion from both ~~the~~ political and military viewpoint.

He had no relations with the Germans, during the latter's stay in this city, and, on the contrary, in the last September, he was actively looked for by them because of his having caused his technicians to ^{remove} ~~the~~ all the electronic tubes existing at the broadcasting station of the E.I.A.R. of Via Monte di Dio, so as to prevent it from being put into operation.

He enjoys a good financial position, is of good conduct in general and in our criminal files there is no record ~~of him~~ concerning him.

I enclose you the informations you asked on Ing. Enrico Donati, father
son of the late Arturo and Anita Mannini, born in Montopoli Valdarno (Pisa)
on the 16. th of July 1884, with residence at Via Bernini 95.

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Very respectfully Yours

The Questore
(signed: Lauricella)

29 FEB 1944

LSD/bjp

29 FEB 1944

28 February 1944

In reply refer to:
201 - Donati

Dear Dr. Fanor:

For your information and any appropriate action, Rinaldo Donati was released on 20 February 1944, subject to his giving an undertaking not to visit the Naples radio station and not to interfere in any way with its employees.

It is important that Donati carries out the above undertaking.

Yours very truly,

ALBERT W. STONE
Captain, USN
Deputy Chief Commissioner

cc: Col. Young

His Excellency Dr. Mario Fano
Office of the Director
Ministry of Communications
Italian Government

Rec 3 Mar 44

CONFIDENTIAL

Headquarters
Allied Control Commission.
Security Branch.

REF: 331.5/140

25th. February, 1944

SUBJECT: Admiral DONATI.
TO: Brigadier W. Lush, Executive Commissioner.

1. On Saturday, 19th. February, 1944, I saw Admiral DONATI who was then detained in the Poggioreale gaol in Naples. I asked him whether he would undertake not to visit the Naples Radio Station and also not to interfere in any way with its employees if it should be decided to release him.

2. He at once gave me his undertaking, whereupon I assured him he would be released the following day and, at the same time, told him that if he broke his promise, he would have to suffer the consequences and that he would probably be interned.

3. I then informed Major Papert, C.I.C., who assured me that DONATI would be released on Sunday, 20th., February, 1944.

4. I have given the facts of this matter to Lt. Col. Deamore for Captain Stone, Deputy Chief Commissioner, who will write a letter to Sig. PIANO of the Italian Ministry of Communications, advising him of the conditions which have been imposed on DONATI.



A.E. YOUNG,
Colonel.

Director of Security.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
H.Q. & H.C. SECTION
APO 394

HAF/urd

16 February 1944

Ref/280/5/Ga

SUBJECT: Raimo Donati

TO : Commanding General, P.B.S. (Att: G-2)

1. Referring to conversation of the 14th of February between Col. Young and Major Arnold, the Commission will be grateful if you would consider favorably the release of Raimo Donati.

2. In the event that you should do so, Donati will be warned by the Commission to refrain from visiting the Naples Radio Station and from communicating with personnel employed there. In the event that Donati should not follow this warning action will be taken to again bring him into custody.

For the CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel, Cavalry
Deputy Executive Commissioner

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

SECURITY INTELLIGENCE SECTION

15 February 1944

SUBJECT: Ramino Donati.

TO : Colonel Biske - Deputy Executive Commissioner, ACC.

1. On Saturday, 12 February 1944, I saw Captain Stone, Deputy Chief Commissioner at Salerno and discussed with him the facts contained in this file.

2. In consequence, I saw Colonel Upjohn, Chief Legal Officer, and asked him for his opinion on this case having regard to his report of 22 January 1944, and to the subsequent evidence obtained.

3. Colonel Upjohn informed me that having read the file he was of the opinion that although Donati had proved himself to have been a nuisance to both P.W.B. and to the administration of the Naples Radio Station there was no ground for believing that he was a threat to military security and recommended therefore that he should be released subject to his giving an undertaking not to interfere in any way with either the Naples Radio Station or its staff.

4. I next saw Mr. Minifie of P.W.B. who after discussion told me that his conclusions were precisely those of Colonel Upjohn.

5. On Monday, 14 February 1944, I interviewed Major Arnold, G-2 Peninsular Base Section and explained to him that in view of the facts of the case, I was of the opinion that Donati could by no means be regarded as a danger to military security and requested therefore that he should be released from his present internment. Major Arnold replied that so far as the facts of this case are concerned, he was in complete agreement with me but that it had been decided to intern Donati on grounds of security, but upon those of his obstruction to P.W.B. and therefore to the war effort.

