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COSTA VINCENZO

SEPT. 1944 - Apr. 1946

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

REF : SD/149.01-VC

30 April 1946

SUBJECT : COSTA Vincenzo Maria

TO : G-2 (CI) AFHQ

1. Reference your GHI. 389.701/FF/375 dated 8 April 1946.
2. The Ministry of Interior has advised this Headquarters that Vincenzo COSTA, ex-Federale of MILAN was sentenced to 18 years imprisonment by the Special Court of Assize of MILAN on 2 April 46.

EJB
E.J. BYE,
Colonel,
A/Director Public Safety,
Sub Commission.

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MINISTERO DELL'INTERNO
Direzione Generale della
Pubblica Sicurezza

Rome, 24 April 1946

Div. S.I.S. Sez. I
223/13351

ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety S/c
Security Division
R O M E

SUBJECT: Vincenzo COSTA.

We beg to notify your office that Vincenzo
COSTA, ex - Federale in Milan, was charged by the Corte
di Assise Milan, on 2 April 46 to 18 years imprisonment.

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Ministero dell'Interno
DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

Roma 24 Aprile 1946

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ON. LE COMANDO COMIS
SIONE ALLEATA- Sottocom-
missione P.S.- Divisione
Sicurezza - R O M A

Passante S.I.S. *Dir.* I^a
Int. N° 223/13351 *Allegati*

Responsabile del
Dir. *Int.* N°

OGGETTO: COSTA Vincenzo Maria. =

Di seguito a precursiva corrispondenza e
per opportuna notizia si comunica che COSTA
Vincenzo, ex federale di Milano, con sentenza
in data 2 corrente della Corte D'Assise di
Milano, è stato condannato a 18 anni di reclusio-
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1st Ind to Ltr, Hq ALCON, APO 394, Public Safety Sub Commission,
Security Division, dtd 21 Mar 46, subj: Costa Vincenzo Maria

AG 383.6 GAP-O

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS, APO 512, 27 April 1946

TO: President, Allied Commission, APO 394

1. Transfer of this individual to Ancona is no longer desired.
2. Make necessary arrangements to transfer subject to Italian authorities.
3. Advise this headquarters of final action.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

JOHN R. HAYES

Major. AGD

Asst Adjutant General

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Major, AGD

Asst Adjutant General

1 Incl:

Ltr, Ministero dell'Interno
Direzione Generale della P.S.
Divisione S.I.S. - Sez. I,
dtd 15 March 1946.

2nd. Ind.

REF : BD/149.01-VC

30 April 1946

HQ. ALCON, SECURITY DIVISION PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION APO 394

TO : A.F.H.Q.

1. COSTA Vincenzo was sentenced to 18 years imprisonment by the Special Court of Assize of MILAN on 2 April 1946.

E.J. BYE,
Colonel,

A/Director Public Safety,
Sub Commission.

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

REF. : SD/149.01-VC

23 April 1946

SUBJECT : COSTA Vincenzo Maria

TO : G-2 (C-1) A.P.H.Q.

1. Reference your CBI. 389.701/FF/375 dated 8 April 1946.
2. Subject is not identical with the particulars of the person given in the above letter.

3. The general particulars of the person wanted are:

COSTA Vincenzo, fu Silvestro and di Galeardi Ernesta, born at GALLARATE on 30 Aug 1900, ex-Federale of Milan.

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E.J. BYE,
Colonel,
Director Public Safety,
Sub Commission.

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MINISTERO DELL'INTERNO
Direz. Generale della P.S.

Rome, 16 April 1946

ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety S/C
Security Division
ROME

attn Al SIG. PROCURATORE DELLA CORTE D'ASSISE
MILANO

Div. S.I.S Sez 1
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SUBJECT: Vincenzo Maria COSTA

Reference is made to the note SD/149.01-VC dated
11 inst, as ministeriale n.447/13351 dated 15 March 46.

