

NET PROJECT
LOS ANGELES

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ACTIVATION DATE - DESCRIPTION

Network "LOS ANGELES" was activated 20 December 1947. The chief source of network "LOS ANGELES" is the former SD Major HAAS, Karl. In the collecting of information for "LOS ANGELES", the ^{Chief Source} operator utilizes the services of former Abwehr colleagues (including a resident ~~agent~~ ^{agent} in BOLZANO), Vatican dignitaries, and the Neo-Fascist underground movement "Bands of Revolutionary Action." The chief source works out of ROME.

"LOS ANGELES" utilizes two other sources who are distinct and separate from chief source. Source CAPUTO, Uldarigo, Chief of the Office of Classified Matters for the Regions of Venezia Tridentina and Veneto, and comprising the Provinces of Bolzano, Trento, Verona, Treviso and Venice. The other source, BARLETTA, Alberto, Commanding Officer for the whole of Italy for the Office of Classified Matters, operates out of his office in the Ministry of the Interior, ROME, Italy.

All sources are contacted individually between the 5th and 10th of each month by the Control Agent of "LOS ANGELES" and discussions are held with each one for the purpose of transmitting EEI's, evaluating reports submitted, and possible eventualities for the completion of undercover missions.

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MISSION

Network Los Angeles has been assigned the mission of obtaining information on the personalities and activities of the Italian Communist Party, compilation of CI target lists of the more dangerous Italian Communist elements, tactical study of the South Tyrol, and a study of all Partisan formations.

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CONTROL CHIEF

present *also*
CIC Control Agent acts as Control Chief for
network "LOS ANGELES".

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ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL

Presently
No administrative personnel are employed in the
operation of network Los Angeles.

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OPERATIONS CHIEF

The duties of the operations chief, ^{as well} are performed
by the CIC Control Agent in this particular
network.

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SOURCES - EVALUATION

HAAS, Karl Theodor (10/6369), born 5 October 1912 in Kiel, Germany. Subject's parents, Karl and Edna HAAS, still reside in Kiel, Segebergerstrasse 90, British Zone of Germany. Subject attended German elementary and secondary schools, and tapered off his education by receiving his doctorate's degree in Political Science from the University of Berlin in 1934. Subject was a member of the SS since December 1933 and joined the NSDAP in May 1937. From 1934 to 1943 Subject was attached to SD Headquarters, Berlin, Office VII (Science and Research). From 1940 to 1941 Subject was in the Netherlands with SD Command, reporting on the political situation of the German occupied Netherlands. In 1943 Subject was assigned as Chief of Office VI (Intelligence), SD ROME, and was sent by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ to the German Embassy in Rome with the rank of Major. His mission was to set up several intelligence networks with secret radio stations. These radio stations were to transmit political information after the occupation of Rome by Allied troops. With the liberation of Rome on 4 June 1944 Subject left Rome and established his command in Parma. At Parma he instituted an agents school and after three weeks schooling he dispatched his agents into Allied occupied territory. Subject abandoned his command in April 1945 and made his way to Bolzano. In November 1945 he was apprehended by CIC Bolzano. Disposition of Subject came from AFHQ with orders to consign him to the British Headquarters in Milan, Italy. Then began a series of escapes which are noted chronologically:

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27 August 1946 - 15 June 1947 Apprehended and incarcerated in Rome on 27 August 1946 ~~for three months~~ where he remained for seven months. Sent to CI camp, Rimini, when after three months he escaped again.

From June 1947 to December 1947 Subject taught religion in a Catholic Institute in Ferme, below Rome. In December 1947 Subject was brought to CIC Austria and became operator of network "Los Angeles" working out of Rome, Italy. Subject has remained in this capacity ever since.

Evaluation: "B" (usually reliable); "3" (possibly true) "Usually reliable" is justifiable due to source's long experience in intelligence work. This enables him to sift his information from the fanciful to fact. Due to his Teutonic rearing and twelve years as a main cog in Office VI of the SD, Subject is methodical and analytical in the processing of the information given to him. He is logical and conclusive and never deviates from his mission or purpose. He is given neither to bragging nor to exaggerated importance of himself.