6. Major Arnold said that although this was the official opinion of his G-2 Section, nevertheless, if a letter was written to Lt. Colonel Cummings, G-2, P.B.S. to request the release of Donati on behalf of the Allied Control Commission he was of the opinion that this request would be acceded to.

7. Although this may be considered to be a satisfactory conclusion to this matter, I would recommend that in this event I should see Donati, and severely warn him to refrain from any future interference with the administration of the Naples Radio Station.

8. The important principle which this case has raised is that of its competency of such organisations as F.S.S. and C.I.C. to intern civilians upon grounds other than those of military security.

9. I am of the opinion that whilst under certain circumstances they will require to intern persons for interference with the efficient prosecution of the war, nevertheless there will be many occasions when this Headquarters or its representatives will be in a much better position to judge the merits of such a case than the security agencies mentioned. It may be considered that this principle should be clarified and a definite ruling obtained for guidance in future circumstances.

A. E. Yung.

A. E. YUNG
Colonel
Security Intelligence

HEADQUARTERS.
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.
Security Intelligence Section..

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11th February, 1944.

Subject:- RAMIRO DONATI.
To : Col. A.E. Young.

1. With further reference to my report, dated 1st February, 1944, regarding the above-named man, on 3rd February, 1944, I saw Major Papurt, C.I.C; at his apartments, where he was confined to bed.
2. I discussed the new facts disclosed during my investigation, and asked if he did not consider now that DONATI should ~~not~~ be released. Major Papurt said he would refer the matter to General Pence.
3. I have to-day been informed by Major Papurt that DONATI is not to be released. I asked Major Papurt if any new facts had been disclosed since my investigation and he said nothing further had come to light.

Submitted.

Allegay. Col. S.I.

U. S. 44.

Richard Gledhill
Captain.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SECURITY INTELLIGENCE SECTION

1 February 1944.

SUBJECT: Remiro Donati.

TO : Colonel A. B. YOUNG.

1. With reference to the attached file received from the Legal Sub-Commission regarding the above named man who is at present interned in a camp at Aversa, I have to report making enquiries.

2. Before commencing, I called upon Major PAPUTI, C.I.C., informed him that I was about to make investigation, and he asked to be informed if any new facts were disclosed.

3. Donati is a single man, about 50 years of age, and has been director of Naples Radio Station since 1934. Previously he held the same position at radio stations in Milan and Turin.

4. These radio stations are owned by a company known as E.I.A.R., the headquarters of which are in Rome. The company is controlled by Raul Ghidella, a fascist National Councilor, Squadrists, and friend of Mussolini.

5. Naples Radio has now been taken over by the Psychological Warfare Branch and E.I.A.R. is only functioning as an agency for collecting fees for radio licenses from the general public. However, the Psychological Warfare Branch have found it necessary to employ many members of the Staff of E.I.A.R., who were normally employed in the studios and the transmitting station, in order to facilitate the running of the station.

6. I have interviewed the following employees of E.I.A.R.:-

GIANNATTASIO, Antonio. Motor driver. Employed by the company since 1932.

PERINELLI, Carlo. Announcer. Employed since 1931.

LEO ASSUNTA, Maria. Secretary. Employed since 1939.

SPASIANO, Giovanni. Employed 3 years as radio technician.

MANTUCCI, Eduardo. Employed since 20-10-26. In charge of musical arrangements.

MARINARI, Bernardino. Employed by Company since 1933. Chief propa-

ganda officer at Naples Radio since 1936.

MARTINELLI, Aldo. Chief Administrative officer. Employed since 1930.

AMATO, Amedeo. Employed as radio technician since 1926.

CARLEVA, Pellegrino. Employed as technician since July 1940.

Dr. VITALE, Ettore. Director of the gramophone record making section since 1 January 1940.

FILICHA, Edmondo. Chief of Technical Section. Employed by the company since 1934, but only at Naples since 1940.

CAVA, Francesco. Chief Technical Officer - High Frequency and Trans-
mitting Section. Employed since 1927.20

1. With reference to the attached file received from the Legal Sub-Commission regarding the above named man who is at present interned in a camp at Avoyes, I have to report making enquiries.

