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Herewith copies of No. 2 District Intelligence Summaries for the months of February and March.

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SECURITY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 25

PERIOD 1 Feb to 28 Feb 46

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1. MILITARY SECURITY

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CIS Cases	3
PW	33
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(d) Security of Ports and Coastlines.

(i) During period under review 160 Spanish nationals were repatriated through GENOA port. Routine security checks produced nothing of security interest.

(ii) Numerous reports from GENOA and TURIN indicate that recruits for an International Brigade in Spain are being sought from within communist elements in Northern Italy. Such recruits are then moved to BARCELONA on shipping plying between GENOA and BARCELONA. The alternative route mentioned is via VENTIMIGLIA across the frontier through France. Since the dissimilar sources of these reports are considered reliable and further indications of such suspected activity has been received in a report forwarded by XIII Corps, investigations are being actively followed up.

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As a result of these arrests the leader of the local communist party, MARCHI has informed the CS representatives working with CIC Verona, that should the CIC personnel in VERONA continue such activities against the communists, their lives will be in danger. Further investigations are being made and should, as is considered probable, evidence reveal that this terrorist group does not form part of a more widespread terrorist movement, all persons implicated will be handed over to the Italian authorities for trial.

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The Government's economic policy has also proved sound. Much credit is owed to Government circles for the recent FIAT agreement which does away with the CLN factory regime. From now on FIAT will be administered by a "Consultative Works Council", and as a consequence, it is not improbable that in the next few weeks others will follow suit.

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(b) A report of unknown reliability states that a noted left-wing agitator ERICH VIGORI, a Polish Jew, reputed to have commanded the 1st GARIBALDI Division during the pre-liberation period, has left for PALESTINE to continue his left-wing activities in that country.

(c) Other Matters of General Security Interest.

1. JUGOSLAVS. Reports continue to be received from varied sources that the Jugoslavs are busy recruiting Italian pilots into the Jugoslav air force. No factual evidence is as yet forthcoming.

2. RUSSIANS. An Italo-Russian Cultural Association has been formed in TURIN with HQ at Via Maria Vittoria No 4. To date 250 members of all political complexions and social grades have enrolled. The object of this association appears on paper momentarily to be purely cultural, but there is no reason to suspect that it is indulging in activity other than the cultural and non-political aims for which it has been formed. On 23rd Feb 46 the Society sponsored a meeting in TURIN to celebrate the 28th Anniversary of the founding of the Red Army. The principal speaker MOSCHELLI Paolo, of the Communist party, who once served in the Red Army, made sweeping claims about the Russian system of government and asserted that the help given by the Allies to the Russians had not affected the ultimate Russian Victory.

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1 Spa Armoured Car
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85 FSS	GENOVA	
311 FSS	MERANO	
		BOLZANO
		BRESSANONE
		TRENTO
		AOSTA
315 FSS	TORINO	
417 FSS	BOLOGNA	
		FERRARA ROVIGO FORLI
		R. EMILIA & RAVENNA
421	BERGAMO	
		BRESCIA
		CREMONA
427 FSS	MILANO	
CIC No 3 Zone	MILANO	
		VARESE
		COMO
		VERONA
		BOLZANO
		MERANO
		TRENTO
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HQ 2 DISTRICT

SECURITY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 26

PERIOD 1 Mar to 31 Mar 46

PART I

1. MILITARY SECURITY.

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413 were treated as DP's
191 were S.Tyrolians - discharged
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1. (c) Security of Material

(i) For the week ending 16 March 46 a total of 25 Bays of copper wire were cut from the overhead route between VERONA and LONATO. Minor sabotage incidents have also been reported in the area of VERONA.

(ii) The State underground cable between VERONA and [illegible] was cut on the 14th March and 10 m of cable, which was buried to a depth of 10 cms, removed. Damage to this cable has serious consequences since it carries International circuits over the BRENNER pass, including circuits from War Office to GHQ.

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(iv) VIRAG Carlo GIS Bulletin 55/13 - Interned

(v) HENZE Alfred GIS Bulletin 60/8 - Interned

(vi) MASERA Arturo GIS Bulletin 60/10 - AFHQ disposal instructions awaited.

(vii) LESKUR Ivan - Concerned in case of Jugoslav Brief Case

Suspects

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(b) POLACIC Vladimiro Suspected member of the SS. Interrogation proceeding.

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(c) Subversive movements and political organisations of Security Interest.

(i) Communists The period under review has produced a fresh outburst of activity from the communist field. The most active centre for communist activity appears to be within the Compartiment of EMILIA and those provinces of VENEZIA PADANA which lie within this HQ's area. The following are extracts from a FS report on the Communist party in BOLOGNA. They give some idea of the ascendency it has achieved in variour fields of civil administrion and public utilities:

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"1. Comune di BOLOGNA

Civic administration is, virtually, entirely in the hands of the Communists, because the Sindaco, DOZZA, has filled the offices of Vice-Sindaco with men whom he can trust, and is therefore able to do more or less as he wishes. In every office, if there are no members of the Communist Party, DOZZA employed men of his following and whom he can trust. The office of Municipal Police, the Ufficio Anonario, the Ufficio Requisizione Alloggi and that of Information or Inland Revenue are all in Party hands, and therefore controlled by DOZZA through his followers employed.

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(i) Communists The period under review has produced a fresh outburst of activity from the communist field. The most active centre for communist activity appears to be within the Compartiment of EMILIA and those provinces of VENEZIA PROPRIA which lie within this HQ's area. The following are extracts from a PS report on the Communist party in BOLOGNA. They give some idea of the ascendancy it has achieved in variour fields of civil administrion and public utilities:

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Civic administration is, virtually, entirely in the hands of the Communists, because the Sindaco, DOZZA, has filled the offices of Vice-Sindaco with men whom he can trust, and is therefore able to do more or less as he wishes. In every office, if there are no members of the Communist Party, DOZZA employed men of his following and whom he can trust. The office of Municipal Police, the Ufficio Anonario, the Ufficio Requisizione Alloggi and that of Information or Inland Revenue are all in Party hands, and therefore controlled by DOZZA through his followers employed.

Possessed of this "omnipotence", he is in a position to keep the Party informed of all that is happening, and of who is their friend, and who their enemy. He can quash anything or promote anything without arousing the least suspicion. Further, through control of the Ufficio Anagrafo, he is in a position to furnish the Party with any photographs and identity cards they require.

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2. Comitato Regionale di Liberazione Nazionale.

Since the President and the Secretary of this organisation are both Communists, and since there are other Communist members, the Party dominates the situation successfully.

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Communist elements in this office have received orders that everything that takes place in the Questura should be referred to the Party HQ. This is being carried out. It is known that files are stolen from the Questura archives and carried away. There are strong grounds for suspicion that their ultimate destination is the Communist Party HQ.

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The state Railways, in addition to being controlled by the inevitable cells, are also controlled by the Polizia Ferroviaria, who are almost 100% Communist. Such is also true of the Post and Telegraph office, in whose employment there are numerous members of the Party.

6. Radio Bologna. 00086

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8. Transport.

In BOLOGNA there are a number of Transportation Companies, and there are a few more in the province. They are not important and do not cause concern. They could be used by the Communist Party in case of need, but this has not arisen as the Party has access to the trucks belonging to the state railways. They have in addition to these, many other vehicles which they acquired during the fighting against the Germans, and which they now run illegally.

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9. Communist Police.

Among other noteworthy armed forces belonging to the Communist Party are the Polizia Ferroviaria and the Ghepu. The former is a unit of some 500 strong, and recruited entirely by a Political Commissar who holds the rank of Captain. It has been impossible to identify this man, but he may be BRIGITI. The duty of this organisation is to control and vet all personnel employed by the Railways in the area, including the CCRR, and in the event of an armed uprising, to block rail traffic, and to hold all rolling stock at the Party's disposal. This is a task they could easily accomplih, being as they are, well armed and organised.

In addition to the Polizia Ferroviaria there is yet another Police formation, named GHEPU which is 80 strong, and commanded by a Political Commissar, as yet unidentified, with the rank of Captain. The members are recruited from the younger and more fanatical members of the Party who are thoroughly trustworthy. They depend entirely upon their own commander, and their duty is that of the GESTAPO in the Nazi Party.

Their duty includes that of identifying prominent propagandists of other parties, including the Socialists, and to get to know those people who would be capable of leading any anti-Communist organisations in open warfare. Before they are recruited, the Party establishes their political reliability, capacity, initiative and courage, and they are most definately hand-picked. They work against officers and NCOs of the Police and Army, against financiers, industrialists, traders, and last but not least, the Allied Forces. Their duties are as follows:-

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(b) To establish which persons are to be deported as being hostile to Communism, but not dangerously so, and those who were collaborators with Fascism.

(c) To identify those persons who honestly are anti-Communist but who are not politically minded, or who are genuinely monarchist, and these are to be treated in one of two ways:-

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(ii) Neo-Fascist Organisations.

A compact study of all interrogation reports of all arrested persons alleged to be connected with various neo-fascist organisations- i.e. S.A.M.; S.A.F.; etc., confirms this HQ's opinion expressed in 2 District's Weekly Intelligence Summary No. 34 of 16 Feb 46. Over the period of the last 2 months arrests of alleged S.A.M. members have been made in MILAN, TURIN, BERGAMO, LECCE, VICENZA, BOLOGNA, MODENA, COMO and GENOA as well as

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less important centres and careful investigation has revealed that there is no highly organised movement acting under the concerted control of a few prominent ex-fascists. It has over a period of time, become apparent that many ex-fascists who were lying low have now come gradually into the open if merely because there resources of money were becoming exhausted. Such ex-fascists naturally gather together through business association and their political feelings- and this naturally raises the suspicion of anti-fascists.

Among these ex-Fascists many beleive in their ideology; these tend to form independent groups, such as S.A.M. and from these groups emanate such documents and tracts which have been causing exaggerated alarm to anti-fascist elements.

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(e) A report was received that one hundred thousand fascists were living in the mountains of BERGAMO under the command of
General Ruizo MONTAGNA - ex-republican prefect
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It is known that General PANZERI is in prison as a collaborationist; Col GELORMINI was killed in DONGO with MUSSOLINI and his body openly displayed in MILAN.

However, although the activities and dangers of neo-fascist elements have been noticeably exaggerated by the Italian Press there has been an appreciable change in the attitude of the Italian population of Northern Italy towards Fascism and ex-Fascists. Whilst some months ago nobody would have admitted openly to have been a Fascist, now many not only admit it, but openly state they are still fascists "in good faith". And further there is a tendency for those who were never fascists to state they are now prepared to accept fascism since "things were better when they were worse".

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Feverish electoral propaganda activity in Milan began late in in the month in view of the elections on 7 Apr. Milan is the only one of the major towns of Italy to be allowed to vote before the general election which will take place on Sunday 2 June. The others - such as Rome, Naples, Turin and Palermo - will have to wait until June or July and perhaps even later.

Throughout N.W.Italy there appears to be a growing pessimism among the Monarchists who now entertain little hope of winning the referendum. The electoral victories of the left have provoked a serious drop in prices of industrial shares as it is feared that a left wing government might carry out a large scale nationalisation of industry. On the workers side in the industrial world the Camera del Lavoro of Milan on behalf of all the Camere del Lavoro in Lombardy staged a mass demonstration of all classes of workers on 17 Mar in various parts of Milan. The object of the various meetings was to protest against the "unsympathetic" attitude of employers in administrative and unemployment benefit matters, and to manifest publicly the solidarity of the workers in their struggle for existence. The speeches were moderate in tone and there were no incidents.

Fears of industry finding itself without electric current have now been averted thanks to the heavy rainfall which brought about a sudden and remarkable improvement in the electric power supply. The restrictions on the use of power imposed by the Commissioner of Electricity for North Italy have been lifted.

Great concern is expressed about the shortage of grain stocks in Italy, and in spite of the much-publicised world shortage of cereals and the difficulties of shipping, transportation and local distribution bread registration was done away with, with effect in Milan Only from 1 March. In the Province, however, registration still remains in force. Sopral states that it is only an experiment, and on its results will depend on whether or not the registration system is to be confirmed.

The overall food situation does not, however, present a disquieting factor in N.W. Italy. The economic stability of the North, however, still remains very dependent on the ability of the Allies to supply Italy with the quantities of badly needed raw materials which she has been promised. Concurrently with this valuable assistance all Italians feel that the maximum effort must be made to enable her to export, and to this end a Foreign Trade National Congress was held in Milan. The meeting lasted several days. Members of the Government and Italian Experts on Foreign Trade attended and aired their views on the future planning and policy the country should adopt. The meeting was considered a success.

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(b) Civil Disturbances. Pro-French Demonstration at AOSTA. A demonstration, sanctioned by the President of the Council, Prof. CHABOD took place at AOSTA at [illegible] hrs on 26 March. What demonstration against the present status of the valley, and organised by the Valdostani, finally developed into a minor riot. Since the early hours of the morning the assembled crowd had been tippling in the numerous bars and cafes and by 1500 hrs the majority were very unsteady on their feet. An inebriate procession of some 1600 persons then proceeded from the Municipio to the Prefettura bearing banners and placards bearing inscriptions in French "PLEBISCITE", VIVE LA FRANCE" etc. Arrived at the Prefettura, a number of men broke into the buildings, and proceeded to smash windows, furniture, throwing all office documents out of the window and demanding the release of 3 French Journalists who had been arrested by the CCRR at AOSTA on charges of having crossed the Italo-French frontier illegaly.

