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INNOCENTI FERDINANDO

JUNE - JULY 1945

HEADQUARTERS
CLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LOMBARDY REGION
APO 394
Regional Security Officer.

Major

File to see

Ref.S/983

SUBJECT: S.A. INNOCENTI-
Milano, via Pitteri 81.

TO : A.C. Hq. Security Division

July 29/th 1945

Security
Division
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Doc No. 92/60
File No. 140 (Innocenti)
Action.....

1. Further to S/905 of 24 July 1945.
2. Herewith copies of correspondence regarding the S.A. INNOCENTI.
3. For your information.

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

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LOMBARDY REGION
INDUSTRY DIVISION

REF. n°66/706.14 28 July 1945

SUBJECT: Reactivation

TO : Sec. Innocenti
 Milano, via Pitteri 81

1. Your letter Ref. EC/1255, dated 24 July 45 addressed to this Hq. refers.
2. Your reactivation programme is approved in principle by this Division.
3. However before material can be released it is suggested that you clear your financial situation.
4. If you have not already put your financial position before the Regional Finance Officer of this HQ. you are strongly recommended to do so. prior to your departure for Rome.
5. This Division will be pleased to give you further assistance on request.

A.C. LISTER
-Major R.A.
Chief Industry Division

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- 1HQ. A.C. Industry Sub Commission
- 1 Hq. AMG Lombardy Region Finance Division
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C O P Y

to ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Industry Division

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Pr. BC/1255 24.7.45

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At the same time plans for the future organization of our Works are being developed with a view to convert the present equipments, the 85% of which is intended for war production, into suitable equipments for the manufacture of small engines and material for railways and tramways and to employ synthetic resins.

All these programs are subject to the solution of our financial problem. As said before, the equipments of our Works are to be entirely altered in order to render them suitable for the production of medium and fine mechanics.

The labour problem is also very important as we have to demobilise almost entirely the female workers (w/

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exception of those employed for cleaning, mess service, etc.) and a good part of the hand-workers, who will be replaced by specialised workers.

At present the financial position of the Firm is very difficult. The necessary amount to cope with the general expenses, re.salaries, wages, mess, etc. are taken from the banks, where the accounts have been overdrawn and the credit allowed by them of about 85 million Lire has also been surpassed.

Since May 1944 we had transferred to Rome for prodence's sake about 42 million Lire in cheques of the Bank of Italy. After the liberation of Rome the cheques issued in northern Italy were seized by the Lieutenantial Authorities Subsequently they were converted into 5-years Treasury bonds-last issued-, which were also seized by the of Italy in Rome.

In order to be able to obtain a new credit from our bankers to meet the expense of the next months, it is necessary that said amount be released and put to the disposal of Banco di Roma, in Milan, who give us the greatest financial help. With this object in view we have obtained the intervention of the Regional Receiver of Industry to support our request of release by His Exc. the Prefect of Milan (see Enclosure n°2)

We should like also the Allied Military Government of Lombardy area to support our request with the Ministry of Finance of the Lieutenantial Government through the channel of the Supreme economical Committee of the Allied Government in Rome.

Yours faithfully
INNOCENTI S.G.

Receiver

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

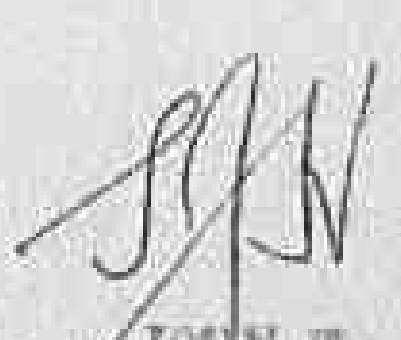
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27 July 1945

SUBJECT : INNOCENTI SA.

TO : R.S.C. Lombardia Region

1. Reference your 3/905 of 25 July 1945.
2. Receipt of documents enumerated therein are hereby acknowledged.


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/ 905

July 24th, 1945.