2. Before commencing, I called upon Major PAPART, C.I.C., informed him that I was about to make investigation, and he asked to be informed if any new facts were disclosed.

3. Donati is a single man, about 30 years of age, and has been director of Naples Radio Station since 1934. Previously he held the same position at radio stations in Milan and Turin.

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MARMORI, Bernardino. Employed by Company since 1933. Chief propa-

MARTINAZZ, Aldo. Chief administrative officer at Naples Radio since 1936.

AMARO, Amideo. Employed as radio technician since 1930.

CAPUTO, Pellegrino. Employed as technician since 1926.

Dr. VIGANI, Ettore. Director of the Gramophone record making section since 1 January 1940.

FIZONA, Edmondo. Chief of Technical Section. Employed by the company since 1934, but only at Naples since 1940.

CAVA, Francesco. Chief Technical Officer - High Frequency and Transmitting Section. Employed since 1927. **20**

Eda CACCIARI KRAUSS. Secretary. Employed since 1937. *and also*

I have also interviewed: - The Questore, Dr. CARBONI, Barico. Representative for chemical products and medicines, who lives at 66 Via Monte di Dio (Top Floor).

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17. Towards the end of July or early in August, 1943, FIEGMA says another official in Rome, GRILLI, phoned to him and said that arrangements were being made for all spare parts not in use to be taken to Rome.

18. The truck came from Rome and some of the staff say it had a Leghorn registration number. The cost of the two journeys was not ~~known~~ by the Naples office according to the staff.

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19. I have questioned the staff closely, and there does not appear to be any evidence to suggest that DONATI was responsible for the removal of these parts. Undoubtedly, the truth can be ascertained after the fall of Rome.
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30. There is general agreement that the staff at Naples Radio were delighted when he was removed. Some fear that he will take his revenge on them when he is eventually liberated. The whole atmosphere at the studios has been quite different since his removal.

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31. I have been unable to see Major Kibling, who is no longer in Italy, ~~on~~ Mr. Rehm, who is at present in a theater of active operations. However, Mr. Rehm's report on DONATI is available and a copy is attached, Marked B.

32. On page 2 of his report, Mr. Rehm mentions that DONATI tried to make ~~REHM~~ the announcer, report to him daily all the activities of the Radio Station. ~~REHM~~ confirmed this and says DONATI told him to report all activities, programmes, and any new developments on two separate occasions. He refused and reported this to Mr. Rehm. Afterwards, ~~REHM~~ says DONATI was most hostile to him.

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42. Lastly I would mention that I have received every possible help from Mr. Minifie and his staff of American Officials at Naples Radio.

Copy to C.I.C. and
show further action.

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1. Feb. 44

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RICHARD FILDERS

Captain, Security Intelligence Section,
A. C. C.

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HEADQUARTERS.
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT.
SECURITY INTELLIGENCE SECTION.

26th January, 1944.

Subject:- ROMERI DONATI.

With reference to the attached file received from the Legal Sub-Commission regarding the above-named man, I have to report making enquiries.

Major Papurt of the C.I.C. informed me that DONATI had now been arrested and had been interned in a camp at Aversa. He said he regarded the case against DONATI as a bad case, and pointed out that the Psychological Warfare Branch and the British F.S. Section were also in agreement and suggested that Donati should be interned.

In the report dated 25th December, 1943, submitted by the two C.I.C Agents, on page two, mention is made of the removal of radio equipment and copper wire from Naples to Rome in order to prevent the Allies from securing it. I asked Major Papurt if this was done on instructions from Rome or on DONATI's own authority. He said that his agents information was that it was done on DONATI's own authority.

I also asked if the staff at the Radio Station at Naples had been interviewed, because in the report submitted by George REHM, the present director of the radio station and who is a member of the Psychological Warfare Branch, he mentions that DONATI has made several incriminating statements to different members of the staff. Major Papurt said that the staff had been seen by his agents to check this information.

Together with Lt. Fehr I have to-day seen the Questore regarding DONATI. The Questore said that DONATI was born in Italy in 1894. He became director of Naples Radio Station in October, 1934, after previously being employed in the same capacity at Milan and Turin. He joined the Fascist Party in 1932, but never held any official Party Office. He is described as being a man of little scruples and very hasty tempered.