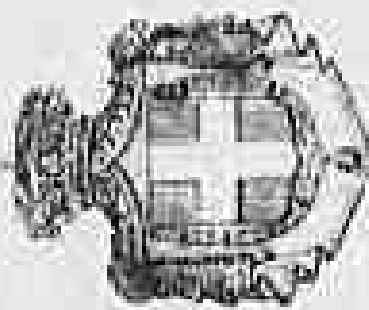
Subject is not identified as the person signaled
by your Command. The generalities of the person involved are:

Vincenzo COSTA late Silvestro and Ernesta Galeardi,
born at Gallarate on 30 Aug 1900, ex federale at Milan.

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Ministero dell'Interno

DIREZIONE GENERALE
DELLA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

Al Cn. COMANDO COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
Sottocommissione per la P.S.

Divisione Sicurezza ROMA

e p.c. AL SIG. PROCURATORE DELLA CORTE

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MILANO

Donazione S.I.S. Sec. I^a

Prot. N. 223/I335T Allegati

Risposta al foglio del

Dir.

OGGETTO

COSTA Vincenzo Maria.

In riscontro alla nota SD/I49.OI-VC dell'II corrente, si comunica che il Costa, di cui alla ministeriale n. 447/I335I del 15.3.1946, non si identifica nella persona segnalata da codesto On/le Comando con la nota surrichiamata.

Le generalità complete della persona, in oggetto della ministeriale anzidetta, sono pertanto le seguenti:
COSTA Vincenzo fu Silvestro e di Galeardi Ernesta, nato a Gallarate il 30.8.1900-ex federale di Milano.

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

REF : SD/149.01-VC

11 April 1946

SUBJECT : COSTA Vincenzo Maria

TO : Ministry of Interior,
General Direction of Public Safety.

1. Reference your 447/13351 dated 15 March 1946.
2. Will you please ascertain whether or not Subject is identical with the below named.

COSTA Vincenzo, born at Pomigliano d'Arco (Naples) on 4 April 1905. Address - Via Cernaia, 9, 1a Spezia. Father fu Roberto, mother fu Lanza Domenica. Married to MONI Evelina di Bartolomeo.
3. A decision cannot be given until this can be confirmed or denied.

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JOHN W. CHATMAN,
Colonel, J.A.C.D.
Director Public Safety,
Sub Commission.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2
APO 512, U.S. Army

GBI.389.701/PF/375

8 April 1946

SUBJECT: COSTA Vincenzo Maria.

TO : Security Division, Public Safety Sub-Commission,
HQ Allied Commission.

Reference your 3D/149.01.VC dated 15 March 1946 addressed to DAG, GHO, Subject as above.

1. Would you please ascertain whether or not Subject is identical with the following:

COSTA Vincenzo ² Born FOMIGLIANO D'ARCO (NAPLES) 4 April 1905. Address, ⁹ Via Cernaia LA SPEZIA. Father, fu Roberto. Mother, fu LANZA Domenica. Married to LEONI Evelina di Bartolomeo.

2. Subject's trial cannot be authorized until this can be confirmed or denied.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2:

C. Brand
D.A.D. YOUNG
Lt. Col. GS,
G-2 (CI) Section

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

Ref : SD/149.01-VC

21 March 1946

Subject ; COSTA Vincenzo Maria

To : D.A.G., G.H.Q., C.M.F.

1. Translated copy of a letter dated 15 March 1946 from the Ministry of the Interior is forwarded herewith.
2. It is requested that this Division be advised of your decision.

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

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MINISTERO DELL'INTERNO
DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLA P.S. - DIVISIONE S.I.S.- SEZ. I

N.447/13351

Roma, 15 March 1946

SUBJECT: Internees at the Allied Authority disposal :
COSTA Vincenzo Maria

ALLIED COMMISSION COMMAND
Public Safety S/C

attn On. GABINETTO DEL SIG. MINISTRO - SEDE
(Seg.Min.p.n.del 12.2.46)

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ILL.MO Sig.PROCURATORE DELLA CORTE D'ASSISE
- Brunetti -
(R.N.0091 del 13.3.46)

When the Coltano Camp was demobilised, the internee
Vincenzo Maria COSTA, ex-Federal of Milan, was transferred to S.Vittore
Prison in Milan, at that Questura disposal.