SUBJECT:- INNOCENTI S.A., Via Pitteri 81, Milano.
Gr. Uff. Ferdinando INNOCENTI

TO:- A.C. HQ., Security Division
(Attn. Maj. HARVEY)

1. Reference is made to our letter S/890 of July 21st 1945.
2. Attached hereto are copies of the following documents which were submitted by Subject to this R.S.O. :-
 - ✓a) Copy of INNOCENTI's letter of 15-6-45 re his industrial career.
 - ✓b) Copy of INNOCENTI's letter of 15-6-45 re his relations with DAIMLER S.A.
 - ✓c) Copy of the minute of the Directors' meeting held by the Germans to take possession of the Lambrate Works.
 - ✓d) Copy of INNOCENTI's letter re the war production of the firm under the German management, dated 4 June 1945.
 - ✓e) Copy of INNOCENTI's letter re his relations with Mr. MORIS, of 4 June 1945.
 - ✓f) 1 photostat copy of Lt.Col. CAMERON-CURRY's certificate.
 - ✓f-1) 1 " " " Brig. Gen. DONOVAN's certificate.
 - ✓g) Ing. CHECCHI's report re the development of the firm.
 - ✓h) A plan of the group of Innocenti S.A. Works in Milano-Lambrate and 17 inventories of the plants.

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- ✓i) A plan of Innocenti S.A.F.T.A. Works in Apuania and 3 inventories of the plants in duplicate.
- ✓l) Contracts re grenades 100/17.
- ✓m) Contracts re grenades 90/53.
- ✓n) Contracts re bombs 81.
- ✓o) Contracts re mines of 100 kg.
- ✓p) Contracts re bombs 81.
- ✓q) Contracts re mines of 15 kg.
- ✓r) Contracts re grenades 75/46.
- ✓s) Contracts re grenades 47/32.
- t) Contracts re bombs of 50 kg.
- u) Copy of a report re the contracts between the Italian Government and Innocenti S.A. for the erection of the G-1, G-2 and G-3 works.

3. This is forwarded for your information and retention.

4. Please acknowledge at your convenience.

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

Copy to :
Regional Industry Officer
(Attn. Maj. LISTER)

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LOMBARDY REGION
APO 394
Regional Security Officer

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Ref.S/590

Milan, July 22nd, 1945

SUBJECT: INNOCENTI S.A.
Gr.Off. Ferdinando INNOCENTI

TO : Regional Commissioner
(Attn. Col. POLETTI)

Division	234
Book No.	903
File No.	140 (I.F.)
Action	

1. This R.S.O. received a visit on 19 July 1945 from H.E. BOERI, until very recently High Commissioner for Sanctions against Fascism, in connection with Subject, which, as you are already aware, has been one of the more important cases at present under investigation by this Division, in co-operation with Industry Division these HQ. (Maj. LISTER).
2. Following his request, copies of the attached letter and memorandum were forwarded to H.E. BOERI to day. During the conversation he intimated that he would submit this information to the "Alto Commissario per le Sanzioni contro il Fascismo" on his return to Rome, early next week.
3. It is the opinion of this R.S.O. that Ferdinando INNOCENTI will be called upon by the High Commissioner for Sanctions against Fascism to account for his activities during the Fascist Regime, more particularly with regard to excessive profits. This R.S.O. has received no evidence of Subject's alleged collaboration with the Germans.
4. Inasmuch as a Receiver (Eng. Carlo Ambrogio BELFRAME) was proposed by the C.I.R.A.I. and approved by these HQ. on 15 June 1945, this R.S.O. considers the case closed so far as A.M.G. is concerned.

Copies to:
Industry Division (Maj. LISTER)
A.C.HQ. Security Division
(Attn. Maj. HARVEY)

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Major I.C.
Regional Security and
Intelligence Officer

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LOMBARDY REGION
APO 394
Regional Security Officer.

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Ref. S/889

July 21st 1945

SUBJECT: - INNOCENTI S.A.
- Gr. Off. Ferdinando INNOCENTI

TO : S.E. BOERI
via Sandro Sandri n° 1
M i l a n o

1. Le accludo copia del memorandum riguardante la Società e la persona in oggetto, grade se verrà cortesemente interessare in merito l'Alto Commissario per le Sanzioni contro il Fascismo.
2. Gradisca, Eccellenza, i sensi della mia più alta considerazione.

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

MEMORANDUM

Oggetto: INNOCENTI S.A. - via Pitteri 81, Milano
 GRAND'UFF. FERDINANDO INNOCENTI - Presidente.