CAPUTO, Uldarigo (10/5559), vice Questore and Chief of the Office of Classified Matters for the Provinces of Bolzano, Trento and Verona. Subject is a career functionary. Since his graduation from the University of Naples in 1934 CAPUTO has steadily risen in the ranks of the Questura and is considered one of the ablest members of the Office of Classified Matters. CAPUTO was a former member of the OVRA - Secret Organization For the Suppression of Anti-Fascist. Anti-Fascists in this case referring to Communists. The present Office of Classified Matters is nothing more than an office instituted by the Ministry of the Interior to combat Communism. Subject has no political affiliations but has a certain tendency towards Fascism. He is an ardent anti-Communist and has agreed to submit to Control Agent of ~~Network Los Angeles~~ the order of battle of leading Communists for the Provinces of Bolzano, Trento and Verona. CIC

Evaluation: "C" (fairly reliable); "3" (possibly true) "Fairly reliable" in that source is subjective in the disposition of information. This is due primarily to the fact that he is a career functionary and extremely ambitious. He is willing to cooperate only in cases where the end justifies his means. The reports that source transmits are of a possibly true nature and while they are of some value the CIC Control Agent feels that highly classified material will ~~not~~ be transmitted. However, source is of great importance in that from time to time he has and will submit watch lists of the more dangerous Communist personalities residing in the Provinces of Bolzano, Trento and Verona.

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some time*

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BARLETTA, Alberto Commendatore (10/6339), born in Naples in March 1895. Received his elementary education at the Naples Lyceum. Matriculated at the University of Rome where he obtained his doctorate's degree in Jurisprudence in 1916. During World War I served with the Italian Army as an infantryman in the Caparoetto Region. In 1923 Subject was assigned to the Ministry of Interior. Due to his tact, perception, diligence and loyalty, he rose steadily in the ranks of the Ministry of the Interior ending with his appointment as one of the Chiefs of AVRA (organization instituted by the Fascist Regime for the suppression of Anti-Fascists). After the Italian Armistice 8 September 1943, Subject retired from public life and devoted his time to practicing law. In June 1944 Subject was apprehended by the British ~~SOE~~ and sent to the CI Camp, Terni. He was released in 1945 and at the bidding of former colleagues re-entered the Ministry of the Interior. In September 1948 Minister of Interior SCELEBA instituted the Office of Classified Matters and appointed BARLETTA as its Chief. BARLETTA is directly responsible to the Minister of Interior himself, SCELEBA, Mario. Subject's astuteness, practicality, years of experience, excellent judgement of character and incorruptibility make him a unique figure in the ranks of the Ministry of the Interior. BARLETTA's innate hatred of Communism and things Communist and his keen desire to truncate Communism in Italy has induced him to collaborate with an American intelligence agency. He has offered to submit to the CIC Control Agent of Los Angeles all pertinent information concerning the activities of the Italian Communist Party both at home and abroad.

Evaluation: "B" (usually reliable); "3" (possibly true) Excellent judge of character, shrewd, acute intelligence, extraordinary retentive abilities.

GREIZZAR, Albert (10/7149), former official of SD Office VI. Presently residing in Bolzano as Resident Agent of network Los Angeles. A special project is currently underway in the South Tyrol with resident agent setup in Bolzano. The mission of the resident agent, GREIZZAR, is the compilation of CI targets in the South Tyrol. His task is to prepare

a list of all Communists in the South Tyrol or of other dangerous elements who may be considered security threats. His mission also comprises the compilation of information on all highways and roads leading from North Italy to Western and Southern Italy, the information including description and conditions of roads, bridges and culverts.

Evaluation: "C" (fairly reliable), "3" (possibly true) Opportunist, wily and shrewd, capable of performing violent acts.

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SUBSOURCES

HUSSEIN, Ali (10/5569), former chief of the Arabian Youth Movement in Africa under General Rommel. HUSSEIN is wanted by the French because of his collaboration with the Germans. HUSSEIN enjoys great confidence in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs because Italian officials see in him great possibilities as a valuable ally between the various Arabian tribes and the Italians if and when Italy regains her African colonies.