In 1937 he came under notice because he was associating with a Czecho-Slovakian woman, Kuffner Tamara, who was suspected of being a spy for her country and with spying against the Axis. The Questore said that he did not know if it was ever established that the woman was a spy.

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In September, 1938, the employees at the Radio Station informed the Fascist Party that he was a Jew, but it was never established that he was a Jew. The Questore said that DONATI was not popular with the radio artists and staff, and that some of them had reported him to the head office in Rome.

The Questore could not give any information about this man's activities with the Germans, but said that he would have investigations made if we required them. I asked him not to have these investigations made unless he received further notice from us.

Richard L. Lewis
Captain.

Alfred W. S. L.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION
APO. 394.

22nd January, 1944.

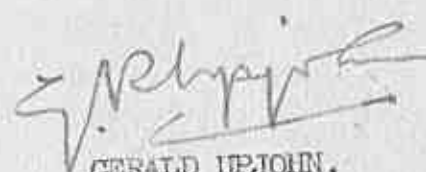
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SUBJECT: Romeri Donati.

TO : D.C.C.A.O.

1. I feel no doubt but that the a/m should on the available evidence be at once dismissed from his position of director of E.I.A.R. if this has not already been done.

2. The evidence on which to intern the a/m as a fascist is by no means strong but he is undoubtedly potentially dangerous and I am of opinion that he can be interned pending a more detailed examination of his fascist record and history.



GERALD UPJOHN,
Colonel,
Chief Legal Officer.

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C.I.C. DETACHMENT
PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
APO 782.

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1 January, 1944

MEMORANDUM:

SUBJECT: ROMERI DONATI

TO: A.C.ofS., G-2, P.B.S., APO 782.

1. Attached hereto is memorandum dated 25 December 1943 regarding ROMERI DONATI.
2. Request authorization by indorsement hereon, to arrest and intern this man as an obstructionist and a security threat.

For the Commanding Officer:

M.E. PORTER
1st Lt., M.I.,
Chief, Investigations Section.

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G.I.C. DETACHMENT
PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
A.P.O. 782

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25 December 1943.

CASE NO. ESN-269-SV

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

SUBJECT: ROMERI DONATI, Ex-Director of E.I.A.R.,
Via Roma 428, Naples.

1. Major James M. Arnold, G-2, requested an investigation of Subject who is the ex-director of E.I.A.R., Radio Broadcasting Branch of Naples. This investigation was pursuant to a request made to Major Arnold by Mr. George Behm of the Psychological Warfare Board, who is now in control of and director of the afore mentioned Radio station. Subject has been suspected of obstructionism in influencing individuals whom F.P.E. employs in connection with broadcasting.

2. The E.I.A.R. maintains its corporate entity with Rome as the main office under the exclusive direction of Raul Chiodelli, National Councillor, squadrista and fascist appointee of Mussolini. Subsidiary branches exist throughout Italy, one of which is Naples. Subject has been appointed by Chiodelli to fulfill the directorship of the Naples branch.

Confidential informants of these Agents denounce Subject as a Fascist potentially dangerous of obstructing the Allied war effort. If he is allowed to remain as director of Radio Naples, all of the principles of freedom and liberty for which radio plays a vital part would be in danger of being thwarted to meet his personal ends on the mistaken ideologies of the Fascist creed.

Subject became director of the Naples Radio around 1934 when Fascism was at it's height. Until the German evacuation of Naples Subject kept in constant touch with the highest ranking Fascists and German officials. That association prompted him in 1939 to live at the Royal Hotel, Naples, where the Germans resided and with whom he established an intimate relationship bordering on friendship.

Throughout that period Subject preached Fascism. His motives became relentless and persistent. His employees were ordered to join the Party or be fired. The National Director Chiodelli, a friend of Mussolini, sought him out continually to broadcast that creed.

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He worked the employees hard and paid them little. They openly resented that he should be allowed to remain director of the E.I.A.R., Naples.

A few days prior to the German evacuation of Naples Subject was responsible for the removal of great quantities of radio equipment such as transmitting and synchronizing sets, and tons of copper bars. This equipment was transported to Rome to prevent the Allies from having access to it. (Evaluation: B-2)

3. These Agents interviewed Mr. George Rehm of P.W.B. who gave them the following information regarding Subject:

Since the Allied entry in Naples Subject has pursued a doctrine of obstructionism in the Allied operation of the Naples radio. He has succeeded in stirring up trouble among the employees. They hate him because he is a "slave driver" and "Fascist". He continually appears at the office of Mr. Rehm without the latter's consent or knowledge to seek information regarding conditions at the office. Little, however, is obtained from them because they are loyal anti-Fascists who resent his intermeddling.