1. La Innocenti S.A. (Prodotti Tubolari d'acciaio- granate- bombe d'aviazione- anelli "aintereisen" ecc. ha sede a Milano, via Pitteri 81.
2. Presidente della Società è il Gr.Uff. Ferdinando Innocenti, proprietario dell'85% del pacchetto azionario, il restante 15% essendo di proprietà del fratello Rosolino.
3. Il Consiglio di Amministrazione risulta così composto:

- Ferdinando Innocenti
- Rosolino Innocenti
- Giulio Giuseppi
- Edmondo Balbo
- Paolo Missiroli
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I sindaci sono:

- Renato Pinocchi
- Carlo Jagers
- Alberto Cavalli.

Direttore Generale è l'ing. Giuseppe Checchi, cognato dell'Innocenti.

4. Lo sviluppo della Innocenti S.A. ebbe inizio col trasferimento degli Uffici Innocenti a Roma nel 1920, dove Innocenti cominciò ad acquistare la fiducia ed il credito di vari complessi industriali, ed in particolare della FIAT-Sezione Ferriere.

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5. Nel 1923, realizzata una solida base finanziaria, fu costruita a Roma il primo Stabilimento, con il quale si dava inizio ad un vasto programma di attività nel campo dei procedimenti tubolari d'acciaio, raggiungendo dei notevoli successi nel campo delle applicazioni tubolari e nel campo dell'idraulica.
6. Queste innovazioni consentirono la creazione di grandi impianti in Italia ed all'estero.
7. Nel 1932 furono costituiti gli impianti industriali di Milano.
8. La Innocenti controlla ed assorbe il 50% della produzione della Dalmine mentre gli interessi della Innocenti all'estero sono rappresentati dalla Compagnia-Svizzera Royco di Zurigo.
9. Nel 1938-39 i Ministri della Guerra e della Marina invitarono la Innocenti a realizzare lo studio di speciali procedimenti per la fabbricazione di granate di artiglieria da 97, 83, 81 e 105.
10. ALLA Fine del 1939 il Ministero per la Produzione Bellica ~~conferiva~~ alla Innocenti, alla Ilva ed alla Terni il mandato di studiare la costruzione di impianti per conto dello Stato destinati alla produzione bellica. La Innocenti S.A. veniva incaricata di costruire per conto del Ministero della Guerra lo Stabilimento G-1 a Roma, la cui realizzazione, di mole ingente, avvenne in 18 mesi (questo Stabilimento non ha però mai funzionato).
11. Nel 1941 il Sottosegretario alla Produzione Bellica incaricò la Innocenti S.A. di costruire per conto dello Stato gli Stabilimenti G-2 e G-3 di Milano-Lombate.
12. Da un sommario esame del contratto stipulato tra il Governo Italiano e la Innocenti S.A. per la costru-

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sione, l'impianto e la manutenzione degli stabilimenti G-1, G-2, G-3 ed è potuto accertare:

a- I termini contrattuali sono eccezionalmente favorevoli alla Innocenti in quanto non risulta che vi fosse un preventivo iniziale e la remunerazione era fissata a percentuale;

b- la percentuale fissata del 25% sembra non abbia precedenti in analoghi contratti;

c- la percentuale fu assegnata alla Innocenti su che sui macchinari acquistati in Germania, acquisto che ammontava ad un totale di L. 59.000.000.-;

d- Dai dati che gli è stato possibile accertare, risulterebbe che, da tutti i contratti la Innocenti abbia ricavato un utile netto di circa L. 1.171.000.000.

13.

Gli stabilimenti di Milano, il 12/9/43, furono occupati da un gruppo di generali ed altri ufficiali delle SS, che ne assunsero la gestione per conto del Governo Germanico. Il Gr. Off. Innocenti fu sostituito dal Col. Rudin. Successivamente vi fu un cambiamento di direzione e la prima fu sostituita da un gruppo di ufficiali ed altre personale del Ruk.

14.

Risulta che durante l'occupazione tedesca la produzione effettiva media per le granate è stata di circa l'8% in rapporto alla capacità dell'impianto, per i bossoli di circa al 10% e per gli anelli "Sinteroin", di circa il 15%. Inoltre parte della produzione stessa è rimasta giacente nei magazzini.

15.

Dopo la liberazione dell'Italia del Nord, la Innocenti ha cessato ogni sua attività bellica ed è stata completamente inefficiente, impiegando per i lavori di manutenzione non più di 300 operai su 8.000. Il piano di produzione post-bellica non

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senza si possa attuare prima di un periodo variante
da 6 agli 8 mesi.

16.