Sub source of (10/6369)
Evaluation: "C" (fairly reliable); "3" (possibly true)
Still deeply attached to Nazi philosophy and doctrine.
Loyal to a degree, crafty, opportunist.

ROMUALDI, Pino (10/6349), last Secretary General of the Fascist Party of the ill-fated Republic of Salo. Despite the fact that he is currently in jail, he is still considered the spiritual leader of the Neo-Fascist group "Bands of Revolutionary Action". These groups are active in Rome, Milan, Bari, Bologna and Palermo with their headquarters in Rome. This Neo-Fascist group has supplied *chief* ~~operator~~ with information taken from files of various Italian Ministries, activities of P.C.I. and Apparato groups, and a monthly political resume.

Sub source of (10/6369)
Evaluation: "C" (fairly reliable); "3" (possibly true)
Extremist Nationalist from a die-hard Fascist point of view.
Forceful and strong willed, idealist, extremely intelligent, good tactician.

Monsignor FIORETTI (10/7139), Vatican official and Chief of the Vatican Press Bureau. FIORETTI receives reports on worldwide conditions on a 24 hour basis.

Evaluation: "C" (fairly reliable); "3" (possibly true)
Veteran Vatican diplomat. Astute, tactful, charming and gracious, capable of handling any situation.

Sub source of (10/6369)
Bishop HUDAL (10/7119), Chief of the German Catholics in Italy.

Evaluation: "C" (fairly reliable); "3" (possibly true)

METHODS OF COMMUNICATION

Contact between CIC Control Agent of "LOS ANGELES" and sources is usually effectuated at Bolzano ^{or UDINE} with the CIC Agent acting as courier. Telegraphic communications are also used; those emanating from Gaunden Field Office are addressed to Mrs. RICCI, Via Faleria #8, Rome Italy, Telephone 772645. These merely announce the arrival of the CIC Agent at one of three Italian hotels located in three cities where the meeting is to be hold; e.g. "Saro Quirinal 5 Marzo" signed Giovanni BIANCHI means "I shall be at the Hotel Quirinal 5 March" and refers to a meeting in Rome. For Udine the telegram runs as follows: "Saro Croce Di Malta 5 Marzo" signed Pietro RUSSO and means "I shall be at the Hotel ~~Croce~~ Di Malta 5 March". For Bolzano the telegram is "Saro Citta 5 Marzo" signed Giovanni BIANC HI and means "I shall be at the Hotel Citta 5 March".

CONTROL METHODS

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Chief
Rome source information which deals with activities of the Italian Communist Party, Communist Order of Battle, shifting Italian political scene, are cross-checked verbally by conversations held with ^{other} ~~Belisane~~ sources, ^{and vice versa.} Information which deals with Italian foreign policy and Italian Armed Forces are to a great extent cross checked by the network "BOSTON". *All information is checked against M.A. reports and all other available files and reports.*

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

Source (10/6369)

Political

Activity of P.C.I. 40%

Political Aspects of
other Parties and new
formations of splinter
groups. 25%

Economical 10%

P.C.I. Para-military Forma-
tions and Order of Battle 10%

Activity of Intelligence
Personnel and Agencies in
Italy. 10%

Special Missions (Disposition
of sensitive persons) 5%

Total 100%

Source (10/5559)

Political - autonomy in the
South Tyrol 10%

Personalities of P.C.I. in
the Provinces of Bolzano,
Trento and Verona. 90%

Total 100%

Source (10/6379)

Political Italian Comm.
munist Party activities

Summary of information received from Net: 100%

Penetration by the Italian Communist Party of
Italian Forces and police agencies.

Counter-Communist organizations in Italy.

Personalities, organizations, operations of other
intelligence agencies in Italy.

Activities and personalities of the Italian Communist Party.

Partisan and Para-military formations.

Resume of Italian political scene.

Compilation of CI Target Lists in the South Tyrol.