It is the ambition of Subject to once again resume the directorship of the radio and to prevail with his lordly atmosphere and will over the people of Naples. This is evidenced by his recent visit to Bari where he allegedly contacted Gen. Badoglio for a reappointment as director. The results of this conference are unknown to these Agents. (Evaluation: B-2)

Mr. Rehm offered these Agents a detailed report on the activities of Subject. With due regard to its importance in the light of the evidence it presents the report is hereby marked "Exhibit A" for identification and made a part of this record. Close study of its contents reveals facts establishing Mr. Rehm's convictions. (Evaluation: A-1)

4. An interview with Lt. Archimedes Patti of P.W.B. revealed further information corroborating all evidence herein above presented. He confirmed all of Mr. Rehm's statements and indicted Subject as a potentially dangerous man who would and could obstruct our Allied war effort. He not only recommended internment but requested it for security measures. (Eval.: A-1)

The records of P.W.B. revealed information similar to that which these Agents have compiled in reference to Subject. They are entirely in accord with our recommendations and disposition of this investigation as hereinafter made. (Evaluation: A-1)

5. Conclusions and Recommendations:

In view of all the foregoing evidence these Agents recommend:

a) That Subject be immediately removed from the office of director of E.I.A.R. Radio Naples, and that he be barred from any future appointment to the said office.

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B) That in order to prevent Subject from using his knowledge of radio to communicate with the enemy, in order to keep him from using threats to maintain his obstructionist influence over the employees, and for reasons of security, Subject be interned at once in a Prisoner of War camp for the duration of the war.

DOMINIC J. DEVITO
Special Agent, CIC.

JOHN L. MARTIN
Special Agent, CIC.

Approved: R.E. PORTER
1st. Lt., M.I.
Chief Investigations Section

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Radio Naples

P.W.B.

30 November 1943

Memo

TO : Capt. Hanley, Lt. Ratti

From: George Rehn

This is a cover-all report on Ramiro Donati, former head of the EIAR branch in Naples, insofar as my contacts with him are concerned. My recommendations will conclude the report.

I made the acquaintance of Donati about Oct. 8, when it first became possible to plan broadcasts, which started Oct. 15. I questioned him about studio equipment, office furniture, etc., leaving technical equipment to Major Kibling. My job is programming and production. Donati confessed to extremely poor possessions in the manner of office equipment, adding that what he did possess was urgently needed for his own office work as head of the Naples branch of EIAR. He described these urgent necessities as matters connected with the collecting of bills for EIAR abbonamenti and other office work, both in Naples and in Sorrento, a branch office. I pointed out that there was no postal service for the paying of bills, that there was no radio, that there was no power for receiving broadcasts in Naples and in Sorrento, ect. He still maintained that he had lots of work to perform, which required the use of an automobile, which is the property of EIAR and not of Donati, and a light truck, also the property of EIAR.

I found a few ordinary tables, a few chairs, in the studios, enough to start work. I asked him to bring in whatever else was available. I have received exactly nothing. But Radio Naples opened on Oct. 15 and by the end of the week will be broadcasting twelve hours daily.

Since the first day, Donati has been nothing but an obstacle to the smooth operation of a radio station. He undoubtedly intends to continue to be an obstacle, within certain limits, for he is clever enough not to declare himself in open opposition. That he certainly would prefer to do if he dared, for he is, or was, a member of the Fascist party, he worked with the Germans while they were in Naples, he shipped a quantity of radio equipment to Rome in September when the approach of the Allies became plain. His dossier at the Questura also that he is both hated and

dreaded by all radio artists, and since then I have learned how he is feared by all employees of EIAR in Naples, for whom the only term descriptive of Donati is "slavedriver" and "fascist". Unfortunately, these terms still hold their power, for so long as Donati is the individual to have control of EIAR in Naples when the Allies turn the radio station back to Italian control, then he will be the one to take revenge on those who have crossed him or even who have worked willingly and loyally for the Voice of the United Nations yet who, after we leave, will be dependent on EIAR for jobs, since that work has been their connection in an earning capacity.