In data 15 Giugno 1945 su proposta del C.I.E.A.I.
è stato nominato commissario della Innocenti S.A.
il Sig. Ing. Carlo Ambrogio Boltrami, via Settala
8 - Milano. La nomina del Commissario è stata ritenuta
opportuna dal C.I.E.A.I. per i seguenti motivi:

"Assenza di favoritismo fascista, di collusione
di interessi con esponenti del Regime, di collabo-
razionismo coi tedeschi a carico del Presidente e
Consigliere delegato Ing. Ferdinando Innocenti".

GR. UFF. FERDINANDO INNOCENTI

1. E' un uomo che si e fatto da se. Dedicato in modo quasi ascetico al suo lavoro, sente molto l'ambizione di questo. Ha qualche piccola mania nei riflessi del suo lavoro: ad esempio ama molto la viabilità architettonica negli edifici e negli impianti che porta ad una notevole ed antieconomica sprecazione fra la grandiosità degli stabilimenti e la loro reale produttività (vedi G-1, G-2, G-3); ha la fissazione che le finestre degli edifici abbiano tutte la stessa apertura di ingombro, esige che tutti, i dipendenti della Ditta, usino lo stesso inchiostro verde per la firma e questo proposito sarà interessante rilevare come i firmatari della mozione del G.L.N. Azendale della Innocenti S.A. a favore del Gr. Uff. Innocenti, abbiano apposto la loro firma con inchiostro verde...
2. Le Aziende Innocenti sono tutte di sua proprietà: egli non ha quindi un patrimonio personale e da questo punto di vista il suo tenore di vita e' molto modesto.
3. Come industriale l'Innocenti ha certamente sfruttato le possibilità delle condizioni generali del Paese tranne profitti da situazioni politiche. Per quanto riguarda aver avuto diretti contatti con alti esponenti del Regime, sembra che i suoi "braccianti d'affari" fossero il ben noto Mussolini, Membro del Consiglio di Amministrazione, l'Ing. Giannini che è stato l'intermediario ufficiale tra l'Innocenti e la Direzione Generale di Artiglieria, il Cav. Santoro, che fu Direttore Generale dell'Industria dal 1935 al 1943.
4. Dopo l'8 Settembre 1943 l'Innocenti lasciò l'Ing. Giuseppe Checchi incaricato dell'andamento della Società sotto controllo tedesco e ripartì nell'Italia Meridionale dove entrò in contatto con al-

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cuni ufficiali della Tattica Air Force fornendo dati ed informazioni per il bombardamento degli impianti di Milano-Linate, che venne però realizzato solo in minuscola parte.

3. Rientrato a Milano, all'atto della liberazione, pare che Innocenti sia stato entusiasticamente accolto dalle sue maestranze. Ma pare anche che questo "entusiasmo" sia stato sapientemente organizzato e fomentato.

CONCLUSIONI

- 1- Per quanto la Società Innocenti abbia iniziato la sua attività industriale e commerciale sin dal 1920, è stato solo negli ultimi sette anni e precisamente dalla data del contratto stipulato con il Governo Italiano per la costruzione degli Stabilimenti G-1, G-2, G-3 che la Società stessa ha raggiunto il massimo della sua potenzialità e del suo sviluppo.
- 2- Alla luce degli elementi accertati, non è finora risultata nessuna specifica colpa di colla-borazionismo coi tedeschi dopo l'8/9/1943.
- 3- Ritengo tuttavia che l'attività contrattuale della Innocenti debba essere attentamente vagliata e studiata onde poter accertare se possa l'Innocenti ricadere sotto la Legge per l'avocazione dei Profitti del Regime.

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

REF : SD/14081

23 June 1945

SUBJECT : INNOCENTI S.A.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Lombardia Region
(Att.n. RES)

1. Reference S-201 dated 2 June 1945.
2. The Commissioner for Sanctions against Fascism is causing enquiries to be made into the affairs of the above named firm.

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

GRH/nb

Translation

Rome, 21 June 1945

High Commissioner for Sanctions
against Fascism.

General Secretary's
office.

To: Public Safety Sub-Commission
Allied Commission.
ROME

Office Private Secretary

Prot.n. 927

SUBJECT: Societa' Anonima Innocenti.

I have taken note of what you communicated to me
in your letter of the 19 Inst., regarding the Societa'
Innocenti of Milano.

I have transmitted your communication for verifi-
cations to be made on the place, for the removal of the prof-
its.

I have also recommended them to let me know what
was the behaviour of the Societa' and Innocenti during the
period of the German occupation.