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PROCESSING

Control Agent personally contacts sources between the fifth and tenth of each month. Each report submitted by sources is discussed on the spot in an attempt to discard any information which is ^{dated} outdated or superfluous. Questions are submitted each month to Sources and these men are clearly briefed as to what information is required. Reports emanating from the "Office of Classified Matters" or other Italian Ministries are compiled, translated and edited by the CIC Control Agent of net "LOS ANGELES". Reports submitted by the ^{chief} source of "LOS Angeles" in Rome are usually terse statements written in English, which source gleaned from conversations with agents of other intelligence agencies operating in and around Rome. Prior to Control Agent's departure from the meeting place a month's supply of handwritten ^{Paraphrased} EEI's is submitted to sources.

COSTS

Control Agent

The CIC Control Agent of "LOS ANGELES" is the courier and contact between his ~~sources~~ *source*. These contacts take place between the fifth and tenth of each month either in Rome, Bolzano or Udine. A trip to Bolzano or Udine lasts four days and expenses may be calculated at approximately 25 dollars. When necessity demands that contact take place in Rome, the trip is at least one weeks duration and expenses may be calculated at approximately 60 dollars.

Chief Source HAAS (10/6369)

Source of "LOS ANGELES" in ROME receives five hundred (500) green dollars per month. The distribution of the sum depends upon the exigency of the moment. Usually source supplies each of his five sub-sources with sixty dollars a month. One hundred (100) dollars a month is expended in dining prospective informants and the remainder, one hundred (100) dollars, is used to take care of the personal needs of the operator.

Source CAPUTO (10/3559)

No financial agreement has been stipulated; however, this source has been the recipient of "gifts" e.g., trench coat, FX supplies including cigarettes, candy, and cigars.

Source GREIZZAR (10/7149)

GREIZZAR, resident agent ~~residing~~ in Bolzano, receives two hundred (200) dollars per month.

DOCUMENTATION

When CIC Control Agent travels he is in possession of leave orders, French Zone Pass and an American Passport.

HAAS, Karl, alias GIUSTINI, Mario, Italian Identity Card issued by Comune of Trieste No. 1481312.

~~CAPUTO, Uldarigo, is an Italian national with regular Italian identity documents.~~

HUSSEIN, Ali, possesses a Tunisian Passport. Permission to legally reside in Italy has been granted to Subject by the ROME Headquarters of the "Ufficio Stranieri" (Foreigner's Office).

GREIZZAR, Albert is a Tyrolian by birth but is considered an Italian subject and as such carries regular Italian identity documents.

Caputo, Uldarigo and all others possess regular Italian Identity documents

FUTURE OF PERSONNEL

HAAS, Karl has turned his back on his native Germany and has adopted Italy as his second home. He is planting his roots deeply in Italy and has no desire to leave the country. Because of the host of friends that he has made during his long sojourn in Italy and the networks that Subject has established both before and after the war, Subject is an ideal man for future long-range missions. His desire is to remain in Italy, however if the situation warrants a move, Subject is disposed to emigrate either to Spain or Argentina where many of his former colleagues have taken refuge.

CA PUTO, Ulderigo is an Italian subject and his present tour of duty in the Province of Bolzano is merely a stepping stone until he realizes his life's ambition at a future date, namely, Chief of Police of an Italian Province.

HUSSEIN, Ali is living in a transitional period and merely waiting for the day he can return to his native Tunisia. Subject is a die-hard Nazi and his fate is linked with ex-Wehrmacht and ex-SS officers, many of whom have settled in Tunisia and in the neighboring states of Tripolitania and Cirenaica.

ROMUALDI, Pino, has been and always will remain a Fascist to the core. At the present time Subject is languishing in jail awaiting trial. If and when he is released by the Italian authorities, he will assume full control of the Neo-Fascist underground organization "Bands of Revolutionary Action". The Neo-Fascist organization and ROMUALDI are a source of valuable information in that they have planted agents in all Italian Ministries and political parties. He and his group are striving to build up an anti-Communist movement which will be capable of:

opposing a Communist insurrection in Italy.

fighting a guerilla warfare in case Italy should be occupied by Soviet forces.

establishing espionage and counter espionage networks.

Chief Source ^{Haas} ~~6389~~ enjoys full confidence of this Neo-Fascist movement and has received and will continue to receive information from them.