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(iii) Poles.

(a) More than 300 Polish military students have arrived in TURIN to take part in a study course. Contrary to the expectations of certain left wing elements, relations of these persons with the civilian population have been good.

(b) The following is quoted verbatim from a FS Security Report:

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9. This couple cross into ITALY by train, unchecked at Frontier as both were in battle-dress.

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11. 85 PSS now holding baby. Not considered of any security interest.

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TO : CSI, HQ. No. 2 District

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2. It will be appreciated if copies for the above months could be forwarded please.

E.J. BYE,
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PERIOD 1 Jan to 31 Jan 46

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(c) Security of Material. Nothing to report.

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(xi) HOFFMAN, Augusta. (GIS Bulletin 83/20) AFHQ instructions awaited.

(xii) HELL, Hildegard. (GIS Bulletin 36/1) AFHQ instructions awaited.

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Suspects

(c) AYMONE, Mersan. (ref HQ's Security Summary No 22 Page 3 Para (c)). AYMONE has now been cleared of suspicion. The innocuous but somewhat suspicious telegrams referred to which he was dispatching almost daily to Switzerland proved on investigation to be the amorous outpourings of a dirty old man.

(c) Subversive movements and political organisations of Security Interest.

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3. MISCELLANEOUS.

Political Situation.

31st December 1945-1st January 1946. The transfer by AMG of the Northern Provinces to the Italian Government is a accomplished fact. Surprisingly few have been the reactions to this "long awaited" event: the usual polite and complimentary speeches were delivered and, to all intents and purposes, to the average Italian, nothing much seems to have changed. If the committees of liberation expected to get this transfer would in some greater importance, they must be bitterly disappointed, as they have lost not, in fact, all power, even the CLNAI is to disappear as such, retaining only as a branch of the central committee of liberation at ROME.

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4. FELLINI PARTY.
The re-admission of uncompromised officers and NCOs who served under the Fascist Republic into the Italian Army has caused lively discontent within the service. The reactions appear to be as follows:-

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(b) Partisan elements now serving in the Army are highly resentful at the prospect of having to serve with their late adversaries.

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The Director in question has since been replaced.

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A number of incidents involving Polish troops in which civilians have been injured and in 3 cases killed have been reported. The most spectacular of these was that in which a Polish Soldier after attempting to rob a shop was chased by a mob through BOLOGNA. Eventually barricading himself in a house he was arrested by CC&R & FS. During the hue & cry several persons were shot by the Pole one of these dying from injuries received.

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(a) Repeated & persistent rumours throughout the period under review that R.S.I. has, or is about to, declare war on either GREAT BRITAIN, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.
(b) That Allied Military police are arriving in ITALY to instruct the Italian Army and police in police duties. Figures heard are 30,000 and 100,000.
(c) Imminent devaluation of the lire to 1,000 lire to the pound.

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5. HIDDEN ARMS.

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(1) At GAVIRATE (Map Ref 6727) a case of crime occured which was closely connected with the sole object of obtaining arms. In connection with this crime several arrests have been made and from investigation of witnesses, and arrestees it is quite clear that a quantity of easily portable and disposable property - cash, valuables etc., which could have been removed was left untouched. Every house searched was occupied by the thieves to the occupation clearly questioned by the thieves as to their possession. All persons arrested to date in connection with the crime are known to be partisans of the "present day" their activities during the 20th I War period being a matter of obscurity. As a result of investigations and searches in the locality a considerable quantity of arms etc. much in good condition, has been found.

(2) Reliable information led up to an extremely successful search raid in the vicinity of GUBBIO (Map ref 261. Sheet 30) approximately 6 tons of weapons & munitions were found buried up within a cellar; heavy machine guns, light machine guns, pistols/carbines, hand grenades & mortars. Enquiries are continuing to trace owners of this arsenal.

(3) CIC in VERONA organised during the period under review, a highly successful raid in VERONA. Sum total of arms found in this specific case was 455 Rifles, 390 hand grenades, 10 machine guns, approximately 9,000 rounds of ammunition and other assorted lethal horrors.

(4) Partisan police carried out a successful arms search in VERONA. The officer i/c the seizure party however failed to report the positive results of the search, and the arms, thus spirited away, are now being searched for by other than Partisan Police Agencies.

(5) CIC are continuing to achieve successful results now making use of mine detectors to assist in location of hidden arms.

(6) The following is a consolidated list of arms recovered for month of January.
485 Rifles; 54 MGs: 37 Sub MGs: 95 Pistols:
820 Grenades: 6 Mortars: 1 A/tk gun: 5 W/T Sets:
90 A/tk bombs, and Large quantity of S.A. and explosives.

6. LOCATIONS OF FSS/CIC.

HQ.	DETACHMENTS
87 FSS	LASTRA
	PARMA
	SIENA
	PIACENZA
91 FSS	BOLZANO
55 FSS	PADOVA
	VICENZA
	VERONA
85 FSS	GENOVA
311 FSS	MILANO
	BOLZANO
	BUSSOLENGO
	TRENTO
315 FSS	PORDENONE
417 FSS	BOLOGNA
	FERRARA
421 FSS	BERGAMO
	MANTOVA
	PARMA

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HQ.	DETACHMENTS
57 FSS	ASTI
	PAVIA
	LODI
	PIACENZA
51 FSS	BOLZANO
55 FSS	PADOVA
	VICENZA
	VERONA
65 FSS	GENOVA
311 FSS	MILANO
	BOLZANO
	BRESSANONE
	TRENTO
315 FSS	TORINO
	AOSTA
417 FSS	BOLOGNA
	FERRARA
421 FSS	BERGAMO
	MANTOVA
	CREMONA

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HQ	DETACHMENTS
427 FSS	VARESE
CIC No 5 Zone	COMO
MILANO	VERONA
MILANO	BOLZANO
	MERANO
	TRENTO
	BRESSANONE

Major-General
Commanding

LK/jhc

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APPENDIX 'A' to
GSI/2206/5 dated
5 February 46

1. With the exception of 3, all the priests of CASTEL FRANCO EMILIA region numbering some 20 have been threatened with death if they do not resign their parishes. This is believed to be the first example since the liberation of Northern Italy of the insecurity of lives of the priesthood having been threatened on so large a scale.

2. On 3 Jan 10 unknown armed men attacked the civil gaol at FORLI liberating a gentleman condemned for murder.

3. On 8 Jan 40 armed men attacked the gaol at MEDOLLA. Attack failed. One CC killed.

4. On 9 Jan 12 armed & masked men broke in on a gathering of persons in a private house, lined all guests against the wall and called out 4 persons by name. These/they then proceeded to riddle with MG bullets, killing them outright.

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SECURITY DIV. ALCOM

for Major Harvey.

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C.M.F.

FILE: GSI/2206/3

5 December 1945.

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(j) attitude of parents (k) her general appearance (l) can she read write and speak English (m) whether pregnant (n) home conditions (o) statements from the two referees to show their qualifications for testifying on the girl's behalf and translations of these statements. "

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2. CIVIL SECURITY

(a) Analysis of Arrests

	for trial for a Security Offence. Cat A.	for interment Cat B.	For detention pending further investigation Cat C.	TOTAL
Italian Armed Forces				
Civilian Officials Incl CCRR				
Miscellaneous Civilians	3	32	23	58
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(b) GORUP Ivo. Subject (a Jugoslav) presented himself to 427 FS Section on 20 Nov, stated he had just arrived from SWITZERLAND and had been despatched by Swiss and British Intelligence on a Mission. Subject was immediately arrested and the results of preliminary interrogation report communicated to SCI. A special report will be submitted to G-2 (CI) AFHQ as soon as certain 'leads' have been investigated. The case presents interesting possibilities.

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2. To spend the moneys received chiefly for buying arms.

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4. To organise in VENTIMIGLIA and CUNEO a collecting centre for people to be sent to FRANCE, RUSSIA and JUGOSLAVIA for a period of instruction. These centres to be organised in type to the one at DOMODOSSOLA. In order to see to it that communication with abroad is maintained, foreigners will be members of these centres.

5. Try to induce as many men as possible belonging to the Youth Front as recruits for the Army and the Navy.

6. As nearly all strikes organised by the various cells had no results, steps have been taken to arrange that the armed forces of the party cooperate with the political organisations as excuse will serve the small rations of food, the increase of the rents, lack of heating possibilities during the coming winter, high tariffs for tram-car rides, electricity, railway tickets etc.

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10. Assist the various Communist Federations to start cooperative societies for food-stuffs etc.

11. To follow up, to control and to watch the dumps of arms of the Christian Democrats, which are prepared in great number in Northern LOMBARDY

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12. To watch the priests and especially the parish priests, which at present are the best organised for the reaction against the Communist Movement.

13. To increase the number of agitators within the armed forces.

(iii) SAM:- The following is quoted verbatim from an F S Security report.

One of the chief supporters of the SAM is the ex-Fascist consul POLVANI, who came to ITALY from F SICILY. He has succeeded in regroupi and holding at his command numerous ex-fascist who were selected by the late Min. PAVOLINI a by the Germans to form a Fifth Column. The fascist clandestine organisation has branches in prisons where ex-fascists are detained, in concentration camps, and abroad. Among the prisoners at the disposition of the Extraordi Court of Assize at MILAN is one of the leaders of the organisation - Prof. COPPO - who is at S. Vittore and who is in correspondence with foreign countries. In the concentration camp at TERNI one of the leaders of the clandestine movement is a certain MATLASSI, who is supposed to have information concerning all the principal exponents of the organisation. Contact between ITALY and abroad is organised by Gen MONTAGNA who is at present in SWITZERLAND. Contact with him is maintained by a woman who from time to time makes clandestine entry int Swiss territory . Between Gen. MONTAGNA, ex police chief, and several political prisoners in San Vittore there are contacts. Certain of these contacts report to Vito Mussolini, and others to COPPO. It is possible that these contacts are made by a certain MRATA, Maria, who lives at 29 VIA Boccaccio, MILAN. MRATA, Maria, is also in contact with Monarchist personalities, and with a certain SILIATI, Leonardo, of GENOA, intimate friend of MONTAG SILIATI is in direct contact with Gen. PANTA principal aide to the Regent (UMBERTO).
It is necessary to note that there are two distinct types of fascist movement; on. f

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One of the chief supporters of the SAM is the ex-Fascist consul POLVANI, who came to ITALY from F SICILY. He has succeeded in regroupi and holding at his command numerous ex-fascist who were selected by the late Min. PAVOLINI by the Germans to form a Fifth Column. The fascist clandestine organisation has branches in prisons where ex-fascists are detained, in concentration camps, and abroad. Among the prisoners at the disposition of the Extraordi Court of Assise at MILAN is one of the leaders of the organisation - Prof. COPPO - who is at S. Vittore and who is in correspondence with foreign countries. In the concentration camp at TERNI one of the leaders of the clandestin movement is a certain BATTISTI, who is suppos to have information concerning all the principal exponents of the organisation. Cont between ITALY and abroad is organised by Gen MONTAGNA who is at present in SWITZERLAND. Contact with him is maintained by a woman who from time to time makes clandestine entry int Swiss territory. Between Gen. MONTAGNA, ex police chief, and several political prisoners in San Vittore there are contacts. Certain these contacts report to Vito Mussolini, and others to COPPO. It is possible that these contacts are made by a certain BRATTA, Mario, who lives at 29 ViaBoccaccio, MILAN. BRATTA, Mario, is also in contact with Monarchi personalities, and with a certain SILLATI, Leonardo, of GENOA, intimate friend of MONTAG SILLATI is in direct contact with Gen. principal aide to the Regent (UMBERTO).
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This HQ would appreciate any further information ref SAI which might be forthcoming from other sources since this movement would appear to be assuming proportions which would warrant close scrutiny.

(iv) Transport Cooperatives. There appears to be a general feeling of anxiety concerning the growing number of transport cooperatives being formed by ex-partisans. It is the general feeling that such cooperatives would be used in the event of an insurrection as motorised columns for the Communist Party.

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Not much change seems to have occurred since the last report on the situation of the "Uomo Qualunque" movement. The crisis, ascribed by many to pressure from the U.Q. on the Liberals, has perhaps lost it as many adherents as it has gained.

Strikes are still occurring for political rather than economic or social reasons, although it is believed that most labour leaders are against this, it is obvious that in this matter they are as yet unable to control the lower levels or the political organisers.

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occupied Germany. Investigations into these accusations have been curtailed since the Russian Mission in question has departed.

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Information continues to indicate illegal arms traffic from FRANCE - ITALY. Two cases are at present under investigation.

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The total number of arms reported recovered during November is as follows:

2237 Rifles, 170 MGs, 153 Pistols, 1054 Grenades. Large quantities of ammunition have also been found.

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(3) as washing lines.

CCRR believe NO deliberate sabotage intended.

CCRR have been ordered to keep the area surveyed and to supply names of all local inhabitants who have proved trouble-makers in the past.

The civilian exchange has installed alarm apparatus in CCRR barracks to indicate locality of any future interference on their lines.

(d) Security of Ports and Coastlines

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organisation run by MOSCATELLI whose personnel are openly bearing the badges of his organisation.