Immediately after the first meeting with Donati, I started to form a radio team of Italians. Five of them were employees of EIAR, Signorina Leo Assunta, typist; Enrico Martucci, maestro; Pennetti, speaker and two technicians. Donati said none of them was any good. During the next few days, Donati tried to intimidate Pennetti and to compel him to report daily on activities at Radio Naples studio. Pennetti refused. A short time later he suddenly demanded the services of the two technicians, without consulting me. I cancelled the order without consulting Donati, to the obvious relief of the two men, A sto and Carrera. He then demanded the services of Signorina Leo Assunta, on the grounds that she was needed for abbonamenti work in the post office, her previous job. I pointed out in a letter to Donati that the post office was still closed and that power was not yet available in Naples. He then proposes a typist to take the place of Signorina Leo Assunta. This was Signorina Mastrocchio (see Capt. Manley's information on this young woman). She was introduced to me by Dino Marinari, Donati's man in Sorrento. Marinari was overheard talking with Signorina Mastrocchio, after I had given her a test and told her I would inform her if opening occurred, that she could count on the job, that Donati was in control, that I would have to as he said, and that she would be valuable for keeping Donati informed of activities at Radio Naples studio (See statements submitted to Capt. Manley.) Needless to say, Signorina Mastrocchio is still waiting for a job.

For the next two or three weeks, Donati appeared occasionally at the studios, but never came into my office. He talked with the technicians in a discouraging manner, tried to obtain information without success I believe, for all the men working for Radio Naples have proved to be extremely loyal - and departed, always unseen by me.

About ten days ago he made a new move. He announced to the two above-named technicians and to Maestro Martucci and typist Leo Assunta that they were due for vacations of varying lengths of time up to 28 days. He said their places would be filled by other employees of EIAR. These people came to me, very upset and confused. I promptly informed Donati, through his engineer, Edmondo Flegna, that there were to be no changes in personnel, without my consent and that in

the present case, those persons who wished to take their vacations could do so if their absence did not interfere with the operation of the studio. I am still trying to get a statement from Donati to the effect that these persons will obtain their vacation money, which is due them, even if they continue to work for me, or at least that the money will be held for them, since the vacation is due for the past year and Radio Naples has only been operating since Oct. 15. In other words, if they wish to continue to work, it seems to me they still deserve their vacation money.

On Nov. 22 I informed Sig. Marinari that expanding broadcasts required a number of music stands, chairs, and a large quantity of musical scores, all belonging to E.I.A.R. and now in storage in Pompeii. Marinari promised all this within a week. On Nov. 29 nothing had appeared so I wrote to Donati asking for this material, vital to Radio Naples because of additional music programs in the afternoons. Engineer Fiegna appeared on Nov. 30 saying the light truck could only carry three hundred weight of music at one trip and so at least eight trips would be necessary. He talked endlessly about the poor condition of the truck, its tires, the need for repairs, etc. I advised using the E.I.A.R. private car but this was held to be impossible. Probably the only solution is to requisition both cars, since they belong to E.I.A.R. and can be of greater service to PWB than to Donati. If the music does not start to arrive by Thursday, then the cars will have to be requisitioned.

On Nov. 25 I discharged a technician, Elefante, for laughing at the microphone when he was making a station sign-off at midnight. I ordered Amato, head technician, to bring in Spasiano, an able man with whom I had talked previously about his work at the transmitter station. Donati made various objections about this to Major Kibling, but said nothing to me. He did meet Spasiano, however, and told him he had better not work for Radio Naples, that he would suffer consequences if he did.

Both Pennetti and Signorina Leo Assunto have already paid one penalty, shall if you wish but just the type of needling that keeps workers disturbed in their minds and that interferes with good work. It seems that several months ago, before our arrival, Donati purchased a quantity of potatoes with E.I.A.R. money and these potatoes were later to be sold to E.I.A.R. employees at the purchase price. These potatoes were distributed about a week ago to all E.I.A.R. employees except Pennetti and Signorina Leo Assunto, the two persons first hired by Radio Naples from E.I.A.R. and the two have refused to be intimidated by him. Donati has said to other employees that these two persons have been "liquidated", that is removed from the E.I.A.R. payroll, something which Donati does not have the power to do in present circumstances and something which he

should never have the power to do because of the revenge he can take on those he dislikes.