GREIZZAR, Albert, is an opportunist who will work as long as he receives his monthly stipend. He is a native Tyrolian and as such any transfer seems to be out of the question.

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EXPANSION POSSIBILITIES

(Resident agent)
The network "LOS ANGELES" offers unlimited possibilities for expansion due to HAAS's host of friends and ex-colleagues of the German Intelligence Service and Italian Intelligence Service. The network can be extended to include the cities of MILAN, BOLOGNA, BARI and PALERMO. Coverage of MILAN would be entrusted to two men, Colonel BETTINI, Republican Fascist Zone Commander for the city of MILAN, and ex-Captain SEVECKE, former official of SD MILAN. It is felt BETTINI would cooperate gratis because Dr. HAAS in 1944 saved BETTINI's son from being deported to Germany. SEVECKE, a professional intelligence operative, will be valuable in gathering information on the activities of the Italian Communist Party in the vitally important industrial area of MILAN. It is believed that an initial sum of one hundred fifty (150) green dollars will suffice for a probationary period of 3 - 6 months.

PARTISAN
The Reggio Emilia Region, called, "the Russia of Italy", and embracing the Provinces of Bologna and Modena is a logical site to set up a resident agent, particularly in the city of BOLOGNA. Since Communist para-military formations and partisan groups abound in this area, it is necessary that all Communist leaders of "Apparato" (para-military) commands in the Provinces of Bologna and Modena be identified. An attempt should be made to obtain all background information on all concerned as well as pictures of these Communists which would be submitted for membership identification card purposes and eventually compiled into a CI Wanted List. This CI list would also comprise the complete order of battle of all ~~groups~~ groups down to the lowest cell. One man has been proposed as a resident agent for the above mission at an approximate cost of one hundred fifty (150) green dollars per month. The proposed resident agent, CASTELLI, Romolo, is officially employed with the governmental agency, Economical Statistical Office, BOLOGNA, which gives him access to official governmental files. His value is increased by the fact that he is a leading member of the dissident, non-Communist partisan group, ALPI.

A resident agent is also envisaged for the city of BARI in the overall picture. BARI's importance lies in the fact that it is about 100 kilometers distance from the shores of Albania and can be used as a jumping off center for the penetration of Albania. A certain BERANI, Marco, former Albanian Police Captain, presently residing in BARI will shortly be approached to determine his possibilities as an intelligence operative. Failing with BERANI, it is believed that a Captain of the Italian Counter Intelligence ~~could~~ assume the role of resident

agent in BARI for the sum of one hundred fifty (150) dollars monthly. Presently he is in charge of the radio interceptor located at BARI, and for the specified sum he has promised first hand reports of the situation in Southern Italy and in Albania.

PALERMO has also been designated as an ideal city for a resident agent. The proposed resident for PALERMO, a former agent of SD Office VI, ROME and PARMA, and currently residing in PALERMO, allegedly claims a direct contact to the Sicilian "Robin Hood" bandit, GIULIANO. Politically GIULIANO is important for his views on the Irredentist problem with regard to Sicily. Secondly, the proposed resident agent believes that GIULIANO and band may be useful in performing special missions, undercover operations, and exerting influence on his people in behalf of an Allied organization. Proposed cost is two hundred (200) dollars monthly.

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COVER INSTALLATIONS

HAAS, Karl, presently is residing at VELLETRI, approximately 60 kilometers south of ROME. His former abodes and present places of contact are the following:

RICCI, Iolanda
Via Faleria #8
ROME, Italy Telephone 772645
Contact can be made by asking Mrs. RICCI, "Where is Carlo?"

Ing. LUCCI-CHIARISSI
Via S.M. DELL' ANIMA #59
ROME, Italy Telephone 564740
Contact can be made by asking for Engineer FERRARI.

GIUMINI, Maria
Via Tirso #90
ROME, Italy Telephone 855961
Contact can be made by asking for "Carlo".

MASSARI, Germana
Luca x Signorelli #6
ROME, Italy Telephone 395090
Contact can be made by asking for "Carlo".

CAPUTO, Uldarigo, resides in BOLZANO. Contact may be established by asking the director of the Hotel Citta, BOLZANO, Comendatore LUCA, that a friend has been sent to personally deliver a message to Dr. CAPUTO.