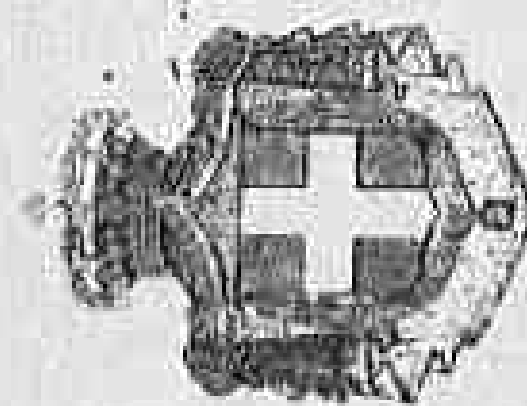
The a/n is now included in a list of internees who have to
be transferred - as Mediterranean Allied Command order A.G. 383/6/056 A.O.
of 22 Nov 45 - to other Camps. Mr COSTA in particular, to PW Camp GI -
Branch "U" Ancona .

The Procuratore del Regno presso la Corte di Assise di Mi-
lano, has wired for the suspense of this transfer to Ancona, owing to
the pending trial was already fixed on 2 April next. This trial interest
the milanese population very much having suffered his vexations during the
ceased fascist regime.

Your authorisation as soon as possible about Mr Costa staying
in Milan, till justice satisfied, will be very much appreciated.

It is understood that his transfer to the Camp of Ancona,
at the Allied disposal, will be effected on later date.

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Ministero dell'Interno

DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLA P.S. - DIVISIONE S.I.S. - SEZ. I^a

N. 447/13351

Roma, lì 15 marzo 1946

OGGETTO: Internati a disposizione delle Autorità Alleate -
COSTA Vincenzo Maria.

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~~Comando~~ On. COMANDO DELLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
Sottocommissione per la P.S.

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On. CABINETTO DEL SIG. MINISTRO - S E D E
(Seg. Min. p.n. del 12.2.46)

Ill./mo SIG. PROCURATORE DELLA CORTE D'ASSISE

- Brunetti -

(R.n. 0091 del 13.3.46)

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All'atto della smobilitazione del campo di concentramento di Col-
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dotto nelle carceri di S. Vittore a Milano a disposizione di quella
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Ora, poichè il predetto è compreso in un elenco di internati, i qua-
li, secondo disposizioni del Comando Alleato del Mediterraneo (nota
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(Seg. Min. p.n. del 12.2.46)

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Ciò stante, si prega codesto On./le Comando di autorizzare il con-
tese sollecitudine, che il Costa rimanga a Milano, fino a soddisfatta
giustizia, nell'intesa che in seguito verrà effettuata la sua tradu-
zione al campo di concentramento di Ancona, a disposizione delle Auto-
rità Alleate.-

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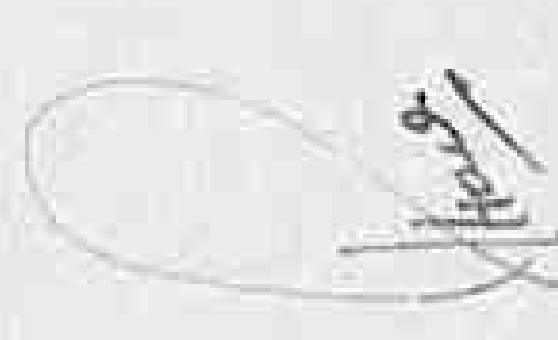
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26th. October, 1944.

SUBJECT. COSTA Vincenzo. (Suspected enemy agent)
TO. A.C. of S., G2., (CI) H.Q., Fifth Army.
The Director. Public Safety Sub-Commission.
H.Q., A.C.C.

1. With further reference to my report on Subject dated 4th. October, 1944.

2. Instructions have now been received from G.S.I.(b)., A.A.I., that Subject is not to be taken before a General Allied Military Court.


W.R. HARE.
Major.

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HEADQUARTERS
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 Security Branch
 APO 394

SB/311.5/149

4 October 1944

SUBJECT: COSTA, Vincenzo (Alleged Enemy Agent).