I am now informed, though I have yet to obtain definite proof, that Donati's ploy of illness during the past ten days was quite unfounded, that he decided to remain indoors until such time had passed that would permit him to begin to draw on EIAR funds then being held escrow. An agreement has been reached with Donati, I understand, which permits him to draw sufficient funds out of an EIAR account amounting to \$54,000, to meet his monthly payroll. He then is to account to FVB for the sum expended. His books should be carefully checked. It might be mentioned that on the official payroll he submitted to Major Kibling some time ago, both Bennett and Signorino Leo Assunto were named as employees.

All these incidents that have been cited are minor from one viewpoint but their cumulative effect is major. They interfere with EIAR people now working for Radio Naples, they augur ill for all persons who have connections with Radio Naples and then will be turned back to EIAR when we depart, but of far greater importance is the clear indication they give of Donati's mentality, his attitude toward the Allies, and how little interested he is in carrying on the kind of democratic work we try to establish. That he seeks to protect his job and his investment in EIAR, which are both definite proof of Fascist connections since EIAR, through a supposedly independent organization, obviously enjoyed the favor if not the full protection of the Fascist government, is understandable. But that he should be permitted to do even while he reveals genuine antagonism toward Radio Naples and the Allies, should not be countenanced, and that he should be permitted to resume his commanding position over Radio Naples when we give it up, is nothing more than accepting the defeat and refutation of all that has been done by FVB for radio in Naples. The only solution in my opinion is the complete removal of Donati, Fiegna and Marinari as EIAR heads in Naples and vicinity, and the substitution in their places of sound business men of known democratic principles who will help to carry out the work we start. Removal of Donati may or may not mean his arrest but his removal must be effected without delay.

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TANO DOT. MARIO
SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO POSTE E TELECOMUNICAZIONI

The undersigned declares to be acquainted with the following:

During the month of August dispositions were imparted from the General's Headquarters of the E.I.A.R. ~~for~~ for shipment from Naples to Rome of Radio material consisting of spare parts for our plants and equipment.

Said dispositions, it is evident were also imparted to the E.I.A.R. station at Bari.

In fact, the shipment was to be by means of auto-train, sent for that purpose from the General Hdqs. in Rome and was to follow a pre-established itinerary.

An earlier shipment was effected on August 28, 1943. A second shipment also by means of auto-train sent by our General Hdqs. in Rome, was effected on September 8, 1943 leaving at 1430 hours from Mugnano (of Naples) with material taken from our emergency warehouses in Pompeii and Mugnano and from our local warehouses in Via Egiziaca a Piazza Falcone 41a.

Ing. Donati took advantage of the favorable occasion to send to Rome to relatives residing therein crates containing household implements and other personal effects with the intent to deposit same in localities not subject to bombardments.

Napoli January 25, 1944

I sottoscritti dichiarano di essere a conoscenza di quanto segue:

Nel mese di Agosto vennero impartite, dalla Direzione Generale dell'E.I.A.R., disposizioni per l'invio da Napoli a Roma di materiale radio costituito da parti di ricambio dei nostri impianti e da apparecchiature.

Dette disposizioni ci consta che vennero impartite anche alla stazione Eiar di Bari.

Infatti, la spedizione doveva essere effettuata a mezzo di autotreno appositamente inviato dalla Direzione Generale di Roma e dove va seguire un itinerario in precedenza stabilito.

Una prima spedizione venne effettuata in data 28 Agosto 1943.

Una seconda spedizione, sempre a mezzo di autotreno inviato dalla nostra Direzione Generale di Roma, fu effettuata il giorno 8 Settembre 1943 e partì alle ore 14,30 circa da Mugnano di Napoli, con carico di materiale tratto dai nostri magazzini di emergenza di Pompei e di Mugnano e dai nostri locali di Via Egiziaca a Pizzofalcone 41 A.

L'Ing. Donati approfittò della favorevole occasione per inviare a Roma, presso parenti ivi domiciliati, dei colli contenenti masserizie ed effetti d'uso di sua proprietà al fine di depositarli in località ritenuta non soggetta a bombardamenti.