HUSSEIN, Ali, is presently residing in ROME and may be contacted at the Catholic Institute "Russicum", ROME, by asking for "Dr. GUISTINI's friend, the ARAB!"

ROMUALDI, Pino, is currently interned in the Regina Caeli Prison, ROME. However, contact can be established with his Neo-Fascist underground movement by contacting Mrs. BRINCHI, Guisti, Lungotevere Flamivio #78, Rome, Telephone 393893, with the following phrase; "Larry PETERS, Mario's friend, sent me to contact Enrico".

GREIZZAR, Albert, resides in BOLZANO at the Pension GRIES. His whereabouts can be known by asking the portiere at the Hotel Luna, BOLZANO.

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MISTAKES AND COMPROMISES

An undercover mission comprising two "sensitive cases" went awry in Italy due to lack of necessary Italian resident documents. The transportation of the sensitive cases to their resting place was a complete success but due to the technicality of not having "foglie di Soggiorno" (resident permits) the two "sensitive cases" were arrested and detained by Italian Counter Intelligence. Through the intervention of potent intermediaries the sensitive cases were released and are presently languishing on the Island Lipari off the Sicilian coast awaiting necessary documentation and transport to South America.

Chief Operator for "LOS ANGELES" temporarily compromised his position in ROME when the Austrian Legation in ROME queried him as to the authenticity of his Austrian passport. The passport was legal but the name of the person (STEINER, Rudolf) to whom the passport was made out did not exist in the town registry of STEINER's birthplace as listed in the passport.

19 Sept.1949

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

SUBJECT: HAAS, Karl Theodor.

SOURCE: USFA DOCUMENTS

I. The following information is submitted for the record as background material for our staff in view of the various reports emanating from SUBJECT as source which are now or may be incorporated into our files. SUBJECT acts as the Chief Agent resident in Rome, Italy of a USFA-CIC project. He is controlled by the CIC Agent, Joseph P. LUONGO:

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2) With the liberation of ROME on 4 June 1944 SUBJECT left Rome and established his Command at Parma. Here he instituted an agents school where after 3 weeks instruction he dispatched his agents into Allied occupied territory. In April 1945 SUBJECT abandoned his command and made his way to Bolzano where he was arrested by CIC. (Luongo). Disposition instructions

on SUBJECT came from Allied Force Headquarters to the effect that he was to be transferred to the British Regional Headquarters in Milan, Italy. Then began a series of escapes, which are noted chronologically as follows: ~~/and internments/~~

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Escaped while en route Milan-Parma.