I should be grateful if on these points you can
give me any information.

I will keep you informed of any other development
on this question.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL
/s/ illegible

A. - *Alto Commissariato*
per le Nazioni contro il Fascismo

CABINETTO
 SEGRETARIATO GENERALE

Alto Segretario Particolare
Gen. No. 934

L. Allegati

Proposta al P. N. 2
del

Roma 21 giugno 1945

Al la Commissione Alleata
 Public Safety Sub Commission
 Security Division

ROMA

OGGETTO Società Italiana Innocenti.

Ho preso nota di quanto mi comunicate con la vostra
 del 19 corrente circa la Società Innocenti di Milano.

Ho segnalato la vostra comunicazione per gli accertamenti da compiersi in sede di avocazione dei profitti.

Ho raccomandato anche che si chiarisca quale sia stato l'atteggiamento dell'Innocenti e della Società nel periodo di occupazione tedesca.

Vi sarò grato se su questi punti mi avrete da segnalare vostre eventuali informazioni.

Mi riservo di tenervi informati dello sviluppo ulteriore della questione.

IL SEGRETARIO GENERALE

[Signature]

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 Division
 Reg'd. 22/6
 Log N. 8330

Public Safety Sub Commission
Security Division

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IL SEGRETARIO GENERALE

[Handwritten signature]

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

REF : SD/140-87

21 June 1945

SUBJECT : INNOCENTI S.A.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Lombardy Region
(Att. RSO)

1. Reference S. 201 dated 2 June 1945.
2. Attached for your information is a copy of a CIC report on the above named. Form.


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

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FOUNTAIN ALIEN COMMAND
Office of the AC of S, G-2
APO 794, US Army

Ref: P/3976

JWF/jar
20 June 1945

SUBJECT: INNOCHENTI, Ferdinando

TO: Director, Public Safety, Sub-Commission,
Headquarters, Allied Commission,
APO 894, US Army.

Reference your CD/140 - E.I. dated 6 Jun 45.

1. Herewith 2 copies of CIC report concerning subject
and his firm.

1 Incl
CIC Report #2520
dated 13 Jun 45 (in Encl)

JWF Fischer
J. F. FISCHER
Colonel, GSC
AC of S, G-2

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HEADQUARTERS
426th O.I.G. Detachment
APO 4512, US Army

R3/gm

Case #2320

18 June 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

SUBJECT: INNOCENTI Ferdinando
Via Regina Elena #3,
Rome, Italy.

RE : Requested Investigation.

1. The present investigation was requested by the AG of S, G-2, Rome Area, WFOUSA, ref. letter P/3976 dated 8 June 1945 based upon an accompanying letter ref. 3D/140-P.I. dated 6 June 1945 from HQ, 10 Public Safety Sub-commission which referred to attached letter ref. S/201 of 2 June 1945 from the RSO, AMB Lombardy Region, APO 384 requesting an investigation of Subject, Subject's firm known as the INNOCENTI S.A. and of Subject's association with Ing. MORRIS Maurizio, a former Allied civilian agent alleged to have been arrested in Naples by Allied authorities. Pursuant to instructions from Chief, CIO, Rome Area, WFOUSA, the investigation was undertaken by this Agent on 11 June 1945.

2. An examination of the files of this office disclosed the following summarized information with respect to Subject INNOCENTI Ferdinando, Ing. MORRIS Maurizio and Ing. ORROCHI Giuseppe:

a. INNOCENTI Ferdinando: was the Subject of an investigation conducted by this Headquarters on 26 April 1945. The investigation disclosed him to have been an active producer of shell casings, tubings and equipment for the Italian Ministry of War prior to the Italian Armistice. After 8 September 1943, Subject's activity along these lines decreased appreciably but he was compelled by the Germans both in Rome and Milan to assist in dismantling machinery from the firm's bombed-out plants in Aquania and Rome and ship said machinery to Northern Italy and Germany. In March 1944, Subject appears to have gone into hiding while in Northern Italy and reappeared in Rome after the Allied liberation. The investigation failed to disclose any evidence of espionage or pro-enemy activity by Subject except as indicated above, and no action against the Subject was recommended.

b. Ing. Maurizio MORRIS, a prominent professional figure in the Italian chemical and engineering production fields, was the Subject of a lengthy investigation conducted by CIO, Naples. Said investigation report is not available to this headquarters but the Agent who made the investigation is present at this Command. The files of this office associate MORRIS with Roman Partisan activity and refer to SGI-2 Unit (Formerly 958) for further information.