Napoli 25-I-1944

Ing. FIEGNA EDMONDO
Capo Sezione Tecnica

ing. Fiegna

CAVA FRANCESCO
Capo Tecnico

francesco cava

MARINARI BERNARDINO MARTINEZ ALDO
Capo Serv. Prop. Svil. Capo Serv. Amm.

marinari bernardino *martinez aldo*

E.I.A.R.
General Direction
Express

Inter-department correspondence

Written by FO/bi
Checked by Donati

E.I.A.R.
Via Roma 429
Naples

Rome Aug. 4, 1943

Subject: Tubes shipment

We request you to ship to the Zone Direction in Rome Via Montello 5 the tubes mentioned as follows. They will have to be insured for the amount specified near each of them

No.	tubes type	DET5 each 10 10 10 centimetres	Insurance 150 Lira each
3	GUI		100
4	GUS keep them all		500
1	MT9L send 2		2500
1	DET3		2000
3	843		450
3	869		2050
3	866A		200
8	872A		600
10	NC1/50		650
5	NC2/200		2350
14	PC15/100		1050
6	PC05/15		250
1	PE1/80		530
3	TC2/250		2300
8	WI5S		350
8			850
3	cathodic tubes type K33/12		850
2	" " VS3/18x		80
15	tubes type EW90-270/100		50
33	RGN2504		250
91	RS289		350
15	STV280/80		

that you will draw out of the supply of your transmitters.

The following tubes will have to be drawn out of the supply at the disposal of the General Direction

No. 2 tubes type 49
etc.

You will draw the following tubes out of the reserve of the cable office

No. 7 tubes type BWII02
etc.

As instructed in our circular DT/II4959 of the 3rd of May 1939, you will specify to the Rome Office all data concerning the tubes shipped, including the number of the order with which you will have received them.

You will mention the present letter under the heading "Remarks" in the appropriate forms 85 for depot transfer.

E.I.A.R.
Italian Broadcasting Corporation
General Direction.

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Express
Prof. Ettore Vitale

Naples, Aug. 13 1943.

Yesterday evening I received your registered letter from Zancoli: it was the first news I heard from you since you left Naples.

I am sorry to learn that your vacation time has partly been absorbed by your illness. Nevertheless, given the war events that have taken place in Naples during the month of August, your absence had to be concluded with a.....peremptory recall.

The very grant of a vacation is exceptional in that the General Direction requires that all male personnel, regardless of rank or position, stay on duty and has ordered the suspension of Summer vacations for all the employees.

The offices in Via Egiziaca have been damaged (concussion) in the enemy raid of the 4th of August.

The General Direction is thinking, at present, of sending part of the records making machinery to the Rome Depot by means of a big truck that, in the next week, will have to carry to Rome much material of the technical section.

The facts mentioned above will explain to you how urgent and necessary your early return to duty is. The exceptional moment requires personal sacrifices from everybody. I urge you, therefore, to come back to Naples as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Ing. Ramiro Donati.

Royal Questura of Naples

Naples, the 29th of January 1944

Capt. Fehr
Security and Intelligence Subcommittee

NAPLES

With reference to your request by telephone of the 27th of this month, I notify you the informations you asked on Ing. Ramiro Donati, son of the late Arturo and Annita Mannini, born in Montopoli Valdarno (Pisa) on the 16th of July 1884, with residence at Via Bernini 95.

He has been a resident of this city since 1934, in the capacity of Director of the local E.I.A.R., with office at Via Roma 429; he came from Genoa, where he had held the same position.

He is known to have been a member of the disbanded National Fascist Party since 1932, that is, at a time when it became practically compulsory to join it for all civil servants.

He is an ex-lieutenant Colonel, Infantry, a disabled veteran of the 1915-18 war. He does not possess any honorific title.

He is a person of a strict and authoritarian character and, on account of his uprightness in directing the organization and his honesty, he enjoys the esteem of his dependents.

At Capri he was noticed in the company of a Czechoslovakian lady who was under suspicion from both political and military viewpoint.

He had no relations with the Germans, during the latter's stay in this city, and, on the contrary, in the last September, he was actively looked for by them because of his having caused his technicians to remove all the electronic tubes existing at the broadcasting station of the E.I.A.R. of Via Monte di Dio, so as to prevent it from being put into operation.

He enjoys a good financial position, is of good conduct in general and in our criminal files there is no record concerning him.

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Respectfully Yours,

The Questore
(signed: Lauricella) **1**