Within this area a considerable success has been obtained in searches for hidden arms, including one particular arsenal which produced, amongst other weapons, a haul of over 641 rifles.

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of the paper is reported to be anti-Italian and anti-Allied. The activities of this Committee appear for the moment to be confined to areas bordering the frontier. Copies of the newspaper are to be obtained.

(iii) Communist propaganda containing obscene instructions is being distributed secretly to workers in ALESSANDRIA area, with the recommendation that the leaflets should not be seen by "Priests or persons unripe to digest it". A wise suggestion! Enquiries are being made to endeavour to trace source.

(iv) The premises of the COMITATO DI SALUTE PUBLICA were raided by CCRR and FSS on the 25th August in MILAN. Under the title of "LA NORDICA Cooperativa Autotrasporti" the organisation carried out the political activities of the "COMITATO DI SALUTE PUBLICA".

Arms were found in the cellar and documents unearthed included reports on the political situation in MILAN, pamphlets, dispositions of all Italian troops in North Italy giving numbers, arms, and in some cases transport held, detailed plans of two CCRR barracks in MILAN and a note in pencil "Stabilire il servizio di spionaggio nelle caserme". The Committee's programme and the reports on the political situation were marked "Copy to P.S.I. 11/8/45" (Partito Socialista Italiano). Copies of the pamphlets found are attached (AFHQ only).

Also found were documents of the Brigata MATEOTTI of which COLONNA Nando, president of the Comitato di Salute Publica, was commandant.

The aims of the Committee were to form a democratic workers' party from elements of the left and centre: to "re-establish internal order in Italy, and to have a separate administration for North and South Italy. It was also anti-Monarchist.

On the day of the search six men called at the office, all commanders of MATEOTTI Brigades who had been invited to attend a meeting at the Committee's HQ. On being questioned all denied knowledge of the Committee.

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Arms were found in the cellar and documents unearthed included reports on the political situation in MILAN, pamphlets, dispositions of all Italian troops in North Italy giving numbers, arms, and in some cases transport held, detailed plans of two CCRR barracks in MILAN and a note in pencil "Stabilire il servizio di spionaggio nelle caserme". The Committee's programme and the reports on the political situation were marked "Copy to P.S.I. 11/8/45" (Partito Socialista Italiano). Copies of the pamphlets found are attached (AFHQ only).

Also found were documents of the Brigata MATEOTTI of which COLONNA Nando, president of the Comitato di Salute Publica, was commandant.

The aims of the Committee were to form a democratic workers' party from elements of the left and centre: to "re-establish internal order in Italy, and to have a separate administration for North and South Italy. It was also anti-Monarchist.

On the day of the search six men called at the office, all commanders of MATEOTTI Brigades who had been invited to attend a meeting at the Committee's HQ. On being questioned all denied knowledge of the Committee.

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3 MISCELLANEOUS

(a) Italian Armed Forces

Nothing to report.

(b) Civilian Population

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There is continued evidence of widespread and increasing lack of confidence on the part of civilians with regard to AMG currency. Civilians accept from Allied personnel AMG currency only with the greatest reluctance, and civilians who wish to purchase goods with such currency have great difficulty in placing their money.

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It is expected that as a result of this drive to recover arms attempts will be made to move and disperse other undiscovered caches. Troops and

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5 LOCATIONS OF FSS

	HQ	Detachments
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		PARMA
		PAVIA
51 FSS	VARESE	BIELLA
		VERCELLI
		NOVARA
85 FSS	GENOA	LA SPEZIA
		ALASSIO
311 FSS	PADUA	FERRARA
315 FSS	TURIN	CUNEO
411 FSS	RAVENNA	FORLI
		RIMINI
421 FSS	VARESE	CREMONA
		BRESCIA
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CIC No 3 Zone	MILAN	COMO
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Civilians employed by the Military authorities continue to be vetted by FSS/CIC.

(c) Security of Material

(i) During the period under review cases of wire cutting were reported by 11 Armd Bde in the area

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Day and night fishing is permitted now that no danger is anticipated. Travel by sea within ITALY is also permitted under the eye of the Capitaneria of the various Ports who have been instructed to keep records of all passenger movements.

(e) Security of Frontiers

Nothing to report.

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(b) Important Individual Cases

1 Persons arrested

(a) CUOMO Anna di Achille (CI Bulletin 23/16 and 61/5). Arrested by 427 FSS on July 11 when she applied for work with the Allied Forces. On instructions from 5 Army subject is being held under town arrest in MONZA.

(b) BAUMBACH Erich Emilio di NN. Arrested 30 June by 427 FSS. Member of DIENSTELLE Caesar Group with a mission as a stay-behind W/T operator. A further interrogation report is awaited.

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(k) BLASICH Roberto. Arrested by 51 FSS in the COMO area on 24 July. Released at request of 3 SCI. Reports weekly to COMO Detachment of 51 FSS.

(l) PRAGER Johann fu Alfred. Arrested by 51 FSS in the COMO area on 28 July. GIS Staff Bulletin No 55/9 dated 21 July. Subject appears to have had connections on a fairly high level with GIS. Preliminary interrogation report only just received but not yet studied. Appears to be connected with the Austrian Committee of Liberation in MILAN.

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(p) MACFAIRLY NERI Elizabeth
SABATIER Jacques
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JEANDET Mirenna Pauline Marta. Three French citizens arrested by LEGNANO troops in the mountains near SONDRIO. Handed over to 421 FSS. All were members of a German Kommando whose aim was to despatch spies to FRANCE after the liberation. JEANDET Marcel inflicted a wound on himself at the time of his arrest from which he has since died. DSM MILAN have been asked to dispose of subjects.

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SABATIER Jacques
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PLANCA Mario. Arrested by SCI/Z MILAN. Despatched CSDIC on 13 July.

(q) GUADAGNINO Giuseppe alias JUPP. Worked for Abwehr III/F in MILAN. He was found in gaol by members of OSS and turned over to SCI Unit 2, MILAN, for disposition on 9 July. AFHQ have been asked for authority to send him to CSDIC.

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The Questura approached FSS and informed them that a notorious local Fascist named GORGOLINI for whom the Questura had been searching had been arrested by the BRAZILIAN Div who proposed at the

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request of GORGOLINI's wife to make him a PW and thus place him out of reach of the Italian authorities FSS discussed the matter with the Brazilian CIC and were told that no such person had been arrested. FSS informed the Questura to this effect and were told that the report was absolutely true, and that GORGOLINI had been seen in a Brazilian MP Post at 1930 hrs precisely the same day. The Brazilians later stated that they had in fact arrested GORGOLINI but under another name. It would appear that GORGOLINI, who was a hunted man, was only located through direct watching of the Brazilians by the Questura.

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Further information has been received at this HQ about this Committee, too late however for study and inclusion in this Summary. The Committee

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continues to issue certificates of Austrian nationalit to Austrians in NW ITALY. The Committee is still under observation. AFHQ have been asked for a policy regarding the treatment of German and Austrian civilian nationals, particularly industrialists, who held, and are seeking to retain, a strong hold on industry in NW ITALY.

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Partisans in Italian Army:-

It is reported that Partisan elements passing into the Italian Army are not amenable to discipline and in this respect they are affecting the morale of the ordinary troops. Further information is being obtained and will be passed to NMIA.

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Speeches were made and the crowd marched to the British Consulate where it displayed great enthusiasm and cheered wildly. Evidently the Consulate staff did not share the pleasure of the crowd, for it is reported by 85 FSS that according to a "neutral observer" the only reaction from the Consulate was a figure who appeared with "British phlegm" at a window and retreated immediately as if with horror!

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A search in VARESE area resulted in the discovery of a cache containing:-

4 mortars Italian 81 model 35
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12½ cases, each of 3 mortar bombs for model 81
1 machine gun Breda model 30
1 box 24 grenades
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REPORT OF INTELLIGENCE
MEETING OF 2 AUGUST 45

The following officers were present at the Intelligence Meeting held at AFHQ Mediterranean Building 1 Forli, on 2 August 1945 at 1000 hours.

Mr Airey	AFHQ Lombardia (Labour)
Lieut Armstrong	SSU(3)
Lieut Carruthers	SSU
Major Cagiati	GSI 2 District
Major Fielders	AFHQ (PS)
Major Fowler	AFHQ (PWB)
Lt Comdr Hamilton	JICAMED
Major Hunt	AFHQ (MIS)
Captain Neil	GSI 2 District
Captain Rowland	GSI 2 District
Lieut Schlosberg	OSS
Lt Murray	FBI
Captain Montrone	SCC
Mr Fletcher	Frontier Control
Major Rowan	2nd Platoon
Captain Sclanna	SCC
Captain Seymour	3 SCU
Major Stanbury	MFAA
Captain Turnbull	JICAMED (M)
Mr Zelouski	CIC

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TENANT

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[redacted] CMF(Z)
[redacted]
[redacted] GSI 2 District.
[redacted] AMG (PS)
[redacted] AMG (SOSO)
[redacted] JIC(AIED)
[redacted] AMG (PS)
[redacted] GSI 2 District
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[redacted] GSI
[redacted] FSU
[redacted] CCS
[redacted] Frontier Control
[redacted] AMG Piedmont
[redacted] CSI
[redacted] 5 SAU
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FINANCE

Parri on his visit was [redacted] interested in the loan, and in effect his visit was covered by his speech to the Windsors.

From mail censorship it seemed what people were in favour of the bond drive. Captain [redacted] gave details of the progress of the bond drive in various places, e.g. [redacted] 13 millions had been subscribed; PIEDMONT 6 millions; [redacted] 1½ millions. [redacted] had not done so well because

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He also said that Italian internees in SWITZERLAND had been released and that frontier work would be finished about the end of the month as repatriation from Germany was in full swing. The arrest of enemy agents was described and the security of agents in custody was discussed. SWITZERLAND was beginning to expel German criminals.

LABOUR

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9 JUL 1945

HQ AMG ANCILLARIA REG.

HEADQUARTERS IV CORPS
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2,
APO 304 US ARMY.

F. to Security

7 July 1945.

SUBJECT: Security Report.

TO: Security Division, Public Safety Sub Commission, AC. HQ.

Reference your SD/621.02.

No Security Report was issued by GSI(b) 2 District for the months of May and June.

The GSI(b) staff, 2 District, was attached to G-2, IV Corps for the period of the occupation of NW Italy and their report was made to G-2, CI, 5 Army.

not received S.D.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff:

L. Renaud Capt

for A.B. MATTEI,
Major, IC.

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

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REF : SD/621.02 26 June 1945

SUBJECT : Security Report

TO : Major MATTEI, GSI(B) Hq., No. 2 District
C.M.F.

1. Will you please forward a copy of your Security report for the month of May, as I am unable to find our usual one.

2. It will assist if you ensure that SECURITY DIVISION is prominent on the envelope as otherwise it is apt to get to the wrong department.

S.J. HARVEY,
Major.
Security Division.

SJH/nb

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SECRET

HQ 2 District CMP
2206/3 GSIb

GSI(b)

26 Apr 45

HQ 2 DISTRICT

PERIOD 1 APR TO 30 APR 45

PART I

GENERAL SURVEY

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Security Division
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Book No 4095
File No 621.02
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One enemy agent, one suspected enemy agent and one civilian, whose position has not yet been clarified, have been arrested in the period under review.

Steps have been taken to deal with the problem of evasion of censorship by Italians in the area.

PART II

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(a) Security of Information

Nothing to report.

(b) Security of Personnel

Nothing to report.

(c) Security of Material

Nothing to report.

2 CIVIL SECURITY

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(b) Important Individual Cases

1. Persons arrested

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(b) NALDINI, Nando. The name of this man appears in AAI-CI List of 11 Dec 44. He was apprehended at SIENA on 13 Apr 45. Investigation revealed that NALDINI was of no Security interest, and instructions were issued for his release.

(c) CRISAFULLI, Giovanni. This man was arrested because he was in company with a deserter from the Italian Army and, when asked for his own papers, produced a Tessara of the Italian Navy which was palpably false. Enquiries revealed that CRISAFULLI had run away from home. He is of no security interest. He was handed over to AMG SIENA to be prosecuted for breach of travel regulations.

2. Suspects

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4 RUMOURS

Nothing to report.

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5 LOCATIONS OF FSS

313 FSS
Lt di JONG

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Capt SARLUIS

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SIENA

HQ
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Detachments
CHIETI
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for Lieutenant Colonel
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2 DISTRICT

No 2 District CMF
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SECURITY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 15

PERIOD 7 FEB TO 28 FEB 45

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PART I

GENERAL SURVEY

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CIVIL SECURITY

One enemy agent was captured during the period under review and three possible agents are undergoing interrogation.

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Attempts by the other parties to discredit the Communists continue.

Routine controls continue to function effectively.

PART II

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Nothing to report.

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(1) 331 [illegible] R&F. This is one of the larger types of Radiolocation Units and is sited on the seashore just South of FRANCAVILLA (ITALY : 1/200,000 Sheet 16 MR 2524).

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it would be an advisable precaution if the competent R.F authorities could arrange for guards from Italian Military personnel.