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c. Ing. GREGORI Giuseppe is not known, according to the records of this office.

3. The following Rome security Agencies report no unfavorable information against Subject INNOCENTI: PSS, ANG, SGI-2, SGI No. 1, OC.RR, 1/00, and Questura.

4. Lt. Angleton, OO, SGI-2 Unit, Rome, was interviewed by this Agent and disclosed that MORRIS Maurizio operated as an Allied civilian Agent for OSS from September 1943 until July 1944. Apart from a lack of judgment on his part which led to suspicion and his arrest by CIC and subsequent exonerated, said MORRIS has been a noble agent and has rendered outstanding service to the Allied for which he was decorated by the U.S. Government. Informant knew that Ing. MORRIS had had employment associations with the INNOCENTI S.A. firm, which supplied him with false credentials and rendered other assistance in favor of the Allied during the German occupation of Rome. MORRIS terminated his military activities in July 1944 and has been employed as an engineer by a firm known as the S.A. BOMBARDI PARODI DELFINO, Rome. In informant's opinion MORRIS' pro-Allied loyalties have been tested and proved favorable by long service which is still yielding benefits to informant's organization.

5. Special Agent Leo FASSETTA, attached to this headquarters, was interviewed by this Agent and disclosed that he made the investigation of Ing. Maurizio MORRIS in May 1944 at Naples. Informant disclosed the following pertinent information: MORRIS' arrest on suspicion of being an enemy informer was based upon loose talk which was subsequently proved to have been a technique employed by the said MORRIS in obtaining information. Informant added that in June 1944 the INNOCENTI firm was surveilled collaterally during the investigation to determine MORRIS' relationship with this firm and to uncover any possible pro-enemy activity by the firm. The investigation failed to disclose any evidence of pro-enemy activity. MORRIS was completely exonerated.

6. Ing. Maurizio MORRIS residing at Viale Massimi #3, Rome, was interviewed by this Agent at his present place of employment, the S.A. BOMBARDI PARODI DELFINO, Corso Umberto I #267, Rome. Informant corroborated information previously received concerning himself. He stated that he has never been a regular employee of the INNOCENTI firm but has been retained on occasion for special employment as consulting engineer. Informant has no present affiliation or connection with the INNOCENTI firm. He asserted that recently he went to Milan but did not see INNOCENTI Ferdinando and did not visit the INNOCENTI plant while there. With regard to Ing. Giuseppe GREGORI, informant stated that he had met him only twice in the past and consequently did not know him personally; however, informant knew that said GREGORI was the general manager of the Milan INNOCENTI plant for many years. Informant was of the opinion that both GREGORI and INNOCENTI Ferdinando were definitely pro-Allied in sentiment and acted in good faith and under compulsion when they were required to collaborate with the Germans in removing machinery from the INNOCENTI plants for shipment to Germany. In informant's opinion this is demonstrated by the fact that both INNOCENTI and GREGORI worked together to reduce production after 8 September 1943 - a fact which informant stated he knew because he had seen

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the firm's production charts for that period. This plus delay in shipment of machinery to Germany after January 1945, resulted in INNOCENTI's going into hiding in March 1945 when the German SS were searching for Subject. Informant stated that he was present in Rome on one of his trips across enemy lines while a German Engineer Unit had taken over the Rome plant and was supervising the removal of machinery.

7. GENTARI Gabriela, Secretary to Subject INNOCENTI, owner and director of the S.A. INNOCENTI, was interviewed by this Agent at the firm's Rome main office. Informant has been employed in her present capacity for 24 years. She contributed the following information:

a. Subject went to Milan about one month ago to protect the firm's property in that City. He is expected back any day.

b. Subject is president and director general of the firm. Ing. Giuseppe CRESCHI is the general manager. Informant does not know of any power of attorney recently executed by Subject INNOCENTI to Ing. CRESCHI but believed that this was unnecessary since CRESCHI has been the Milan general manager for several years. The general manager of the Rome plant is Ing. Mario CARAVANTI, Via Leone 442, Rome.

c. The present status of the firm's three plants at Rome, Aquania and Milan, according to informant's latest knowledge is that all production is at a stand-still and all three plants have to be re-built and re-equipped. The Aquania plant was stripped completely of machinery by the Germans. The Rome plant was bombed-out and part of the machinery was destroyed. The remaining machinery in the Rome plant was shipped to Northern Italy after 6 September 1943, part of it going to the Milan plant and most of it to Germany. This shipment was arranged and performed by German Military Units which took over the plants and performed the actual crating and shipping. The status of the Milan plant is not known to informant.

d. The Rome factory, prior to 6 September 1943, was awarded contracts for the production of shell and grenade casings but in fact never was able to commence production.

e. Informant asserted that she still does not know whether Ing. CRESCHI is presently in Milan and did not know what Subject INNOCENTI's wishes were with respect to said CRESCHI and the Milan plant.