TO : A.C. of No. 3, B-2, (CI), Headquarters Fifth Army.

1. On the 31st August 1944, at about 1100 hours, Major Malcolm Hector Smith, the O.C. of No. 3, SCI Unit, as the result of information received, proceeded to the Pensione MARCHIONNI which is situated on the 2nd floor of No. 15, Via SUFFALINI, Florence, and arrested SUBJECT for being a spy acting on behalf of the Germans.

2. Attached are statements from the two witnesses necessary to prove this case, and they are:

Alberto MORGANTI, (Italian Civilian), a clerk of No. 39 Via
 SANVI, Florence

Major Malcolm Hector SMITH, O.C., No. 3, S.C.I. Unit.

3. It will be seen from the statement of MORGANTI, that during the early days of the Allied occupation of Florence, the Refugee situation was handled by an office at No 2 Via Pucci, Florence.

4. This office was manned by Italian Civilians and the Church was made responsible for its operation.

5. A notice was published in the Florence newspaper (CORRIERE DE FIRENZE) instructing all refugees in Florence whose homes are in the South of Italy, to report to No. 2 Via Pucci and arrangements would be made for them to proceed to their homes. An effort is being made to obtain a copy of the CORRIERE DE FIRENZE showing the notice.

6. The witness goes on to say that a list of persons to whom passes had been issued and the towns to which the refugees wished to proceed, was submitted to the Allied Authorities each day.

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7. Above is the routine that should have been followed, but on certain occasions various Priests would call at the office and ask for blank Passes. No record was ever kept of the number of Passes issued to the Priests, but the Priests submitted the particulars of the persons to whom they had issued the Passes for inclusion in the list already referred to.
8. The witness produced a list submitted by his office on or about the 1st September 1944 of Refugees to leave for the South of Italy on the 2nd September 1944.
9. It will be seen from this list that there are 303 names, and that No. 302 is a certain COSTA, Vincenzo, proceeding to Naples.
10. To leave this witness for a moment, I would here mention that when Subject was arrested, a Refugee Pass was found in his possession. The evidence of this will be given by Major SMITH.
11. The witness MORGANTI can identify the Pass found on Subject as being similar to those issued by his office. The witness says that this Pass was not issued by his office because it is made out in pencil, when his office always made them out in ink; and the Group and Number of the Pass are not included.
12. The witness will say that he is of the opinion that this was one of the Passes issued by a Priest. Further, he is of the opinion that the signature is that of a Father VINCENZO ROCCHINI. He cannot say definitely that this is Father Rocchini's signature because he has never seen him write but strengthens his opinion by pointing out that the signature appears to be "P. Rocchini". The "P" meaning Padre.
13. The main witness in this case is Major SMITH, whose statement is attached.
14. As already stated, Major SMITH, as result of information received went to the Pensione on the 2nd floor at 15 Via Bufalini, Florence, to arrest Subject.
15. Major Smith was accompanied by another Officer and when they arrived at the Pensione, Subject was not there.
16. Whilst waiting for Subject to return, they examined the Hotel Register and whilst doing this Subject entered. He said "Signora I have been given a permit to go South on Saturday", and produced a Pass.
17. This is the Refugee Pass already dealt with in this report.
18. The details of what happened next are dealt with in Major SMITH's statement, and I will not repeat them here.

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19. The Major took Subject to the room Subject was occupying at the Pensione. The Major asked Subject if he knew the object of the former's visit and Subject replied "NO". The Major then told Subject that everything was known about him and Subject replied, "The only thing I can think of is a parcel I have been given to deliver in Rome".

20. Major Smith then came straight to the point and asked Subject where his wireless set was. Subject broke down immediately and from then on answered truthfully.