(ii) Wirecutting. On 16 Feb 45 it was reported by Signals that 250 yds of D.8 telephone cable (4 strands) had been removed between PESC.R. and ORTONA (ITALY : 1/200,000 Sheet 16 MR 2127). A break in communication was first noticed on 14 Feb 45 and the line had been repaired by 17 Feb 45 when Field Security went to investigate. A search was made of houses in the vicinity and in one, that of BERARDINUCCI, Giuseppe, was found approximately 50 yds of D.8 wire some of which was new. This house stands about 50 yds from where the wire was removed. BERARDINUCCI pleaded that he found the wire last July and was unaware that it was British. He has been arrested by the CMP. No other wire was discovered during the search.

On 19 Feb 45 another interruption in communication between PESC.R. and ORTONA occurred. The break was noted during the morning and reported to have occurred ½ of a mile south of FR.NC.-VILL. .L MARE (ITALY : 1/200,000 Sheet 16 MR 2524). On investigation by Field Security the same afternoon no break could be found as the line had already been repaired. In this case 500 yds of cable had been removed. The matter is being investigated by 63 SIB.

As both of the above cases occurred in the vicinity of FR.NC.-VILL. .L MARE and it is reported that electricity is shortly to be laid on in that town widespread investigations are being made. The CCRR are investigating all houses where wiring is being installed and their report is expected shortly.

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(i) PESC.R.:- 2 Italian MVs under 50 tons were checked by FSS.

(ii) Unannounced landing:- On 27 Feb 45 a party of five persons landed at S.VITO (Prov CHIETI) from enemy occupied HUNGARY in a stolen FOCKE-WULF plane. They consisted of General LADISLAUS HORY who, it is understood, was, until August 1940, chief of the Hungarian airforce, his wife, son and daughter, and Alexander KASYR, General Manager of the Hungarian SHELL Company.

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(b) Occasional passengers carried by schooners anchoring off PESC.R. are all checked by Guardia di FINANZA port personnel and are always included on the S17 (Schooners Crew Lists).

(iv) Unidentified Craft:- On 15 Feb 45 a M.C.F signal was received reporting that an unidentified craft had been observed at 2245 hrs 14 Feb travelling at 28 knots in a southerly direction parallel to the coast off PUNTA DI PENNE (ITALY : 1/200,000 Sheet 16 MR 5998). In view of the possibility of enemy agents having been landed on this part of the coast all Road Blocks were visited and given strict instructions for special vigilance.

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(v) R. Marina Personnel:- Advice has been received that Regia Marina personnel hitherto responsible for covering the port areas of PESCARA and ORTONA are to be withdrawn. Arrangements will be made to have R. Guardia di Finanza assume these duties.

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(vi) Seaward Patrol:- The armed trawler "MARIS STELLA" under the direction of SO(S) [illegible] is now engaged on a Security patrol between MANFREDONIA and MOLA. A NCO from 40 FS Section is aboard. Main objects are:-

(a) To contact port authorities on the route of the patrol in order to ensure that security restrictions are understood and enforced.

(b) To check up on the activities of fishing craft.

(c) Routine Security patrol.

No breaches of Security regulations have yet been reported.

2 CIVIL SECURITY

(a) Analysis of Arrests

	For trial for a Security Offence Cat A.	For internment Cat B.	For detention pending further investigation Cat C.	TOTAL
Italian Armed Forces	-	-	-	-
Civil Officials including CCRR	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous Civilians	1	-	4	5
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(b) Important Individual Cases

(1) Persons arrested

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(c) VAROLI PIAZZA Sergio di Riccardo born PARMA 20 Feb 1919; alias AVALLONE Sergio ex Sotto capo R Marina from which he deserted. No identity documents.

Arrested by Sindaco of DOGLIOLA (Prov CHIETI) and handed by CCRR to 409 FSS. Investigation revealed that subject was

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identical with AVABINI Sergio who had escaped from 8th Army RIP at PALLETTA in May 1944 and had been posted as a possible enemy agent. His real name is [illegible] Giovanni di Gino. He explains his use of false names as being due to fear of being forced to serve again in the Navy. It has not been possible to establish that VIROLI was ever enrolled by enemy agencies. However he is being detained under Category C until his story can be checked. When arrested, he was dressed in complete American GI uniform but carried no documents.

(d) PANCELLU Gino. arrested in SARDINIA on 28 Feb 45. Dropped by parachute on 21 Feb; in possession of radio transmitter, 43000 lits and secret codes. Undergoing interrogation by I.S.

(e) DI CHISTOFORO Eusanio; signalled as a suspect enemy agent to 313 FSS by GSI(b) HQ 5 District. Subject's description does not tally with that of the signalled agent but his story appears to justify further investigation.

As 313 FSS has been moved from the area, the case is being taken over by 409 FSS to whom all information has been passed. In the meantime the man is detained in TERAMO under Category C.

(2) Suspects

(a) GERASSI Renato. This name appears on 15 Army Group list of Enemy agents. A man of this name living in BISEGNO (ITALY : 1/200,000 Sheet 16 MR 5066) recently handed in a food card for exchange in CHIETI. The name is a common one, but 409 FSS have been instructed to interrogate the man as soon as they can get to BISEGNO which has hitherto been cut off by snow.

(b) TRINCESCOTTI Mario or ZEGLER Mario. First heard of in TERAMO in Oct 44 soon after the Allied occupation when he obtained work as a clerk with AMG. He had come through the lines from GENOA with the story that he wished to avoid being taken for forced labour to GERMANY. From TERAMO, he went to BARI with the object of being recruited by the Allied Intelligence Services to go on missions to EGT. However, he was imprisoned as a suspect; on being released, he returned to TERAMO and worked with AMG (Supplies).

He is reported as having told an AMG interpreter, FIRMANI Conrad, that he intended returning to his "friends the Germans". He therefore made himself out an AMG pass to travel on WD transport and set out in a vehicle going to PESCARA after stealing a uniform and some money from a Captain ROBINSON (AMG). 409 FSS have been requested to investigate this story.

The man's description is as follows:-

Age 21; height about 5'9"; black hair; light coloured eyes; fresh complexion; medium build; clean shaven; student from GENOA; very intelligent; speaks good German and fair English. Reported to have told FIRMANI that his real name is ZEGLER.

(c) DE JOHNSON, Romano fu ROBERTO: until recently manager of

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(d) FANCELLI Prov. arrested in SARDINIA on 28 Feb 45. Dropped by parachute on 27 Feb; in possession of radio transmitter, £3000 lits and secret codes. Undergoing interrogation by I.I.

(e) DI CRISTOFORO Eusanio; signalled as a suspect enemy agent to 313 FSS by GSI(b) HQ 5 District. Subject's description does not tally with that of the signalled agent but his story appears to justify further investigation.

As 313 FSS has been moved from the area, the case is being taken over by 409 FSS to whom all information has been passed. In the meantime the man is detained in TERAMO under Category C.

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(c) DE JOHNSON. Romano fu ROBERTO: until recently manager of AC mess in AQUILA. Owing to trouble with an American Corporal receptionist, the Regional Commissioner Region V requested FSS to vet the man.

From this investigation, it transpires that the man was born in ST PETERSBURG 22 Jan 1889; moved to FINLAND in 1917. In 1928 came to ITALY and managed hotels in SAN REMO, SALSOMAGGIORE etc.

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Between 1930-39 admitted carrying on Fascist propaganda in FINLAND for which he was made a CAVALIERE.

In 1940 took over CAFE ROMA AQUILA. Became manager of the ALBERGO-GRANDE AQUILA when it was requisitioned by the Germans, with whom he was "persona gratissima".

He speaks Russian, German, French, Italian, English, Finnish, Danish and Norwegian and claims acquaintance with HH the Pope, Sir Horace RUMBOLD, GOERING, General von ARNIM.

It is understood that he is being considered by a Major MENDELSOHN and a Capt AUBREY of AFHQ in connection with a new rest camp they are organising in AQUILA.

The man appears to be an opportunist, and a White Russian of doubtful loyalty and though not a security menace, not the happiest choice for employment by Allied authorities.

(d) MECHI Giorgio; Capt of CORPO REALE DELLE FORESTE: Dismissed by AMG on the recommendation of 16 FSS. AMG TOSCANA Region request further investigations. Information is being requested by this HQ from 16 FSS.

(e) CUCCOLINI Manfredo. Professor at COLLEGIO DEI FIGLI ITALIANI ALL'ESTERO at MONTALCINI (SIENA) one of the colleges established to inculcate Fascism into the children of Italians living abroad. Dismissed on the recommendation of CIC, AMG have asked for further investigations to be made. These will be submitted to this HQ for study before any recommendation is made.

(c) Subversive Movements and Political Organisations of Security Interest.

(i) Communist Party. On 31 Jan 45 the Italian Military authorities in CHIETI received a special coded message from ROME to be on the alert during the first fifteen days of February for a Communist rising. Dispositions were taken, but no incidents have been reported.

(ii) Partisans and Patriots. On 10 Feb 45 at CHIETI three individuals interfered at a FEST organised by the Movimento Partigiani using threats of violence with armed force, complaining that dancing on that day offended the memory of Patriots sentenced to death on that day last year and subsequently executed. Their houses were searched by CCRR for arms and in possession of one, COLELLA, Fulvio di Ercole, were found a number of hand grenades and assorted ammunition. He was arrested and released after two days having been announced to the Military Tribunal by the CCRR.

This incident is indicative of the feeling between rival groups of Patriots and Partisans.

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(1) Travel within SIENA Province is unrestricted South of the Town.

(2) Travel in any direction across the Provincial boundary requires a permit from the Questura.

(3) Travel within SIENA Province to the North of the town (i.e. across Rear Army Control Line) requires an AMG permit.

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The Rear Army Control line where it crosses 2 District, runs along the COLLE DI VAL D'ELSA., SIENA., AREZZO lateral road, exclusive to that road. Civilians may not, therefore, proceed North of that road although they may travel along it.

This has apparently not been clear to the Italian authorities, nor have they grasped the travel regulations. The matter will be taken up by this HQ with the authorities concerned.

Snap checks are being carried out, where personnel are available, on other roads in the District.

(ii) Lists of hotel and lodging house guests are checked in the areas where FSS are available. Difficulty has been caused by Italian Military personnel without identity documents making use of these establishments. Efforts are being made to ensure that Italian soldiers must at all times carry their identity documents (if they have any!).

Applications for Identity cards and ration cards are checked by FSS and the Italian authorities in localities not covered by FSS appear to be co-operating in this checking wholeheartedly.

3 MISCELLANEOUS

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PART I

GENERAL SURVEY

MILITARY SECURITY

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The check post north of SIENA is now in operation but is not yet as effective as it should be, efforts are being made to tighten it up.

Pass control - after a thorough trial it has been decided to withdraw the PASS MEMO for the reasons listed in para 1d of Part II of this report.

CIVIL SECURITY

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PART II

1 MILITARY SECURITY

(a) Security of Information

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Disciplinary action is being taken against the offenders.

There is a widespread practice amongst civilians of evading censorship by entrusting letters to long distance drivers. The driver of the SIENA-ROME bus was recently found with 46 such letters on him. There is however no AFHQ order obliging civilians to use the official Italian post office for correspondence and they are considering issuing a Regional Order to rectify this.

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A full report has been submitted to Naval Provost Marshal ANCONA and Capt JOHNSON strongly advised to report the loss of the documents to the issuing authority.

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(b) Security of Personnel

MORRIS, Giorgio Osmo (a resident of AQUILA) who claims English nationality as the son of an English doctor who was in GENOA for 25 years, has been going around claiming to be Lieut George MORRIS, of the British Intelligence Service and O. i/c the SULMONA FSS. He has also been telling highly romantic stories of his position and activities, but it is not considered that he is doing this for any ulterior motive but merely to impress his women friends. However, as an impersonation of this kind might have serious repercussions, his activities in this sphere are to be abruptly stopped.

(c) Security of Material and Installations

Wire Cutting: (1) There was a small outbreak of wire-cutting in the ORTONA area during the period 10/12 March. Investigation by 409 FSS revealed that in this area the line was supported on poles belonging to the local Electricity Company: owing to a misunderstanding between the Company and the V.A.&I.O. Signals Office, a number of these were removed by the company. The lines were left lying on the ground. Some peasants, with a certain amount of reason, assumed that the cable was no longer being used.

The poles and the communications have now been restored.

(2) A case of suspected sabotage of the Signal Trunk Line between SIENA and FIRENZE was investigated by 315 FSS. The damage appears to have been done by Italian troops on exercises.

The local Italian military authorities have been approached and are carrying out investigations to establish who is responsible. They are also issuing orders to their local troops on the subject of shooting at insulators.

(d) Security of Ports and Coast Line.

Seaward Security Patrol:- cf. 2 District Security Summary No 15 Part II 1.d(vi). It is now possible to draw conclusions as to the usefulness of this patrol; it should be noted that these remarks are based on experiences gained to seaward of the TERMOLI-ANCONA coast line.

(i) No suspicious craft or incidents were observed.

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It has been decided therefore, that the FS NCO who formerly sailed in the "Maris Stella" can more profitably be employed on shore.

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ORTONA. The detachment of Comando Marina at ORTONA is to be returned to ERMELISI which will leave the running of the port entirely in the hands of the Port Master (Capitaneria del Porto).

2. CIVIL SECURITY

(a) Analysis of Arrests.