COMMENTS:

8. Ing. Maurizio MORRIS impressed this Agent as a reliable informant. Subject INNOCENTI Ferdinando was not available for direct questioning. Clearances with all Rome security agencies fail to disclose unfavorable information concerning Subject. The investigation failed to reveal that Ing. Maurizio MORRIS has any present connection with the INNOCENTI firm.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

9. That this report be forwarded to the interested command, and that case be closed.

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RALPH CASTELLI,
Special Agent, CIO.

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

REF : SD/140 (SI)

19 June 1945

SUBJECT : INNOCENTI S.A.
Via Pitteri 8 - Milano -TO : High Commissioner for Sanctions against
Fascism

1. Commendatore Ferdinando INNOCENTI, of Via Regina Elena 8, Rome, president of the above named company, accumulated his fortune during the last 7 years, especially following the erection and operation of 3 factories at Via Pitteri 8 Milan. All the expenses were born by the Italian Government without any control.

2. Information as to whether you contemplate proceedings against Innocenti would be appreciated.

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

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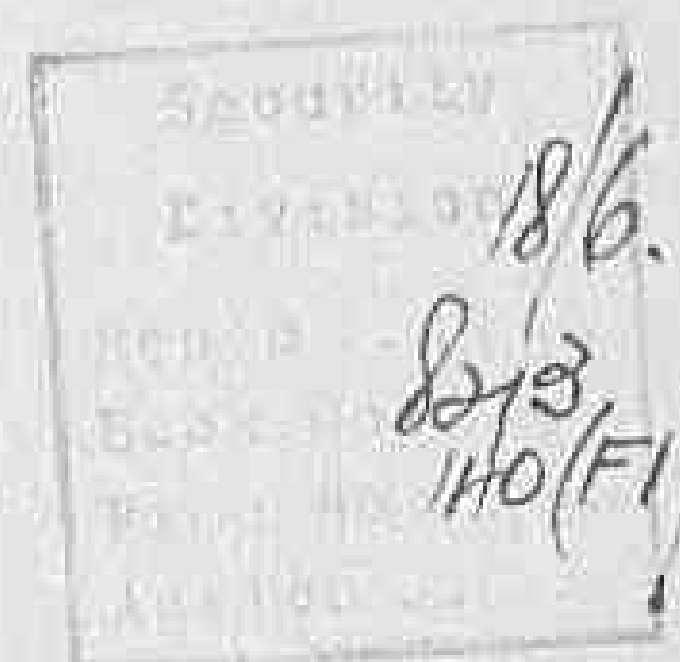
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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LOMBARDY REGION
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Ref. S/361

June 15th, 1945.

To : A.C. Security Division
Subject : Ferdinando INNOCENTI Soc. An.
Via Pitteri 8, Milano.



1. Reference is made to S/201 of 2 June 1945 and S/231 of 6 June 1945, enclosing a report on Subject's activity.

2. Further investigations, of which a report will be sent at a later date, tend to indicate that Subject is liable for prosecution by the Italian State for illicit gains and/or profits during the Fascist Regime.

3. As the completion of investigations may take more than one month and as it is deemed advisable to nominate a Commissario for the above mentioned firm, it would be appreciated if this R.S.O. could be informed whether the Italian Government intends to take proceedings against INNOCENTI for the a/m reasons, or other reasons which so far are not known to us. Would you therefore be kind enough to approach the appropriate Italian Authorities and request them to state in writing what action they propose to take.

4. It should be borne in mind that Ferdinando INNOCENTI has numerous contacts with fairly high-placed Allied Officials and as far as it can be determined, he has adopted a well-known method of playing one Ally against another.

5. The Regional Commissioner's attention has been] ?

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drawn to these facts and he has instructed this R.S.O.
and Chief of Industry Division, Maj. LISTER, to co-ordinate
the necessary action.

