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TRANSLATION

To the Allied Commission
R O M E

Subject: ALESSI Giovanni B.

With reference to your letter SD/IAO.G.B.A. dated July 26 we inform you that neither this Ministry, nor the local Questura have issued a warrant of arrest against the a/m subject.

For the Minister
(Illegible)

Col. Byr

You have the file on this man!

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Roma 9 agosto 1946

Ministero dell'Interno
DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

Alla COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER LA P.S.
R O M A

Prov. S.I.S. Per
Ref. A. 224/80519 Allegati

Rapporto al f. del
Per Per A.

OGGETTO: ALESSI Giovanni Battista fu Antonio-

In relazione alla nota n.SD/I40/G.B.A del 26 luglio u.s. si comunica che nei confronti dell'individuo nominato in oggetto non è stata avanzata proposta di arresto nè da parte di questo Ministero, nè dalla locale Questura.-

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 354

Tel : 47827

26 June 1946.

SD/143/034.

Home Quarters Reference: 061527 UP.440.
SUBJECT : Arrest of Civilians.

TO : Ministry of Interior,
Director General of P.S.

1. With reference to the proposed arrest of ALESSI, Giovanni Battista.
2. Allied Force Hq. have asked that the attention of the Italian Authorities be drawn to A.F.H.Q. letter AG 555.15/214 CHIO of 6th July 1945 and addressed to the Chief of the Italian General Staff, which concerns Alessi.
3. Allied Force Hq. would be opposed to Alessi's arrest on Security Grounds based on his activities during the war period when Alessi actively collaborated with the Allies.
4. If the arrest is for anti-national activities since the cessation of hostilities Allied Force Hq. would have no objection to arrest but in such a case would require full details of the Government's case to assure the Allied Authorities that Allied interests were not at stake.
5. Should the arrest be contemplated under conditions mentioned in Para. 4. will you please forward full details as asked for to this Hq. for the information of A.F.H.Q.

WJH/cr.

H.J. HSE, Colonel,
Acting Director.

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.Date. *26 June 46.*

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

GBI.389.7017PF/290

26 June 1946

SUBJECT: Ing. ALESSI.

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

1. Reference conversation BYE/YOUNG of 26 June 46.
2. Attached is a copy of this HQ's AG.335.15/211 GBI-O of 6 July 1945 addressed to the Chief of the Italian General Staff.
3. Also attached is a copy of this HQ's letter of the same reference and date sent to Ing. ALESSI.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff G-2

Earle B. Nichols
h- EARLE B. NICHOLS,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
A/AC of S, G-2

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

AG 335.15/211 GBI-0

6 July 1945

TO: Ing. Luigi Giovanni Battista ALESSI.

It is desired to record the thanks and appreciation of this headquarters for the valuable services rendered by you to the allied cause throughout the period of the German occupation of ROME and up to the time of the surrender of the German armies. Your efforts have constituted a considerable contribution to the allied war effort.

A letter expressing thanks and appreciation of your services has been sent on this date and under the same reference to the chief of the Italian General Staff through the Military Mission to the Italian Army.

In that letter attention has been called to the fact that in the course of your duties you have been required to maintain certain personal relationships which might in some circumstances be interpreted as prejudicial to your reputation as an Italian patriot. The Chief of the Italian General Staff has been asked to ensure that in the event of official investigations being made into your activities and associations reference will be made to this headquarters or to the representatives of the United States and British Governments.

FOR THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER, MEDITERRANEAN THEATER:

C.W. CHRISTENBERRY
Colonel, AGD
Adjutant General

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

AG 335.15/211 GRI-O

6 July 1946

SUBJECT: Ing. Luigi Giovanni Battista ALESSA,
Captain (Reserve) Royal Italian Air Force.

TO: The Chief of the Italian General Staff.

1. It is desired to place on record an appreciation of the valuable services rendered by Ing. ALESSA to the Allied cause in the war against GERMANY. Hitherto, considerations of military security have made such an expression undesirable.