	For trial for a Security Offence Cat A.	For Internment Cat B.	For detn pending fur-ther inves. Cat C.	TOTAL
Italian Armed Forces				
Civilian Officials including CCRR				
Miscellaneous Civilians			3	3
TOTAL			3	

(b) Important Individual Cases.

1. Persons Arrested.

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(b) CIGNE Maurio di Duilio (AAI-CI List GBI 389.704 Serial 52 of 1 Feb 45 and CIC 5th Army Group letter of 25 Feb). This man was arrested in SIENA on 9 Mar 45. Interrogations are still proceeding and a report will be submitted to AFHQ.

2. Suspects.

(a) REINKE, Arturo Edoardo born Chicago 11 Oct 1875 of German parents. Reputedly came to ITALY in Dec 1938 but is believed to have lived in ITALY and GERMANY since the end of the last war. A widower, he married on 23 Jan 43 a German woman 30 years his junior HEINKEL Luise Henriette Charlotte of BERLIN who arrived clandestinely in ITALY. Both were very pro-fascist and friendly with fascist personalities and numerous German soldiers visited them. Among other suspicious features are these items (1) he made a point of immediately visiting any new bombed areas (2) although having no occupation or apparent means of livelihood, he always had ample funds. In view of his nationality the US authorities were asked if they desired to be represented in the investigations, but declined.

[illegible] Sergio (alias AVANZINI Sergio) see 2

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(b) VAROLI Pierzan Sergio (alias AVANZINI Sergio) see 2 District Security Summary No 15 Part II 2(b)(i), ex sotto capo of the Italian navy, arrested on 28 Apr 44, escaped on 2 May from 5 Corps RIP and re-arrested on 16 Feb 45, was released from Cat C detention as investigations had shown that he was of no security interest. He was handed over to the CCRR as a deserter and shortly afterwards in the course of an attempt to escape, caused such extensive damage to the gaol buildings, that he was promptly awarded 11 months imprisonment by the Italian authorities which closes the dossier on this case.

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(c) BALDINI Sergio (fu Baldino) cf 2 District Security Summary No 15 Part II 2(b) (i), thought to be the agent notified in CBI-389/704/1 of 26 Nov 44, has now been released as enquiries have shown that he is not the wanted man. During the course of the investigations details were turned up of BALDINI Sergio di Dante e di Fanetti who is almost certainly the agent in question. Particulars are:-

Born : SIENA 27 Sep 25
Address : SIENA Via dei Rossi No 26
Identity Card : 22098
Height : 1m 66 (in June 44)
Build : normal
Hair and Eyes : Brown.

From Dec 43 belonged to the Gruppo Buscaglia of the Republican Air Force. Later transferred to glider-troops whose HQ is at VARESE. He was last seen in SIENA in April 44 when on leave and his last known address is Student Pilot BALDINI Sergio, Nucleo Aliantisti, Posta da Campo 151.

(d) BOSCO, Romeo. This man is known to have been a close collaborator with the Gestapo and SS during the German occupation. He makes frequent visits to ROME and it is alleged that he is the link between fascist elements in ROME and PESCARA. In conjunction with SIM at ROME he is being kept under close surveillance and investigations into his past history are being carried out.

(e) Di CRISTOFORO Eusanio: cf 2 District Security Summary No 15 Part II 2 (b). The man has been interrogated by 409 FSS and has been cleared; he will therefore be released.

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Nil report.

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Members of CCRR are being withdrawn in readiness for duty elsewhere which means that many road blocks are not fully manned.

(ii) Cases have occurred of travellers having ROME questure permits to cross the Rear Army Control Line and it is evident that some

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Italian authorities south of the line have no clear idea where the border is at the present time. A number of minor infractions of the travel regulations have been passed to AMG for proceedings to be taken.

One traveller stopped at a road block during a routine check was found to be carrying L 46,000 in forged Allied Military currency. He has been turned over to AMG for prosecution.

(iii) The system by which hotel and lodging house keepers notify the names etc of all guests is working well and in this period led to the arrest of enemy agent Rolando MORICE, who had rather short-sightedly registered in his real name. The Italian authorities are co-operating willingly in this checking system, both as regards hotel registers and also re applicants for identity and ration cards.

(iv) On the 28 Mar 45 a car was stopped at the SILER TOP. In it were:-

DE AMICIS Wanda, di Vincenzo
DE AMICIS Clara, di Vincenzo

both of Viale Regina Margherita, 262, ROME, and a third woman. The third woman had a valid AMG Pass and all three were making for FLORENCE. The two DE AMICIS girls intended to go on to GENOA. They were travelling with the following document:-

24 March 1945
Hq Eighth Army,
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To whom it may concern

This is to certify that the undermentioned persons are members of a firm of contractors engaged by GT Branch of Eighth Army and are entitled to enter the Eighth Army area for the purpose of contracting business with GT Branch.

Miss C. de Amicis
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E(?) Marshall
Lt. Col.
ADST Eighth Army.

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It is requested that this case be taken up by AFHQ with 15 Army Group.

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A number of deserters from the Italian armed forces making their way south were apprehended by British CMP in VITERBO and handed over to the CCRR for disposal.

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(b) Civilian Population. (1) The Malta Conference at which no reference at all was made to ITALY has caused great despondency. The escape of ROATTA gave rise to feelings of great indignation and resentment against the CCFR. The Italian population who thought that once peace was signed the war would stop instantly and that they would be showered with foodstuffs, clothing and every sort of amenity and convenience are annoyed that the Allies are proving so slow in finishing their war for them. Their irritation at the state of things in general has led to a slightly stiffened attitude towards the Allies as indicated by the appearance of pro-axis slogans on walls of certain towns in the provinces of CHIETI and PESCARA.

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Major General
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Period 1 Jul 44 to 31 Jul 44

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(vi) Loss of TOP SECRET documents by FWB BARI was subject of a special report by this HQ to HQ AAI (2022/78 GSI of 22 Jul refers). Information has now been received that these documents have been traced.

(b) Security of Personnel

See para 2(c).

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Nothing to report.

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2 CIVIL SECURITY

(a) Analysis of arrests

	For trial for a Security Offence (Category A)	For Internment (Category B)	For Detention pending further investigation (Category C)	TOTAL
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Civil Officials including CCRR				
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(a) 5 enemy agents including one woman were apprehended in 2 District in the period under review. Full reports have been submitted to AAI.

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See below Subversive Movements

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[illegible] Gennaro — P. NIERI Luigi —
[illegible] Italo — [illegible] Giuseppe
[illegible] Angelo — [illegible] Gino
[illegible] Angelo — [illegible] Carlo —
[illegible] Vincenzo — [illegible] Francesco
[illegible] Angelo — [illegible] Michele —
[illegible] Domenico — PIACCINI Emilio —
[illegible] Torquato — [illegible] Col Giuseppe on parole —

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Interrogation produced the following story which has not yet been fully verified:-

Subject claims to be a White Russian domiciled in [illegible]. In Sep 39 he enlisted into the 23 Regiment Infanterie Colonial later transferring to the 43rd Regiment d'Infanterie in BIZERTE. By a Vichy decree all Russians were thrown out of the French Army.

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GRIGORIEFF now a civilian went to ALGIERS where he was arrested as a suspicious foreigner. He was interviewed by a BST inspector named Yvon CLAUTRIER who helped him to enlist as a private (number 82084) in the British Army. He was then sent to No 1 REME workshop in TRIPOLITANIA as a driver: spent some months in No 1 British Hospital TRIPOLI 97th Hospital at HASSAN DEY and the French Hospital Louis Vaillard TUNIS. After his discharge he does not appear to have reported back for duty: CIC (N AFRICA) picked him up for being in the dock area at FERRYVILLE without a pass. He next tried to get into touch with the Russian authorities to acquire Soviet citizenship. He was sent to Italy in Feb 44 on the Polish liner "SOBIESKI" to a number 198 Transit Camp at FRAGOLA and later to No 1 PW Transit Camp in BARI. (It has been established that he arrived here on 11 Apr, and was in possession of a British pay book and full kit.) Here he became friendly with a Capt CATIEV of SOURANOFF's mission.

He was AWOL from 16 May.

He was taken by CATIEV to the Transient Officers' Mess BARI and passed off by CATIEV as Lieut GRIGORIEFF of the Russian Air Force.

He designed himself a natty uniform based on American summer uniform but trimmed with pilot's wings, Italian stars, and Air Corps wings on each shoulder, and forged himself bogus Russian papers in bogus Russian. He was a member of the Allied Officers' Club BARI, Service Club BARI, XV Air Force Officers' Club.

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Enquiries are still being pursued to find out if the man is a deserter from the British or French Armies and generally check his story. The moral seems to be that specimens of identity cards of all our Allies should be familiar to Allied personnel.

Capt CATIEV's connivance is to be deplored.

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Interned at the request of 300 FSS. Case to be reviewed after 3 months.

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The internment of the abovementioned Italians for the duration has been ordered. They were the ringleaders of a Fascist espionage and sabotage conspiracy in SQUINZANO. cf 2 Dist Security Summary Nos 8 Pt II (e)(iii) and 9 Pt II (e)(iii).

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(g) CIPRIANI Enrico
MARSILI Pasquale

Arrested in a general clean-up of the CHIETI area by 427 FSS. These men had betrayed and helped to arrest British and Allied PW. Internment for the duration confirmed by this HQ.

(h) CESARRI Alberto fu Francesco ✓

President of the Fascist Advocates syndicate from 1927-34. Assisted the Germans to impress Italian labour. Joined PFR on 30 Nov 43. Was making Fascist speeches in Feb 44. Interned with a recommendation that his case be reviewed after six months.

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These two people are the subject of a special report to AMI. They were arrested near LECCE by 419 FSS, and will be interned for the duration.

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President of the Christian Democrat party in LECCE. Was aware that an enemy agent was to be dropped in the area but failed to pass the information to the Allied or Italian authorities. When questioned he denied any detailed knowledge of the matter. There are strong grounds for believing him to be part of a harbouring group for agents in LECCE. His internment has been ordered.

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Handed over to CSI(U) 2 District by the SIS authorities on 19 Jul. A preliminary report was submitted to AMI on 22 Jul. Interrogations under extremely difficult circumstances continue.

(l) COMSOMO ✓

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He is believed to have held a high position in the OVRA in ROME.

409 FSS are awaiting him at OSTUNI and will take action unless in the meantime information arrives that he has been cleared by Security in ROME.

(c) Subversive Movements

(i) Subversive Group in BARI

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See supra II 1 (b). Members of the above group first came to the notice of this HQ through SIM as agencies for vetting persons to EOT. Evidence was scanty however. 315 FSS next produced evidence which they had been collecting over a period that the group was a subversive Fascist group using the clubs in the district as recruiting fields: additional names were added.

✓ GILOSA, chief of the Fascist group unearthed by SIM in CALABRIA when trying to flee to EOT, was arrested in BARI after he had tried to get one of the members, Avv SCARDIA, to arrange his trip.

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The whole group was arrested on the night of 24/25 Jul 44.

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Preliminary interrogation by 315 FSS in conjunction with CIC would appear to establish that these men are in fact guilty of subversive intent.

Investigations proceed.

(c) Control of Movement

Snap road checks continue: the traffic making for ROME has tended to diminish: on the other hand hundreds of refugees are coming south from the devastated areas.

5 MISCELLANEOUS

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(iii) Clashes between French troops and Italian Armed Forces

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(a) On 20 Jul in TARANTO fracas broke out when some French and Senegalese troops, allegedly addressed

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objectionable remarks to women and Italian officers on the LUNGOMARE. The crowd moved to the centre of the town where shots were fired. It is believed that a French soldier started off by firing a round or two from a TSMG into the air: some Italian soldiers fired more directly along the street. One Italian civilian, the ACC Accountant, was killed. French officers then fell their troops in, and marched them away.

GC 52 Area placed TARANTO out of bounds to French troops except on duty.

(b) On 29 Jul a French sailor was stabbed in a drunken brawl in MARINA FRANCA by some Italian sailors and died on 29 Jul.

On 1 Aug GC Fusilier Maxime Regt ordered a party of 2 offrs and 30 men to proceed to MARINA FRANCA and enquire into the circumstances of the wounding of dead men.

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(ii) the Italians have the wind up in the matter;

(iii) the slackest attitude of the Italian authorities, as grenades and ammunition were issued in bulk to Italian sailors in BRINDISI with instructions to shoot, the Italian Fire Brigade was issued with arms by its superior officers, Italian parachute troops in BRINDISI were seen handing grenades to civilians, no Italian officer was seen

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at BRINDISI making any effort to restrain Italian soldiers and sailors from continuing to shoot at the French.

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Nothing to report.

(c) Rumours

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(iv) British troops will be out of BARI by the end of July. (Civilians BARI early July.)

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(vi) Persistent rumours about the severity of the political terms of the Allied Armistice with Italy. (General all over the District at the end of July.)

(d) Other matters of Security Interest

Nothing to report

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419	"	"	"	LECCE	" " OTRANTO
				"	" GALLIPOLI
427	"	"	"	CHIETI	" " CAMPOBASSO
38	Port	"	"	BARI	" " BARLETTA
				"	" MOLFETTA
				"	" MONOPOLI
91	"	"	"	SETTEAPRICA	" " MANFREDONIA
				"	" RODI
				"	" SAN SEVERO
				"	" TERMOLI
				"	" VASTO
				"	" FOGGIA
410	"	"	"	TARANTO	

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SECURITY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 10

Period 1 May 44 to 31 May 44

PART I

GENERAL SURVEY

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Civil Security

Period under review has produced nothing of any unusual interest.