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Major I.C.
Regional Security and
Intelligence Officer

Copy to :
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Ref. S/231

June 6th, 1945

Subject : INNOCENTI S.A.

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

1. Reference our letter S/201, dated June 2nd, 1945, attached hereto is a report concerning Subject's activities.
2. This is forwarded for your information and retention.

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Subject : INNOCENTI S.A.
Via Pitteri 81, MILANO.

1. Commendatore Ferdinando INNOCENTI (Via Reg. Elena 3, Rome), President of the a/m Company amassed all his fortune during the last 7 years, especially following the erection and operation of 3 factories built by the Italian War Department in the existing factory boundaries at V. Pitteri 81, MILANO. All the expense was borne by the Italian Government with any control, and INNOCENTI also received 16% of the profits.
2. In Roman and Milanese industrial and banking circles INNOCENTI is considered to have gained money through political connections with high officials of the Fascist Regime. In this connection it was through the services of Ing. GIANNINI that INNOCENTI was given all the contracts by the Fascist Ministries and by the War Department in particular.

NOTE 1 : GIANNINI was the unofficial intermediary between INNOCENTI and Direzione Generale di Artigliera, Rome.
3. In the opinion of what may be considered reliable sources, INNOCENTI was successful in establishing a monopoly of piping, scaffolding, etc., through his political connections in general and particularly through MISSIROLI.

NOTE 2 : MISSIROLI was responsible for the sale of coal which formed part of the reparations to Italy by Germany after the last war. The proceeds were divided between MISSIROLI and Fascist officials not excluding MUSSOLINI himself.
4. From 8th September 1943 until December 1944, the INNOCENTI Firm was controlled by the German Company HASAG, managed by a certain Ugo SCHNEIDER.
5. In December 1943 all the machinery of the INNOCENTI factory of Rome was brought to Milan.

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6. In December 1944, the INNOCENTI firm was released from the direct control of the Germans, and 3 departments were constituted :

- a) INNOCENTI Soc. Generale (War Production)
- b) INNOCENTI Soc. per Azioni (Piping etc..)
- c) AMERO , Soc. per Azioni (Maintenance of factories)

7. The Managing Director and until 31-5-1945, the Commissario Ing. CHECCHI is not considered to have actively collaborated either with the Resistance Movement or with the Germans, and to have remained astride the wall.

8. *Further enquiries are being made.*

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION

REF : SD/140 - F.I.

6 June 1945

SUBJECT : INNOCENTI Ferdinando

TO : G-2 RAAC

1. Attached is a copy of a letter received from RSO Lombardy Region AMB referring to the above named.

2. Any information concerning subject on his firm would be greatly appreciated.

CB
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/201

June 2nd 1945

Subject : INNOCENTI Ferdinando of the "INNOCENTI S.A."

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

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2. Subject was for some time closely associated with Ing. Maurizio MORIS who, it will be remembered, was in turn working with OSS. At the beginning of last year, if the u/s Officer remembers correctly, Ing. MORIS was arrested in Naples. He is understood to have travelled between Naples and Rome crossing the enemy lines, during the latter part of 1943 and early part of 1944 and to have been in contact with the INNOCENTI firm.

3. Subject's address in Rome is: Via Regina Elena, No. 3; this address is both his residence and the INNOCENTI firm Office.

4. This R.S.O. interviewed Subject this morning. He is a very shrewd business man. He gives a most unfavourable impression and it is believed that he is hiding a great deal of information from the Allies. It is not considered that he is to be trusted.

5. Incidentally, Ing. Giuseppe CHECCHI was, it is understood, compromised (together with the remainder of the Staff whose names appear on the attached list) with the Germans as he remained in office after the 8th September 1943. On the other hand, Subject claims that Ing. CHECCHI made every attempt to prevent machinery belonging to the factory in Milan together with machinery which had been brought to Milan from factories at

Apuania and Rome from being sent to Germany.

6. It would be very much appreciated if we could have any information regarding Subject personally, his firm and wherever possible records in the Ing. Maurizio MORRIS' case. The reason for this urgent request is that the Regional Commissioner will have to ratify the appointment of Ing. CHECCHI whose "de facto" nomination was made by the CLN at the beginning of May.

7. It is hoped to send further information regarding the a.m. as soon as Sig. INNOCENTI and others of the Company have been interviewed by this P.S.O. and the Regional Industry Officer Maj LISTER.

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