2. Ing. ALESSA has, throughout the period of the German occupation of ROME and up to the time of the surrender of the German armies, carried out intelligence work on behalf of the Allies. Since June 1944 he has, under Allied direction, carried out an operational task of the greatest secrecy and importance. His fulfillment of this task has been a considerable contribution to the Allied war effort.

3. The nature of Ing. ALESSA's duties has frequently necessitated his maintaining personal relationships which might, in certain circumstances, be interpreted as prejudicial to his reputation as an Italian patriot.

4. It is earnestly hoped, therefore, that in the event of enquiries being made in certain official quarters into his activities and associations you will ensure that reference is made to this headquarters or to representatives of the United States and British Governments.

5. A separate letter is being sent to Ing. ALESSA thanking him for his services and informing him of the contents of this letter.

FOR THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER, MEDITERRANEAN THEATRE:

C.W. CHRISTENSEN
Colonel, AGD
Adjutant General

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Ministry of the Interior
P.S. General Direction

19 June 46.

N. 224/77532

SUBJECT : Alessi Giovanni Battista Luigi fu Antonio.
TO : Public Safety S/C A.C.

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Attached herewith, for information, is a
'Summary' concerning the person mentioned in subject
attached to the Centro C.S. of Rome on secret
activities of interest to the Allied Authorities.

For the Minister
/s/ Ferrari.

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SUMMARY

Following an anonymous statement received by the Questura of Rome in July 1944, this office made inquiries at that time, on Alessi Giovanni Battista Luigi fu Antonio, born in Imperia on the 11th Oct. 1891, engineer, who appeared to have had contacts with German officers and later initiated contacts with Allied Police officers for the 5th Army.

Successively, a denunciation made by Avv. Mario Botti, showed him as an informer of the S.I.M. and simultaneously as an agent of the German counter-espionage of Rome at the dependence of Col. Helfferich; he accused him of having co-operated with the arrest of Col. Carab Talamo, of having recovered 20.000 lire from Botti for the liberation of his wife, arrested by the S.S. and finally of having received a large sum from the German Police, before the departure from Rome of these troops.

In July 1945 the a/m Questura, on a claim made by Maestro Tullio Serafin, who complained why his apartment, requisitioned by the Allied Authorities was, instead, occupied by Alessi, ascertained that the a/m was attached to the Allied Military services being in possession of a photographed document from which, the authorisation to carry out inquiries for the British Military Command and also to make arrests, was shown. The vehicle and personnel at his service were provided with special authorisations.

Engineer Alessi has recently transferred himself to Via Niccolò Porpora N.12 where - as in the previous house - he has at his service armed CC.RR.s in uniform, this has arisen curiosity and fear amongst the neighbours.

A few days ago the director of the P.S. Commissariato 'Salario' during an inspection at the S.M.O.M. Delegation situated in same street at n.20, noticing the presence of an armed carabinieri in the garage nearby, asked him what he was doing. But Alessi, approaching - annoyed at the presence of the official - intervened by saying that the carabinieri was exclusively at his service, that he was part of the C.S. and that he was not obliged to give any explanation.

In the afternoon of the same day, the CC.RR. Major Piccardi went first to the P.S. Office of Salario and then to the Questura and declared that Alessi was actually at the service of the C.S. on secret activities of interest to the Allies and that the a/m was in direct contact with the Allied Command of Caserta.

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The Questura of Rome has asked Col. Millhouse to kindly make known whether the above mentioned is still at the dependence of the Allied Command. Col. Millhouse has taken reservation to inform as soon as possible.

Rome 19 June 1946

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Roma, 19 Giugno 1945

Ministro dell'Interno
DIREZIONE GENERALE DI P.S.

LA COMMISSIONE
ALLEATA
SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER LA P.S.
ROMA

S.I.S. 2°
Direzione 224/77532
Aut. A. Allegato

Risposta al f. del
Dir. A. N°

Oggetto: ALESSI Giovanni Battista Luigi fu Anto-
nio.