21. Subject unlocked a suitcase and inside was a wireless transmitting and receiving set.

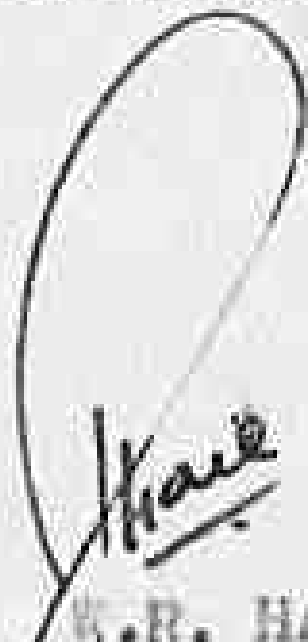
22. The luggage of Subject consisted of two suitcases, one of which has been referred to. At this stage, Subject at the invitation of Major Smith, unlocked the other suitcase.

23. When it was opened it appeared to be an ordinary fitted dressing case, but closer examination revealed a false bottom and three false compartments in which were concealed the valves for the wireless set and 304,000 lire in Italian and Allied Military Currency and 200 U.S. Dollars.

24. Whilst talking to Major Smith, Subject said his instructions from the German Intelligence Service were to remain in Florence until the Allies had over-run ~~him~~. He was then to make his way to Naples and report by wireless on Allied shipping.

25. There is a clear case of Espionage against Subject for being a German Agent found in Allied Occupied Territory--to wit, Florence--on the 31st August 1944, with intent to obtain information of value to the enemy, and transmit such information to the enemy.

26. I suggest Subject be taken before a General Allied Military Court and charged as suggested in Paragraph 25.


E.R. HARE,
Major

REFUGEE CENTRE,
FLORENCE.

28th. September, 1944.

ST. THOMAS MORGANTI Alberto, aged 20 years, Clerk, of Via
SERVI No. 39, FLORENCE, who said: -

From about 20th. August, 1944 to about the 1st. September, 1944, I gave my voluntary service at the office of Refugees from where they were evacuated to their homes in the South of ITALY. This office was at VIA PUCCI No. 2, FLORENCE. This office was authorised by the Allies as the Refugee clearing centre. It was published in the FLORENCE papers (CORRIERE DE FIRENZE) that all refugees living in FLORENCE had to report to this office. The refugees were issued with a pass and they were transported South by trucks placed at our disposal by the Allies. Every other day we submitted a list of refugees to whom we had issued passes, to the Allied Authorities in FLORENCE. We were assisted by two priests in this work. One was a Father VINCENZO BOCCHINI. These priests would collect blank permits from our office and issue them from another office. At the end of each day they would submit to us a list of the names of the persons they had issued the permits to and the places they were proceeding to. I now hand to Major HARE a copy of the list of persons issued with permits on or about the 1st. September 1944 and who were to travel South on the 2nd. September 1944. Number 300 on the list is a COSTA Vincenzo travelling to NAPLES. The permit now shown to me by Major HARE issued to a COSTA Vincenzo is the permit referred to in the list No. 300. From the manner in which this permit is made out, that is to say in pencil and the number being omitted

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QUESTA DICHIARAZIONE E STATA LETTA A ME IN ITALIANO DA UN'INTERPRETE E CORRISPONDE ALLA VERITA.

(Signed) MORGANTI ALBERTO.

I HEREBY DECLARE THAT I HAVE INTERPRETED THIS STATEMENT TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY.

(Signed) MARIA MICHAELLES OLSCOUTIFF.

No. 3 S.C.I. Unit - C.M.F.

26th September 1944.

Subject : VINCENZO COSTA (Enemy Agent)

Statement of Major Malcolm Hector SMITH No. 279843, O/C No. 3 S.C.I. Unit.

At about 1100 hours on 31st August 1944, as the result of information received, in company with Lt. Paul PATERNI of the U.S. Army, I went to Pensione Marchione on the 2nd Floor of No. 45, Via Bufalini, on the North side of the Arno River, looking for an enemy agent named Vincenzo COSTA.

I did not reveal the exact nature of my mission to the proprietress of the Pensione but in her presence examined the Pensione Visitors register. Whilst talking in Italian to the proprietress, COSTA entered the room and said in Italian to the best of my recollection " Signora, I have been given a permit to go South on Saturday " and produced a permit issued by the Refugee Assistance Office of the Florence Archdiocese. I then said to him " I can assist you to get to Naples - let's see how much baggage you have ".