PART II

1 MILITARY SECURITY

Security of Information

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52 Area	5 cases
[illegible] Area	4 cases
[illegible] Area	2 cases
7[illegible] Sub Area	5 cases.

(ii) Ref 2 Pls Mot's Security Summary No 9 of 10 May 44 Part II

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Military Security (c)(ii). No further cases of thefts of ammunition from 6 CRD have been reported.

(d) Security of Ports and Coastline

Ports (i) TARANTO

(a) 97 Allied and 15 Italian merchant ships have been boarded in the period under review. Traffic in this port still remains heavy.

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Nothing to report.

(iv) MONOPOLI

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(v) MOLETTA

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(vi) BRINDISI

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2 CIVIL SECURITY

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	For trial for a Security Offence (Category A)	For Internment (Category B	For Detention pending further investigation (Category C)	TOTAL
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Civil Officials including CCRR	-	-	-	-
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Former employee of "N" Sec "A" Force, interrogated by 2 SCI at "A" Force's request. Handed over for disposal to CSI 2 List. Internment ordered.

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The man has been found. Investigations are being made, with a view to checking above statements. FCI have informed the Dutch Consul in BARI.

(f) PIZZA Guido

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Formerly employed by "A" Force, who no longer wish to use him. The man was to be court-martialled by the Italian authorities for deserting his ship. In view of secret information held by him "A" Force have requested GSI(b) 2 Dist to intern him for the duration.

(g) CONLEMI Avv) ✓

CENTO Gennaro) ✓

Both of GIOIOSA Marina Calabria.

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(k) ROVERA Amilcare ✓

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FRIELRICH Marguerita
PAHL Paul
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(ii) Suspects

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Ex-Segretario Federale and Capo Squadriste in CASTELLANETA (TARANTO). Reported as having killed, with seven other extreme Fascists, two British parachutists on 11 Sep, during the Allied advance. Investigations proceeding.

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(b) BRISOLA Antonio

Of CASTELLANETA (TARANTO), an Italian parachutist, last heard of in LANCIANO on 11 Apr, reported as being concerned with Italian Naval personnel in TARANTO, BRINDISI and BARI in a courier service to EOT. Further information both about the man and the organisation is being sought.

(c) MUCNOZZA Avv Carlo

EX-Federale and Inspector of Fasci. Through his influence Gen MARTINESA, whose name has been mentioned in connection with the Fascist group in SQUINZANO, and two other men, MONACO and BITONTI, were transferred from prison, where they were held at the disposal of the Italian authorities for their Fascist activities, to a hospital. He appears to be an active Fascist propagandist. Investigations in conjunction with SIM have been commenced.

(d) PERLA Lolt

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(i) Fascist Organisation in LECCE

The trial before an ACC Court of the 35 youths accused of forming a Fascist organisation with intent to communicate with the enemy, to commit sabotage, etc, is now being held. 8 of the accused will have to be freed for lack of evidence.

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(iv) UNIONE Political Party

Although supposedly a Monarchist party, evidence is accumulating that it is in fact a Refugium Fascistorum. Many men in it are no doubt sincere in their devotion to the Monarchy - or should one say Lieut-Generalship? - but a very large percentage are more or less avowedly devoted to Fascism. It is gradually establishing branches in every town in Southern Italy. Admiral GRAFFE who was well and truly muddled up in the unsavoury COLONNA VOLONTARIA

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is a leading light, so too is Marshall MELE and [redacted] DI TRASSO.

One or two of their meetings have ended with singing of GIOVINEZZA and anti-Allied sentiments have been expressed at them.

Their activities are being watched particularly Admiral GRANAFE who is busily engaged in recruiting Italian naval ratings into the party.

The newspaper of the MELONE party was recently suspended by PWB.

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(d) Control of Movement

427 FSS has now taken over the CAMPOBASSO area from 263 FSS. This makes them responsible for the entire Army control line to the FOGGIA area. Very satisfactory co-operation from GUFI along the line is reported.

Road checks into FOGGIA enclave are in effect the first control from 2 Dist into the Army areas. FOGGIA, one of the richest agricultural provinces of Italy, is the Mecca of Black Marketeers, and control of entry into it will become increasingly difficult as the OFANTO river dries up.

Italians are thinking out ways and means of getting to ROME and the North when the Armies push forward, and control of them is going to present a very serious problem. "G" Force of these Italians would appear to be well on the way already.

2 MISCELLANEOUS

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(a) Italian Armed Forces

(i) CARLA S/Ten

A report on this man has already been submitted to MAI.

(ii) Battaglione ARDITI FA

This Bn is stationed at GOZZE (prov BARI) was raised and is commanded by Ten Col MASTRACOSTINO. Its original object was to fight in the line; however it appears that it is to be used as a royalist political arm. MASTRACOSTINO, though reported a fine soldier is a squadrista, and is an assiduous frequenter of [illegible] successor.

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427 PSS has now taken over the CASTELVETRANO area from 263 PSS. This makes them responsible for the entire Army control line to the ROLANO area. Very satisfactory co-operation from 427 along the line is reported.

Road checks into FOGGIA enclave are in effect the first control from 2 Dist into the Army areas. FOGGIA, one of the richest agricultural provinces of Italy, is the Mecca of Black Marketeers, and control of entry into it will become increasingly difficult as the GRANTO river dries up.

Italians are thinking out ways and means of getting to ROME and the North when the Armies push forward, and control of them is going to present a very serious problem. "G" Force of these Italians would appear to be well on the way already.

2 MISCELLANEOUS

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(a) Italian Armed Forces

(i) CAUDA S/Ten

A report on this man has already been submitted to AAI.

(ii) Battaglione ARDITI RA

This Bn is stationed at COZZE (prov PARI) was raised and is commanded by Ten Col MASTRAGOSTINO. Its original object was to fight in the line: however it appears that it is to be used as a royalist political arm. MASTRAGOSTINO, though reported a fine soldier is a squadrista, and is an assiduous frequenter of MARDI (ex chief of Officio Stampa), Nino POLLA, MARDI's successor, and Gen Pirzio BIROLI, whose activities have already been reported by this HQ. This information originates from officers of the Bn who strongly opposed Mastragostino's proposal: they have all since been removed.

The matter has been reported to AMMA.

(iii) Fascist activity in the R Marina

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Between the 5 and 13 May GIs, ENLIMO carried out a series of arrests of officers and men accused of Fascist activity and propaganda. CSI 2 List is being kept informed of the progress of the investigations.

(iv) Parachutists

While a Sudan was standing in MOLIGNANO station on 27 May an Italian parachutist threw a hand grenade causing head injuries to a civilian: the man had a supply of grenades in his possession. The CCRR were prevented from apprehending the man by his companions. These parachutists are stationed at CCRE.

The matter has been taken up with AMLA.

(v) Courier Service

Following upon the arrest of one SERAFINI Vittorio alias VICOI Enrico near CASTIGLIONE by a Polish patrol, and his subsequent interrogation it transpires that he was carrying a number of letters from superior officers at Air HQ EM 1 to EOT.

Owing to the high rank of some of the Italian officers involved the case was passed by 2 CSI to GS HQ NAPLES. This HQ will be kept informed of developments by SCI NAPLES.

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This side of the matter has been taken up with AMLA. In view of the information which military personnel particularly officers could take through the lines it is felt that the Italian military authorities should be asked to take a realist view of these offences.

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There is considerable comment at the severity of the administration of justice by the Italian Courts in cases dealing with offences against the Allied Military authorities, particularly cases of theft or unlawful possession of Allied stores: it is noted that "liberta provisoria", provisional liberty, suspension of sentence and "judicial pardon" in the case of minors are not applied in these cases. Opinions differ as to whether this harshness is due to directives issued by ACC or whether the members of the judicial

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system, many of them ex-Fascists are severe with a view to bringing out the Allies in an unfavourable light.

The main fact is that this severity has been noted which is an excellent thing and may help to put a stop to the wholesale looting of Allied material.

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416	"	"	"
419	"	"	"
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38	PORT	"	"
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91	"	"	"
410	"	"	"

BARI		
BRINDISI	- Detachment at	OTRANTO
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	"	" VASTO
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SECURITY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 9

Period 1 Apr 44 to 30 Apr 44

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No serious breaches of Security of Information have been reported. The most serious aspect of Military Security has been the theft of a large quantity of stores from 6 OBD.

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Nothing to report.

(c) Security of Material and Installations

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52 Area	6 cases
6 Base Sub Area	2 cases
60 Sub Area	No return received
71 Sub Area	6 cases
151 Sub Area	2 cases

One of the above cases from 52 Area indicated deliberate sabotage, the line being cut and rejoined with copper wire.

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(ii) Ref 2 District's Security Summary (c 8 or 7 Apr Part II Military Security (c)6. Pilfering from stocks of ammunition at G.OSD continued during the month on an even more alarming scale.

On night of 20/21 Apr 391 boxes each containing 12 hand grenades and detonators were stolen.

On night of 25 Apr 21 cases comprising 378 rounds of 2" mortar bombs were stolen.

On night of 27 Apr 1,650 lbs of gelignite were stolen.

Some of the above ammunition including the gelignite has since been discovered hidden away in two local "trulle" houses.

One man who was responsible for or assisting the theft of the above stocks was arrested, since when no further thefts have been reported.

(iii) An underground store belonging to 3rd Quarrying Coy RE was broken into between 31 Mar and 2 Apr, and 78 detonators, 900 boxes of match fuses and 2,500 ft of safety fuse were stolen. Neither the stolen stocks nor perpetrators has been traced.

(d) Security of Ports and Coastline

(i) TARANTO

89 Allied and 2 Italian ships have been boarded in the period under review. Heavy troop movements have taken place through the port, and liaison has been maintained with incoming security sections, and a check made of the credentials and activities of War Correspondents travelling with incoming forces. A new pass system came into effect on 1 May. The wiring of the dock area is now completed.

(ii) BARI

67 Merchant ships and 48 schooners have been boarded in the period under review. 7,630 Jugoslav refugees have passed through Port Security Control in the month of Apr. 1,025 civilians have been vetted.

(iii) MOLA DI BARI

Nothing of interest to report.

(iv) MONOPOLI

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(v) MOLFETTA

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(vi) BRINDISI

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(iii) An underground store belonging to 7 Quarrying Coy RE was broken into between 31 Mar and 2 Apr, the 78½ detonators, 700 boxes of match fuses and 2,300 ft of safety fuse were stolen. Neither the stolen stocks nor perpetrators has been traced.

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Nothing of interest to report.

(ix) GIULIO

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Nothing of interest to report.

(x) GALLIPOLI

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2 CIVIL SECURITY

(a) Analysis of Arrests

	For trial for a Security Offence (Category A)	For Internment (Category B)	For Detention pending further investigation (Category C)	TOTAL
Italian Armed Forces	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Civil Officials including CCRR	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Miscellaneous civilians	20	6	12	38
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(b) Important Individual Cases

(i) Persons arrested

(a) See Fascists in BARLETTA below.

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(ii) Suspects

(a) German Parachute found at BISCEGLIE

Information was received at this HQ on 24 Apr that a German parachute had been found near a pile of branches in a vineyard outside BISCEGLIE.

The following equipment was found:-

Parachute - German - SEIDEN-STOFF-WEBEREI G.M.B.H.

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The following equipment was found:-

Parachute - German - TEXTIL WERKE & HEMMING 6 K.G.H. No 5035534 dated 7 Jul 42:
Webbing equipment by SCHROEDER & Co No 10-431-05:
Grenade belt with 8 Italian pattern grenades marked SOCIETA ROMANA, Red Personnel type grenades. The grenade belt has 12 holders for grenades but 4 were missing.
Belt - Italian pattern.
Knee pads.
Uniform - Italian, would fit a man 6' - 6'3" -
1 wound stripe. Parachute flash covered by Artillery flash. Insignia of rank of 2/Lieut has been removed.

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- Helmet - Italian parachute [illegible]. Badge of Fascist storm troops. Size 6⅞ - 7. Written in ink inside helmet [illegible].

No boots were found at the site : the pockets of the uniform were all empty.

About 30 yds away a number of pine twigs had been broken off but this appeared to have been done a few days before.

The parachute and clothes were found by a peasant, RUGGIERI Angelo, Corte Belvedere 10, ISCHELIE, at 0515 hrs on 21 Apr. It is noteworthy that RUGGIERI immediately informed CCRR who in their turn informed CS 619 Vol Park RE.F, the nearest British unit.

The vineyard is rather isolated and nobody lives in the few villas nearby: the ground had been well trodden by CCRR which made it impossible to trace any line of foot-prints. However a cousin of the man who found the parachute, RUGGIERI Donato, had seen a man, at 0400 hrs on the morning of 19 Apr, in the vicinity of the vineyard: the man asked what time the train went to RARI, and said he had come from RUVO. He apparently offered RUGGIERI a cigarette which the latter noticed were DORTEN No 5. RUGGIERI also handed over an empty packet of MILUP. 20 which had contained caramels.