RISERVATISSIMA - RACCOMANDATA

Per notizia, si trasmette un "appunto" ri-
guardante l'individuo in oggetto, addetto al
Centro C.C. di Roma per attività segrete che
interessano le Autorità Alleate.

PEL MINISTRO

Cianci

A P P U N T O

Si premette che a seguito di un esposto anonimo pervenuto alla Questura di Roma, nel luglio 1944, detto Ufficio esperì allora accertamenti nei confronti di Alessi Giovanni Battista Luigi Fu Antonio nato a Imperia l'11.10.1891, ingegnere, il quale risultò avere avuto rapporti con ufficiali tedeschi e potè scia avere iniziato rapporti con ufficiali alleati, forse della Polizia, per conto della V'Armata.

Successivamente, una denuncia dell'Avv. Mario Botti, lo indicava quale confidente del S.I.M. e contemporaneamente agente del controspionaggio germanico di Roma alle dipendenze del Colonnello Helfferich; lo accusava di aver cooperato all'arresto del Colonnello Carab. Talamo, di aver riscosso L.20.000 dal Botti per la liberazione della di lui moglie, arrestata dalla S.S. ed infine di aver ricevuta una ingente somma dalla Polizia tedesca, prima che le truppe germaniche abbandonassero Roma.

Nel luglio '45 la predetta Questura dietro reclamo del Maestro Tullio Serafin che lamentava come il proprio appartamento, requisito dalle Autorità Alleate fosse invece occupato dall'Alessi, accertò che il predetto era addetto al servizio Militare Alleato ed era in possesso di documento con fotografia dal quale si rilevava l'autorizzazione a svolgere indagini per conto del Comando Militare Inglese ed anche a procedere ad arresti. La auto ed il personale al suo servizio erano provvisti di speciali autorizzazioni.

L'Ing. Alessi si è recentemente trasferito in via Niccolò Porpora N.12; ove - come nella precedente abitazione - tiene al suo servizio militari dell'arma dei carabinieri in divisa ed armati di mitra, il qual fatto ha destato fra i vicini curiosità e timore.

Giovedì addietro il dirigente il Commissariato di P.S. "Salario" in un giro d'ispezione ai servizi presso la Delegazione del S.M.O.M. sita al N.20 di via

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Gionni addietro il dirigente il Commissariato di P.S. "Salario" in un giro d'ispezione ai servizi presso la Delegazione del S.M.C.M. sita al N.20 di detta via, notata la presenza di un carabiniere armato nel vicino garage, gli chiese cosa facesse. Sopraggiunto, però, l'Alessi - contrariato della presenza del funzionario - interveniva dicendo che il carabiniere era addetto esclusivamente alla sua persona, che egli faceva parte del C.S. e non era tenuto a dare alcuna spiegazione.

Nel pomeriggio dello stesso giorno il Maggiore dei Carabinieri Piccardi si recava prima all'Ufficio di P.S. di Salario e poi in Questura e dichiarava

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che l'Alessi era effettivamente al servizio del C.S., per attività segreta che interessa gli Alleati e che il suddetto era in diretti rapporti col Comando Alleato di Caserta.

Da parte della Questura di Roma è stato interessato il Col. Millhouse perchè favorisca far conoscere se il predetto si trovi tuttora alle dipendenze del Comando Alleato, notizia che l'ufficiale suddetto si è riservato di comunicare, appena possibile.

ROMA, 19 giugno 1946

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ALLIED COMMISSION
LIAISON OFFICE R. A. A. C.
QUESTURA BLDG VIA S. VITALE
Tel. 478895

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Ref. PSL- S/1/97/

Rome, 27th June 1946

To : Public Safety S.C. AC/HQ.
Security Division

Subject : Alessi Giovan Battista.

Attached copy of letter from Questore is forwarded for your attention.

My letter of 20th Sept. 1945 to which Questore refers was based on authority from your Office, copy of which is also attached.