COSTA appeared to be perplexed by my interest in him but showed me to his room which was a few doors away on the same floor, near the entrance to the Pensione where Lt. PATERNI was keeping guard.

COSTA, Lt. PATERNI and I entered the room, and after shutting the door I asked COSTA in Italian whether he knew the real reason for my visit. COSTA said "No" and I then told him that as we had certain information, he had better tell the truth. Costa then replied " The only thing I can think of is a parcel I have been given to deliver in Rome."

At this stage I asked where his wireless transmitter was to be found, and this question appeared to unnerve COSTA who pointed to a suitcase lying in a corner of his room.

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I then decided to take COSTA away from the Pension as unostentatiously as possible, and I requested Lt. PATERNI to fetch a large suitcase in order to remove both COSTA and his possessions in one move.

After Lt. Paterni had left the room, and while assisting COSTA to assemble his belongings, I asked COSTA how he had come to be a German agent and what mission he had been given.

COSTA stated that he had been recruited in LA SPEZIA by a German Naval Lieutenant SIEGLER through an Italian naval officer called FRESCHI. COSTA went on to say that he accepted this mission as he considered that had he refused he would have been deported to Germany.

COSTA said his mission was to proceed to Naples and report by wireless on naval matters of interest to the enemy.

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Interrogation Report on Vincenzo COSTA

1. PERSONAL DETAILS.

(a) Name : Vincenzo COSTA.
Born : FOMIGLIANO D'ARCO, NAPLES.
Date of Birth : 4th April 1905.
Address : Via CERMATO 9, LA SPEZIA.
Occupation : Partner in textile shop, SPEZIA.

(b) Subject was called up by the Italian Navy in 1935 and continued to serve with that branch of the services until the 3th September 1943 when, he states, rather than serve with the Republican Navy, he requested his release.

This was granted and he returned to his business, in which he had taken no active part, since 1935.

2. CONTACT WITH GERMAN I.S.

(a) During his period of naval service, subject had been Chief Wireless operator on various warships. Towards the end of February 1944, subject met an acquaintance an Italian Naval Lieutenant called Spartaco FRESCHI of the 10th MAS Flotilla, and was questioned as to his present occupation etc. FRESCHI suggested to COSTA that in view of the latter's connection with NAPLES, he might be able to carry out a "mission" in that area - but did not give any details.

(b) Next day FRESCHI called at COSTA's shop, accompanied by a German Naval Lt CISSLER or SIESSLER and subject was questioned again as to his W/P knowledge, and subject accepted, although he states he did so only because of the fact that refusal meant deportation to Germany.

(c) Subject was to be landed near NAPLES by submarine, and once settled would have to send messages on the shipping and port state of NAPLES harbour. Before starting his journey, however, subject was sent, in early March to Florence to go through a cipher and W/T course.

(d) While still in SPEZIA subject had met Lt. CISSLER's chief, Naval Captain KLAPS or KLAPS. Both KLAPS and SIESSLER lived in the Naval Arsenal at SPEZIA, in a building called the "PALAZZO UFFICIALE - CASERME DEI SOGGERGENTI". Other people connected with these German Naval Officers included their driver.

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3. TRAINING.

(a) Arriving in FLORENCE in early March, subject reported to a Dr. VALENTINI at No 34 (?) VIA CAVOUR. (Next day Dr. VALENTINI transferred to No. 19 VIA GIOVANNI BOVIO). Dr. VALENTINI was administrative officer for the FLORENCE group, and after noting subject's details and address, (PENSIONE MARCHIONI, VIA BUFALINI No 15), sent him to No 54 or 55 VIA LA MARMORA with a letter for a Dr. JAEGER.

(b) Dr. JAEGER instructed subject in Allied insignia, rank, etc, and a certain SCHMANN gave him a course in ciphers and W/T procedure. Assisting SCHMANN was a certain PAGEL, and after subject had been at the school a few days a certain Dr. SIEMENS arrived to take over from JAEGER. The latter moved to Via San Leonardo No. 13, a villa known as SPELMANN'S villa, and instructions on Allied Units, signs etc were carried out there.