The description he gives of the man: about 25 yrs old, about 1m60 tall (roughly 6'), high colour, brown hair, a long face, black eyes, straight nose, American clipped moustache, well dressed in a brown "Lacoste" jersey, no jacket nor hat, dark grey striped trousers, black lace shoes. Set off towards the MODUGNO road.

The railway official who was on duty at ISCHELIE early in the morning of 19 Apr was questioned but did not remember anyone answering this description; however normally about 500 people travel on this train so that is hardly surprising.

In view of information held concerning FAFO and the SQUADRISMO group of fascists, a two-hour watch was put on FAFO's house without result.

The description of the parachutist has been circulated and the hue and cry is still on.

(b) SANGUI Attilio.

Commissario Prefettizio in MONOPOLI (TARANTO) reported to be indulging in anti-Allied propaganda. Head of the local Black Market and accused of mal-administration. Investigations continue.

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Found posing as a British Naval Officer on Police work in BARI. Completely bamboozled the Italian authorities in TARANTO as to his bona fides, obtaining a civilian car, and the assistance of two QUESTURA agents from them. Handed over to MPU.

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(d) [redacted] Amilcare.

Presented himself at HQ 52 Arty seeking to give information about how he crossed the lines from TRIESTE. Sent to JSDIC where he displayed a profound ignorance of TRIESTE. Probably a Sicilian. Interrogations continue.

(e) Author PIO

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Ref 2 District's Security Summary No 8 of 7 Apr Part II Civil Security (b)(2)(b). It now transpires that the reverend gentleman was for some time under suspicion of being a British spy, and SIM have a considerable dossier on him. His entourage are still being investigated.

(f) RODRIGUEZ Capt ✓

Ref 2 District's Security Summary No 8 of 7 Apr Part II Civil Security (b)(2)(d). Has been recalled to ROME by the Italian authorities who are apparently awaiting instructions from the Allies as to his disposal. CIC are dealing.

(g) MARCHI Gen Vittore ✓

Ex General MVSN reported as having told five young men that they were to go with him to SALERNO to meet General RICCIOTTI GARIBALDI who would take them for training as LOs for use at ANZIO at POZZUOLI. From ANZIO they would desert to the Germans to inform them of the Fascist Republican movement in liberated Italy.

MARCHI is already under observation by this HQ. The matter has been reported to AAI and investigations are continuing.

(h) RONCO Col Francesco ✓

CO Italian troops in CASERANO (LECCE). Reported as fomenting Fascist ideals among officers and men in CASERANO. Reported to AMLA.

(i) SPICHI Pamfilo ✓

Priest at MATINO (LECCE) reported as spreading anti-Allied propaganda and recruiting Italian deserters to cross the lines. Enquiries continue.

(j) ALBERINO Ten Col Tomaso ✓

Close friend of both RONCO and SPICHI. Reported as being a fervent Fascist and spreading anti-Allied propaganda in his Mess. Reported to AMLA. Enquiries as to whether these men form part of yet another Fascist group are being carried out.

(k) SCHIAVONI Antonino ✓

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President of the Fronte Nazionale d'Azione of LIBERAZIONE. Claims he was born in TUNIS in 1896, was a Major in Italian Army in the last war, made an attempt on MUSSOLINI at NICE in 1922, fled to French North Africa where he organised anti-Fascist propaganda. Smuggled into LIBYA where he was caught and imprisoned on TRENITI.

Investigations have shown him to have been a Corporal in the last war. A carte d'identité No 35[illegible]8 issued in TUNIS on 23 Oct 40 in his name has been produced by a cast-off mistress of his. He claims to be a cousin of M. ALETTI, proprietor of the ALETTI hotel in ALGIERS, a known VICHYSSOIS. The Pubblica Sicurezza of LIBERAZIONE state that he was a Fascist spy on TRENITI.

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(h) RONCO Col Francesco ✓

CC Italian troops in CASERANO (LECCE). Reported as fomenting Fascist ideals among officers and men in CASERANO. Reported to SIM.

(i) SPIGHI Ponfilo ✓

Priest at NARDINO (LECCE) reported as spreading anti-Allied propaganda and recruiting Italian deserters to cross the lines. Enquiries continue.

(j) ALBERGO Ten Col Tomaso ✓

Close friend of both RONCO and SPIGHI. Reported as being a fervent Fascist and spreading anti-Allied propaganda in his Mess. Reported to SIM. Enquiries as to whether these men form part of yet another Fascist group are being carried out.

(k) SCHIAVETTI Antonino ✓

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President of the Fronte Nazionale d'Azione of MANFREDONIA. Claims he was born in TUNIS in 1896, was a Major in the Italian Army in the last war, made an attempt on MUSSOLINI at NICE in 1922, fled to French North Africa where he organised anti-Fascist propaganda. Smuggled into LIBYA where he was caught and imprisoned on TREMITI.

Investigations have shown him to have been a Corporal in the last war. A carte d'identité No 35[illegible]8 issued in TUNIS on 23 Oct 40 in his name has been produced by a cast-off mistress of his. He claims to be a cousin of M. ALETTI, proprietor of the ALETTI hotel in ALGIERS, a known VICHYSSOIS. The Pubblica Sicurezza of MANFREDONIA state that he was a Fascist spy on TREMITI.

All are being requested to institute enquiries of the DSO.

(l) VENTURINI Ottorina ✓

On 20 Feb General CIANFANTONIO informed FSS that he had seen a girl named VENTURINI Ottorina in BRINDISI whom he had formerly seen in PESCARA. He believed her to be up to no good (from a Security point of view). FSS eventually found the girl and after interrogation she was released. Further information came to

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light; the girl was arrested on 21 Apr trying to cross the lines and returned to BARI where she is being interrogated.

(m) DOBRILA Branko Oskar (alias MIROSLAV alias TIBLJAS Oskar)

Denounced by a number of Jugoslavs and also Italians as a Fascist spy. Interrogation has revealed that he worked for the Fascists against the Partisans. Investigations into later activities continue.

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SCLASCA is a member of a considerable family of mariners in BARLETTA owning several boats.

An agent of FSS got into touch with SCLASCA with a view to arranging a trip. However the recent arrests of fascists in BARLETTA have cast a gloom over the racketeers and illegal business of this kind is at a temporary standstill.

The men will be kept under observation since there is evidence

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that with the approach of finer weather attempts to escape to N Italy by sea will increase considerably. The method appears to be by small fishing boats beach hopping, the final journey being made from the TERMOLI ROLI coast.

Efforts will be made to tighten up coast watching and to establish a system of informers about projected trips.

It is noteworthy that persons intending to make the trip collect all the non-military Italian currency that they can, as British currency would not be of any use. It is suggested that persons found near the lines with large sums of Italian currency should be questioned.

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Complaints about the lack of discipline in this unit continue to be received. They are reported as roaming about the streets of TARANTO (LECCE) at night armed with pistols and scaring the lives out of the locals. The CCRR have been informed and have taken evasive action!

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together in brigand gr[illegible] in the GARGANO peninsula, particularly in the VICO area. These men are armed and organise hold-ups for food and cattle. The existence of these modern FRA DIAVOLOs is being reported to AMIA.

(iv) Italian Deserters

These are increasing. The more inaccessible towns are a milling mass of men of military age avoiding the call-up. The truth of the matter is that the men absolutely refuse to serve under Italian officers, whose prestige is just about as low as it can be. Anyway they consider, with Latin logic, that an Armistice signifies the end of a war, for which they are devoutly thankful, and they see no reason to stir up the trouble again. Moreover, even if the invading Germans are being thrown out of Italy, this is being done by the invading Allies - whatever our propaganda may call us - and they are content to subside and let the contending parties fight it out.

These sentiments have been found expressed in intercepted mail from Italian Military and Air Force personnel.

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(x) German troops are concentrating at BUSSEZO. (LECCE early Apr.)

(xi) Allies have landed in GENOA. (Civilian S SPIRITO, 18 Apr.)

(xii) The Germans will bomb BARI and TARANTO heavily in the near

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future. (BARI 20 Apr.)

(d) Other matters of Security interest

(i) Individual picked up by unidentified sailing vessel

An A/S while watching a sailing vessel from the park in MOLFETTA on 6 Apr at 2145 hrs saw her stop and let down a dinghy, and pick up a civilian waiting on the shore. He reported the matter to OC 12 REW RE.E who ordered the dinghy to stop: when it failed to do so he ordered two of his men to open fire. However the dinghy was out of range.

A search was arranged with a Naval motor vessel which set off at 2240 hrs, sailing down the coast SE along which the sailing vessel, evidently equipped with motors, had proceeded. It was sighted after 20 minutes. On being challenged, the vessel altered course due E and made off at such speed that the Naval vessel could not overhaul her, and the pursuit was abandoned.

The matter is being dealt with by ECI.

(ii) Mailbag dropped from a plane

On 1 Apr a mailbag was jolted out of the Sardinia plane in an air pocket over C. L. BRIA. The plane left LECCE airfield piloted by a Capt PIACENTINI. The bag, a blue satchel as carried by Italian Air Force Personnel, contained 2 ACC packages, 2 Italian official packages and 6 uncensored private letters. The ACC mail was re-directed by Allied Censorship Control Officer LECCE to whom it was passed.

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SECURITY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 6

Period 8 Feb 44 to 21 Feb 44

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(b) A report was received of a Polish Captain informing a civilian family name and date of departure of a reinforcement draft for Eighth Army front. The report was passed to Polish authorities for action. From further reports it would appear that Polish personnel readily discuss troop movements with civilians. The matter will be taken up with the

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appropriate authorities.

(c) A copy of Movement Control Order (Disembarkation) Polish No 27 was lost by a RA on the road near [illegible] map Ref (2) F 5700. No trace of document has been found and disciplinary action is being taken by the appropriate Polish authorities.

(d) A W/T transmitter has been traced in LECCE operated by an Italian Colonel at [illegible]. The Colonel claims the act was authorised by S/Ldr JOHNSTONE. [illegible] was unable to produce any authority to substantiate his statements and the set has been sealed pending confirmation of his story from/JOHNSTONE.
S/Ldr

(2) SECURITY OF MATERIAL:-

(a) Consolidated returns from Areas and Sub Areas of line cutting for period 1 Feb - 14 Feb show:-

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71 Sub Area	4 cases	No arrests
151 Sub Area	Nil.	

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(b) It was reported from [illegible] that 2 military vehicles were left unattended on the road near [illegible] until help could be obtained to repair them. On return it was found that the vehicles had been completely wrecked. Tyres and inner tubes had been ripped, doors wrenched off, and engines tampered with. The damage done indicated deliberate sabotage. Perpetrators have not been traced.

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(3) SECURITY OF ACCESS TO ITALIAN ESTABLISHMENTS:-

Nothing to report.

(4) SECURITY OF PERSONNEL:-

Nothing to report.

PART II

CIVIL SECURITY

(1) RECORDED INDIVIDUAL SUSPECTS AND ARRESTS:-

(a) COVELLI Girolamo (cf this HQ Security Summary No 5 part II para (1)(g):- COVELLI is now trans-Adriatic though still a friar, has been suspended

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Nothing to report.

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Nothing to report.

PART II

CIVIL SECURITY

(1) PARTICULAR INDIVIDUAL SUBJECTS AND ARTICLES:-

(a) COVIELLO Girolamo (cf this HQ Security Summary No 5 part II para (1)(a):- COVIELLO is now unrepentant though still a friar, has been suspended by the Ecclesiastical authorities from the celebration of the sacred offices for indiscipline. The Bishop of [redacted] was interviewed by CSI(b) No 2 District and told that COVIELLO would have to be removed from circulation. It was suggested that the Bishop should confine him to a monastery. The Bishop agreed and is seeking a suitable place for his detention.

(b) [redacted] Luigi (cf this HQ Security Summary No 5 part II para (1)(f):- Further interrogation has satisfied this HQ that the man made one

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declared journey through the lines and neither forms part of nor owes duty to regular courier service.

(c) [illegible] Brig Gen Ettore:- Invalided out of service on account of blindness. Reported still in patient theatre and friend of MUSSOLINI, travels around ROMAN province spreading Fascist propaganda. After his visit to POTENZA, pro-Fascist posters appeared in the town. Investigations proceeding.

(d) [illegible] Giov:- One of the ringleaders of a demonstration at MONOPOLI directed against Italian civilians in the employ of British units. Arrested and interned.

(e) ARRIZZONI Tommaso, Domenico and Vincenzo (see para 2(b) Courier Service):-

(f) [illegible]MOSCOTTI Gilberto (see Part I Para (1)(a).

(g) [illegible]NGHINI Ottavio:- Captain of the fishing vessel NUMERO. Suspected of carrying escapees to Northern Italy. Case still being investigated.

(2) PEOPLE AND SUBVERSIVE ORGANISATIONS:-

(a) COLONNA VOLONTARI:-

Ten members of this organisation, which claims to recruit volunteers to fight against the Germans, were arrested, and their offices in BARI searched.

Investigations have revealed that the organisation has issued false and unauthorised documents, among which are documents purporting to show that the bearer is a member of the British Secret Police: that the members have been engaged in Black Market dealings in British goods: that members have been in illegal possession of arms: have stolen a RAF car: and that the whole organisation is a gang which goes about as might racketeering as Jugoslav Communists and holding up and robbing civilians and Italian troops.