16 May1946 - 1 June 1946 -- Apprehended and jailed in Rome

2 June 1946 -- Escaped jail in Rome.

3 June 1946 - 20 July 1946 -- Captured and sent to prison in RIMINI, Italy.

20 July 1946 -- escaped jail at RIMINI.

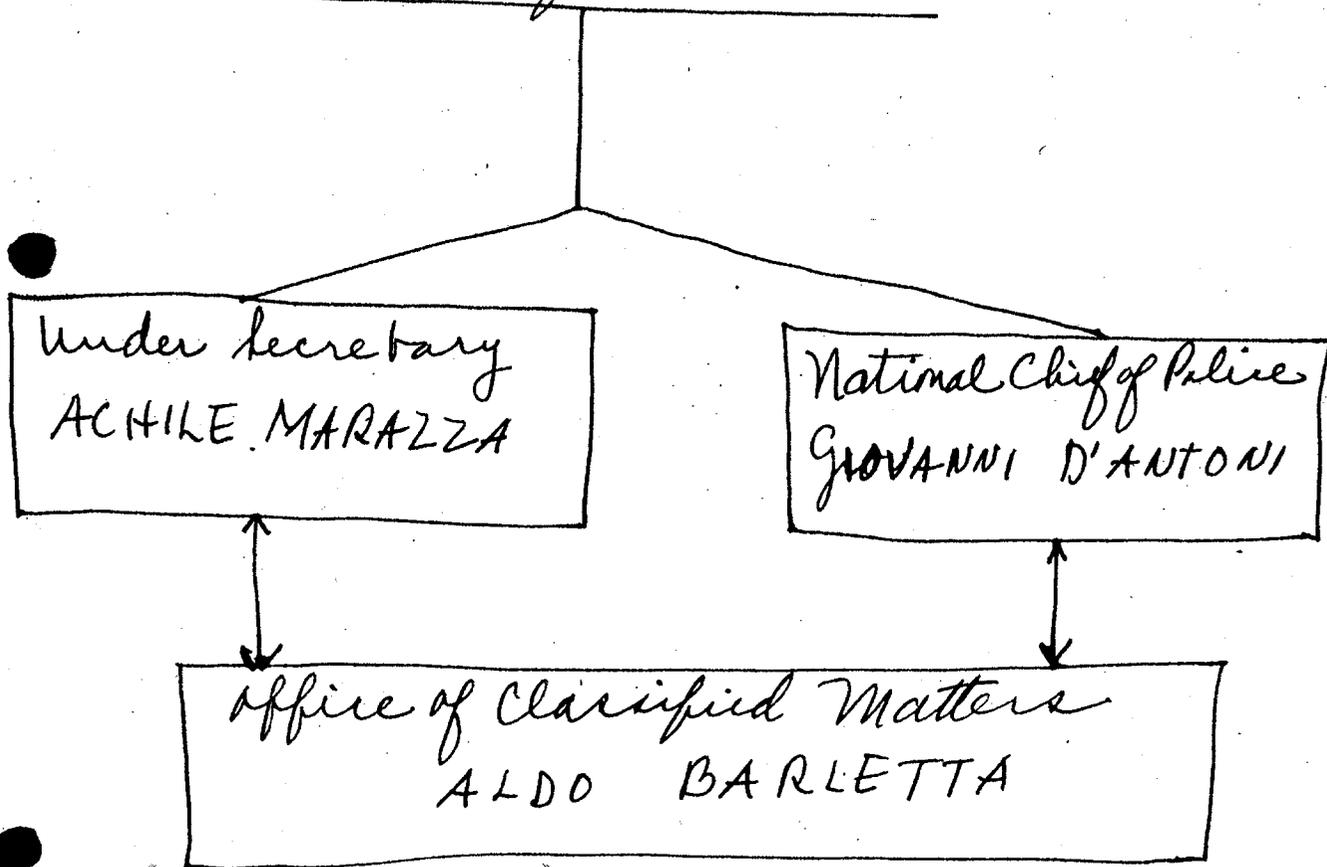
27 Aug.1946 - 15 March1947 -- Apprehended and incarcerated in Rome.