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COSTA's baggage consisted of two suitcases, one to which I have already referred, and another which at this stage he unlocked. The second suitcase when opened appeared to be an ordinary fitted dressing case but COSTA showed me that it had a false bottom and three false compartments in which were concealed valves for the wireless transmitting set and 304,000 lire in Italian and Allied Military Government currency and 200 U.S. Dollars non gold seal notes, which COSTA stated had been given him by the German Intelligence Service.

During this period, COSTA informed me that he had been left behind in Florence by the Germans with instructions to let himself be overrun by the Allies and then make his way to Naples at the first possible opportunity.

I would here point out that I was in Florence, South of the Arno from the 4th August 1944 and moved my office North of the River on the 14th August 1944. It will be seen that COSTA had at least 17 days in which to present himself or at least destroy his wireless set. Since our arrival several agents did in fact hand themselves over to us.

Whilst waiting for Lt. Paterni to return, Costa informed me that his wife and two children were in German occupied Northern Italy, and that he had other relations in Naples area.

At this stage Lt. Paterni returned with a large suitcase into which we packed the remainder of Costa's possessions, and after Costa had paid his bill at the Pension as an ordinary departing guest, I escorted him to the Florence gaol where he was locked up.

The same afternoon I returned to the Florence gaol and interrogated COSTA on his mission as per attached report.

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(c) Apparently difficulties were encountered in getting a submarine to land subject near MARIES, and time passed without any definite arrangements being laid on. During this period, subject was kept very isolated, and only visited the various Abwehr buildings at pre-established hours, so he did not meet any other students. On one occasion, however, he met a certain TACONI, and he had previously seen this man in KARP's office in BERGIA, so presumes that TACONI was also following a course.

(d) Dr. JAUER was visited by a tall, thin, well dressed lady and subject understands she was known as "LA BARONESSA". On one occasion, subject was in a tailor's shop in VIA GUELFA where Dr. JAUER came in with this same lady, but subject never heard her real name.

(e) At the beginning of June, subject was summoned by SIESSER (who had moved up to Florence with KARP, living in VIALE PRINCIPALE MARINO No. 24) and he was told that he had to leave for ROME at once, as a German W/T agent there needed a certain packet or instructions, as he was having difficulty in transmitting. Subject was told to memorize the name and address :-

DOMENICO CAPALDI,
VIA PIETRELLA 16.
presso (care of) ALCANTEROLI.

(f) Subject memorized the name and left by car with SIESSER and VERRIO. He was not given any package, but understood it had to do with frequencies, and he would be handed the actual document or package at the last moment.

(g) They left FLORENCE about 4th June, but on reaching VITERBO they met the retreating German Army and were told that the Allies were already well North of ROME, so SIESSER decided nothing could be done and they returned to Florence.

(h) Subject was told that the best plan for him would be to await the Allies arrival and then make his way South. He was given a specially constructed dressing case with false sides in which he hid his money and crystals, valves etc. The W/T set was wrapped in paper and addressed to

L. GUADAGNI,
VIA FOZZIOLI 9,
ROME.

and had written on it

MITTENTE (Sender) - BRUGIARI
VIA MANZONI 20
SPZLIA.

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VIA FAUSTINO 16.
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(j) From then on there is little more in subject's story. KLAUS SIESSER left FLORENCE in mid July, followed soon after by the training school gang. Subject waited until the Allies occupied Northern Florence and then made endeavours to obtain a travel permit and transport for the South.

(k) When a check up on the pensione MARUIONE was made, the landlady stated subject had gone out that morning as he had been at last promised his travel permit. At that very moment subject walked in with the good news that he was leaving on 2nd September for Naples, having obtained authorization through the Refugee Aid Centre, Florence.

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4. COMMENTS.

(a) Subject is NOT a good type, and in the opinion of the interrogator intended carrying out his mission. This is borne out by the following facts

- (i) Subject had plenty of time to present himself to the Allied Authorities and did NOT do so.
- (ii) Subject had his W/T, crystals etc ready packed in suitcases.

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