At first it was thought that the organisation was authorised by the Italian Army HQ: this does not now appear to be the case. Evidence is held however which leads to a suspicion that some sort of irregular connection exists between the COLONNA and both the IX CORPO D'ARMATA and the STATO MAGGIORE which have both been using it as a vehicle for Monarchist propaganda.

Army Sub Commission ACC have been asked for clarification of the exact status of the COLONNA. Investigations are proceeding.

(b) Courier Service to German Occupied Italy:-

On 7 Feb three men, two brothers and a cousin, named ARRIZZONE were arrested who were planning to travel to Northern Italy carrying mail. Over 100 letters were found in their premises. These men had already made several journeys across the lines: and had passed through the 8 Army RIP carrying the letters.

In their possession was a letter from a Capt [illegible]STER RADICE, employed in the Military Censorship BARI, seeking to make contact with ARRIZZONE with a view to getting a message to his family in the North. Under interrogation ARRIZZONE stated that he had visited HQ / Italian Army at LECCE on 7 Feb to deliver a letter to a certain Capt [illegible]RIZZONE. He [illegible]

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arrested for interned.

(c) ARDIZZONE Tommaso, Domenico and Vincenzo (see para 2(b) Courier Service):-

(d) [illegible] Gilberto (see Part I Para (1)(e).

(e) ANTONIO Stavio:- Captain of the fishing vessel MIMMO. Suspected of carrying despatches to Northern Italy. Case still being investigated.

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The matter has been energetically taken up by this HQ through ACC Army Sub Section with the Italian Military authorities. The remainder of the letters are still being examined.

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(c) PARTITO PAUTICHE DEL RISORGIMENTO:-

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Reports su[illegible] that this party was leading [illegible] young Fascists in BARLETTA. The founder, one GERMANI Nicola, now proves to be one of the oldest members of the PCI and fought as a volunteer in the Spanish Civil War. The movement is being closely watched with a view to getting a good haul at a later date.

(d) Civil Disturbances:-

Food riots have occurred in many small villages: the bitter cold weather has added to the distress. They have not been serious enough to threaten L of C, but the situation is watched with care.

(e) Italian Parachute Troops (cf this HQ Security Summary No 5 Para 2(d)):-

Army Sub Commission ACC have informed this HQ that the incident referred to had been reported through Italian channels and those guilty of assault punished. The outburst was caused by jubilation at the prospect of being taken in the 1 ra., and the proceedings included the singing of the "Red Flag" besides "Giovinezza".

(3) ENEMY:-

(a) Jugoslav refugees reported on 14 Feb that British troops had landed on the island of VIS on the afternoon of 10 Feb. (LECCE Province.)

(b) That 2 NZ Div will be withdrawn from the CAT shortly and sent to the MIDDLE East. (NZ troops.)

(c) That 2 NZ Div are waiting on the 5 Army front preparatory to making a quick advance when the enemy line is breached. (NZ troops.)

(d) An attempt will be made to set fire to the food store (Old TARANTO) and to blow up the swing bridge. (Civilian TARANTO.)

(e) That Allied Military money issued in Italy would lose half its face value within a few days. (BRINDISI.)

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SECURITY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 5

Period 21 Jan 44 to 7 Feb 44

GENERAL APPRECIATION:

There is a definite improvement to report in the wire cutting situation. This may be attributed in part to the notices stating that the penalty for sabotage of communications in wartime is death, and in part to more energetic CC&R patrols.

On the civil side, there has been a rather unsettled period in TARANTO which has meant the loss of a considerable number of working hours in the docks and Arsenal areas.

Italian para-chute troops, who entertain pronounced Fascist sympathies, have been throwing their weight about in the BRINDISI area.

PART I

MILITARY MATTERS

(1) SECURITY OF INFORMATION:-

(a) No instances were reported to indicate any leakage of information on operation HUSKY. In fact, from reports received, the actual area in which we landed was not known until 48 hrs after the initial landings when the news was officially released by the BBC.

(b) The theft of a portable W/T from "H" Section, "A" Force, was reported at 2400 hrs 3 Feb. There is no definite information at the moment as to who was responsible for the theft or for what reason it was committed. Sergente Immaculate FRANCESCONI, Gilberto, considered suspect, did have the opportunity to enter the premises where the transmitter was kept, shortly after 1600 hrs on 3 Feb at a moment when the premises were completely unguarded. FRANCESCONI was due to return to "H" Section, "A" Force, on the evening of 3 Feb to pick up papers relating to his reposting to an Italian unit. The fact that he did not turn up to collect these papers, and that he cannot be found supports the belief that he may be responsible for the theft. CI now suggest that FRANCESCONI may be an agent. A description of FRANCESCONI and request for his immediate arrest has been signalled to all concerned.

(2) SECURITY OF AREAS:-

(a) Consolidated returns from Areas and Sub Areas and line cutting for period 14 Jan - 31 Jan show:-

52 Area	12 cases	(one arrest awaiting trial).
57 Area	6 cases	Culprits in 3 cases caught and awaiting trial

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The Japanese troops, who undoubtedly possessed Fascist sympathies, have been treating their weight about in the BANCOT area.

PART I

MILITARY SECURITY

(1) SECRECY OF INFORMATION:-

(a) No instances were reported to indicate any leakage of information on operation IRONCLAD. In fact, from reports received, the actual area in which we landed was not known until 48 hrs after the initial landings when the news was officially released by the SWPC.

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(2) SECURITY OF PERSONNEL:-

(a) Consolidated returns from Area and Sub Areas on line cutting for period 14 Jan - 31 Jan show:-

52 Area	12 cases	(one arrest awaiting trial).
57 Area	6 cases	Culprits in 3 cases caught and awaiting trial. One sentence of 9 months imprisonment and 5,000 lire fine already served.
6 Base Sub Area	3 cases	(No arrests).
71 Sub Area	6 cases	(no arrests). Most serious case being a night of 15/16 Jan when an area North

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of LEGHE / Artichi between Map Ref (S) 519976 and 522919 wire was cut and approx ½ mile removed.

9th Sub Area — 9 cases (no arrests). 3 of these involve interference with test box on rly underground cable at PASTENA Map Ref (H) N 664296.

151 Sub Area — No return received.

Base report — 12 cases M.G. PO area
1 case BRINDISI "
2 cases LECCE "
2 " GIOIA "

From information received it appears that much of this damage is done by carters who find signal cable an excellent tie for loads of wood etc.

Organised sabotage is however suspected in a few of the above cases.

(b) Considerable theft of explosives from 14 M.D has been reported. Investigations have led to the bulk of these explosives being recovered. There was nothing to suggest subversive motive in the theft.

(3) RESTRICTION OF ACCESS TO MILITARY ESTABLISHMENTS:-

Nothing to report.

(4) SECURITY OF PERSONNEL:-

Nothing to report.

PART II

CIVIL SECURITY

(1) ARREST OF INDIVIDUAL SUSPECTS AND ARRESTS:-

(a) BELLCAO Gen Nicola:- After confirmation of information held by this HQ on the General was obtained from War Office LONDON, the General was arrested and interned on 28 Jan 44. Case will be made the subject of a special report to AFHQ.

(b) QUESTORE of TARANTO, LEDDOLA Alfredo:- (ref 2 List Security Summary No 4 Pt II para 1 (a)). This arrest and internment was carried out on 31 Jan 44.

(c) LANO Alfredo:- alias LANE Alan (ref 2 List Security Summary No 4 Pt II para 1 (f)). This boy has been identified as having been interned in TRENITI, by the Italian authorities from Sep 40, for being implicated in a sabotage plot in the North of Italy, till Sep 43 when he escaped by boat to BRINDISI. Gave himself up to PSS in BARLETTA on 25 Jan who have been able to check his story and release him.

(d) VALLOC Guido, Brig CCRR, GRUMO Apulia:- Opposed PSS investigation and refused to co-operate. Spread anti-British propaganda. Arrested and interned 26 Jan 44.

(e) DI BARTOLO Gen [illegible] (ref 2 List Security Summary No 3 Pt II para 1 (k)).

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(3) SECURITY OF ACCESS TO MILITARY ESTABLISHMENTS:-

Nothing to report.

(4) SECURITY OF PERSONNEL:-

Nothing to report.

PART II

CIVIL SECURITY

(1) IMPORTANT INDIVIDUAL SUSPECTS AND ARRESTS:-

(a) SELIGO Gen Nicola:- After confirmation of information held by this HQ on the General was obtained from War Office LONDON, the General was arrested and interned on 28 Jan 44. Case will be made the subject of a special report to AFHQ.

(b) QUESTORE of TARANTO, PETRELLI Alfredo:- (ref 2 list Security Summary No 4 Pt II para 1 (c)). This arrest and internment was carried out on 31 Jan 44.

(c) LUSO Alfredo:- alias LUSO Mark (ref 2 list Security Summary No 4 Pt II para 1 (f)). This boy has been identified as having been interned in TOR TRE, by the Italian authorities from Sep 40, for being implicated in a sabotage plot in the North of Italy, till Sep 43 when he escaped by boat to BRINDISI. Gave himself up to FSS in BARLETTA on 23 Jan who have been able to check his story and release him.

(d) VALLCO Guido, Brig COMR, CAMPO Public:- Opposed FSS investigation and refused to co-operate. Spread anti-British propaganda. Arrested and interned 26 Jan 44.

(e) LI CALZI CARLO Gen:- (ref 2 List Security Summary No 3 Pt II para 1 (k)). This case has been investigated by S/Ldr JOHNSTONE who is satisfied with the General's explanation. The General will however remain under observation.

(f) BOTTA Luigi:- (ref 2 list Security Summary No 3 Pt II para 1 (h)). Arrested at POGGIBONSI (prov SIENA) 18 Dec. In the absence of precise evidence forming the basis of a charge under AMG Proclamation BOTTA was interned by CSI 6 Army, but he will be further interrogated with a view to trying to discover any additional information about

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a courier service across the enemy lines.

(g) COVELLI Girolamo, Priest of MESAGNE:- Reported as being violently anti-British. During lessons given to British troops, has been noticed asking leading questions regarding military matters. The case is being taken up with the local ecclesiastical authorities.

(h) ANNICCHIO Enrico, former Podesta of SAN GIUSEPPE VESUVIANO:- Ardent Fascist and friend of the MUSSOLINI and FARINACCI families. Gave assistance to the Germans after the Armistice. Arrested and interned 26 Jan 44.

(2) REGIONAL SUBVERSIVE ORGANISATIONS:-

(a) Meeting of FRONTE NAZIONALE held in BARI on 28 and 29 Jan:-

The much heralded meeting passed off entirely without incident and as far as the general population in BARI was concerned without interest. General GIZZENTI, lately released from a PW Camp in INDIA, was put in temporary command of IX Army Corps as a special measure, and order was maintained by the Italian Army, heavily armed with rifles and revolver holsters (with no revolvers in them).

Resolutions were passed demanding the abdication of the King, and greetings were sent among others to the Yugoslav and Greek nations. As far as can be ascertained no reply has as yet been received from those heroic peoples.

(b) Civil Disturbances:-

Civil disturbances have been reported from TARANTO.

The disturbances in TARANTO resulted in the Prefect being roughly handled by the crowd. He is now in hospital.

The disturbances are caused in the main by the food situation. There is a very strong contributory cause however which is the retention in office of ex Fascist officials. These men are discredited in the eyes of the people as being inefficient and venal and being nominees of the Govt which landed Italy in the position in which she finds herself to-day. The Italians were continually told by British propaganda just how inefficient these people were, and that they would be removed as soon as the Allies arrived in Italy. Instead they remain in power after more than three months of Allied occupation. Quite understandably the population becomes exasperated and trouble ensues.

The Italian Civil and Military authorities are apt to panic: they rush around giving wild orders and beseech the British Area Commanders for assistance, all of which gives rise to rumours of the most hair raising description.

Undoubtedly too they would like to place the responsibility for any unpleasantness on to British shoulders and generally get the British to do their dirty work.

(c) Refugees:-

A total of 1,634 refugees arrived in BARI from Yugoslavia between 15 and 26 Jan, of whom 287 were Italians, one is French and the remainder

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(2) POLITICAL AND SUBVERSIVE ORGANISATIONS:-

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(d) Italian Parachute Troops:-

Reports have been received that Italian parachutists have been publicly showing strong pro-Fascist sentiments. At SAN PANCRAZIO DI LECCE (Prov LECCE) on Jan 16 the parachutists held a meeting in the main square and sang various Fascist songs including GIOVINEZZA. At SQUINZANO (LECCE) numerous incidents of a similar nature have taken place. Profiles of the LUCE have been posted up in the square and civilians whose loyalty to

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the Fascist party is questioned have been beaten up.

Hqs are being informed.

(3) RUMOURS:-

(i) That England and Germany have signed an armistice so that they could unite to fight against RUSSIA (Lt Naval Cadet).

(ii) That the Italian Army was going to demonstrate against its senior officers on 25 Jun (Staff to APM, 7 Sub Area).

(iii) That Spain and Germany have signed a mutual aid pact (Private in Ordnance Corps).

(iv) That a landing would be made N of ROME (NAPLES area before the landing at ANZIO).

The usual ones about the King having abdicated.

PART III

PORT SECURITY

Responsibility of Port Security for 2 District's area has now been passed to Adv G2 Gp (AFHQ). No further reports will therefore be submitted by this HQ.

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