Your direction as to what reply may be returned to the Questore will be appreciated.

R. T. Millhouse
R. T. Millhouse, Lt. Col.
A. C. Liaison Officer

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TRANSLATION

N.061527 UP A4C
 date : 26 June 1946
 To : Lt.Col. R.T.Millhouse, AC/IO
 Subject : Alessi Giovan Battista.

Reference your letter PSL/S/1/608 of 20 Sep 45 informing this Office that Allied Authorities were perfectly aware of Alessi's activity which was carried out in their own interest and directing that all police enquiries regarding said Alessi be immediately revoked.

In the period following above communication this Office has felt the necessity to pay attention to Alessi's conduct because in the last few months Alessi, speculating on the immunity from the Italian Civil Police deriving him from your letter quoted above, of which he was cognisant, has carried out doubtful activity detrimental to the security of the State.

I feel it therefore my duty to inform you of above and I would greatly appreciate it if you kindly could let me know, for my own direction, whether you still confirm now the request expressed in your letter repeatedly quoted.

THE QUESTORE
 Ciro Verdiani
 Sgn. Verdiani

ALLIED COMMISSION
PUBLIC SAFETY LIAISON OFFICE
R.A.A.C. QUESTURA BLDG. VIA S. VITALE

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Confidential

To : Director Public Safety Sub-Commission, A.C./H.Q.
From : Lt.Col R.M. Millhouse, L.O.
Subject : Alessi Giovan Battista, Enquiry.-

Rome, 12 September 1945

With reference to my verbal reports of this morning, attached is letter received by Questura and requesting that enquiries regarding above subject be dropped.-

Said enquiries were started on information received from Ministry of Interior according which Alessi, a former Captain of R. Army removed from the rank and in the employ of S.I.M., during the Nazi-occupation of Rome had, allegedly double-crossed the Italian S.I.M. collaborating with the German S.S. (Col. Heffeleich).-

Attached is Alessi's file at Questura, which, I understand, Capt. Howarth (478445 ext.37) would be pleased to examine.-

Submitted for your information and eventual direction as regard to further Questura action on this case of collaborationism.-

for R.M. Millhouse, Lt.Col.
A.C. Public Safety, L.O.

Enclosure: 1 letter
1 file

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Rome, 13 September 1945

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for R.T. Millinowse, Lt.Col.
A.C. Public Safety, L.O.

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Enclosure: 1 letter
1 file

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Col. Chapman
It is advisable no further enquiries be made into this case by Italian Police. Will they please accept your word that he is all right.

Sgn. S. Harvey, Major

18/9/1945

INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Security Div.

Originator's Reference: F 68214

Date/Time of Origin: JUNE 242105B

Message Centre No: H/4164

Date Time Rec'd: JUNE 250930

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE FHGBI

Precedence: PRIORITY

TO: AC SEC HQ ALCOM

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CONFIDENTIAL:

Reference your 3828.

1. Objections would be raised to arrest of ALESSI by Italians without previous reference to this Headquarters.
2. Attention of Italians should be drawn to this Headquarters letter A G 335. 15/211 G B I.O. of 6 July 1945 addressed to Chief of Italian General staff.
3. Please ensure this is consulted by Italians if they press case for arrest. We would oppose arrest on security grounds based on activities during war period when ALESSI activity collaborated with US. If security is meant anti-national activities since cessation of hostilities we would have no a priori objection to arrest but would require full details of Governments case to assure US that our security interests were not at stake.

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22 June 1946

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SUBJECT IS ALESSI GIOVANNI BATTISTA PD
PARA ONE PD ITALIAN AUTHORITIES WISH TO ARREST THIS
MAN ON SECURITY GROUNDS PD IN VIEW OF PREVIOUS
INSTRUCTIONS IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO THIS ACTION
BY YOUR HOW QUEEN. PD

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PRIORITY.
SECURITY DIVISION.

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A/H. ELLIS Captain.

NICHOLAS PIOMBINO
CWO USA
ASST. ADJUTANT.

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