15 March 1947 - 15 June 1947 -- Transferred to prison camp at RIMINI.

15 June 1947 -- Escaped again from RIMINI. Never recaptured.

Italian Ministry of The Interior

Minister of The Interior - MARIO SCALBA



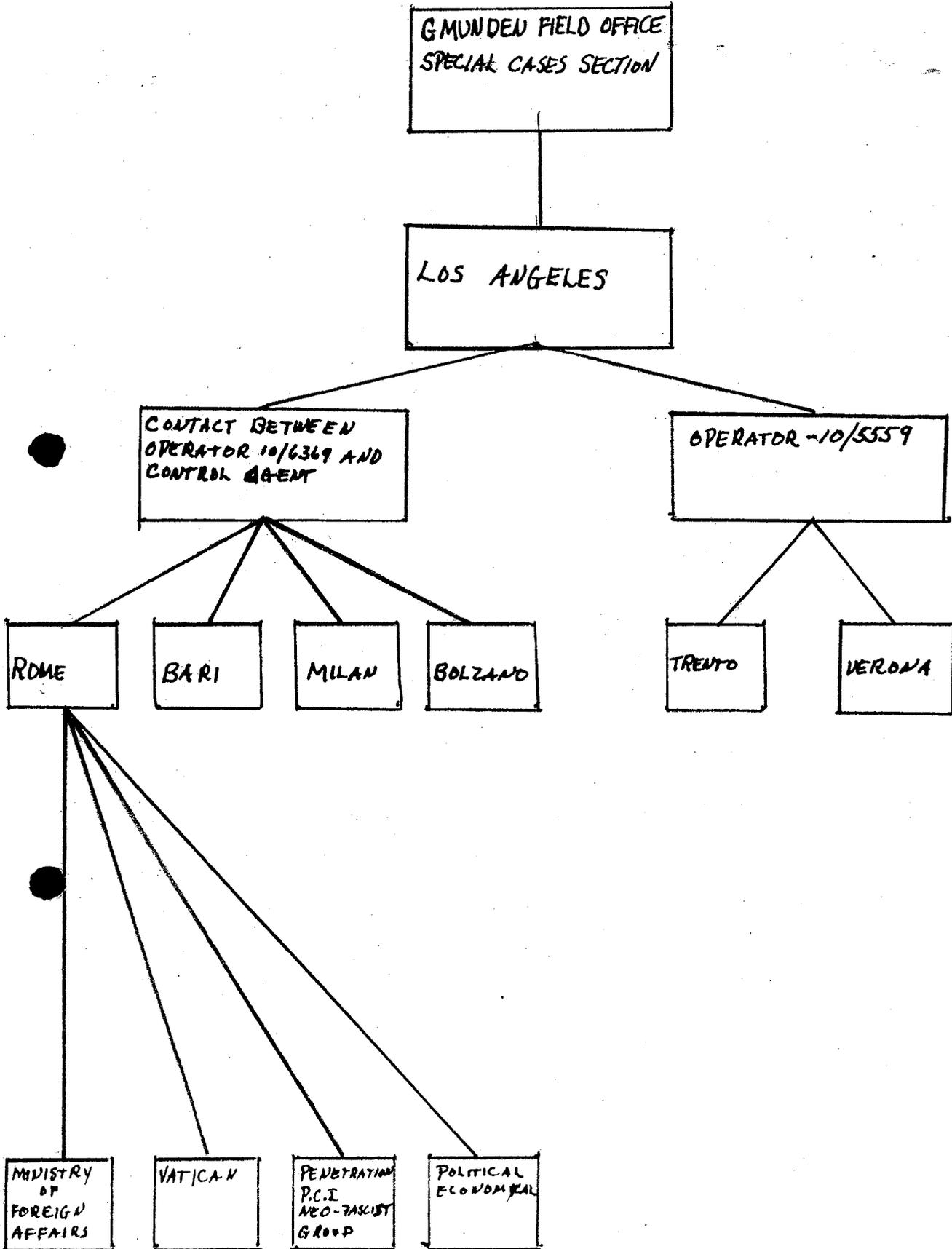
As chief of the office of Classified Matters Barletta has been charged with establishing an internal and external intelligence organization. He has been given a free hand in setting up his network, key personnel, informants etc and to date he claims his intelligence organization is beginning to function

primarily. He personally interviewed the
 personnel and set them up in the
 18 Indian Regime. Unfortunately he has
 sent other top notch agents to France and
 Spain but what sort of an agreement
 he has reached with the French and the
 Spanish I do not know.

It is interesting to note that Ballesta
 works with in the ranks of the Ministry
 of the Interior. He is directly responsible
 to P. P. P. P., National Chief of Police, but on
 numerous occasions has the under

have by passed P. P. P. P. and called in
 Ballesta for information. This
 has led to P. P. P. P. no end but neither
 does Ballesta taking over as National
 Chief of Police in the near future.

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15 Feb 49

1. In compliance with letter from Chief, 430 CIC Detachment, Land Upper Austria Sub Detachment, dated 7 February 1949, the following information regarding network LOS ANGELES is submitted:

2. Sources

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(3) Monsignor FIORETTI, Vatican official and Chief of the Vatican Press Bureau. FIORETTI receives reports on worldwide conditions on a 24 hour basis.

(4) Bishop HUDAL, Chief of the German Catholics in Italy.

(5) GREIZZAR, Albert, former official of SD Office VI. Presently residing in BOLZANO as Resident Agent of network LOS ANGELES. A special project is currently underway in the South Tyrol with a resident agent set up in BOLZANO. The mission of the resident agent, GREIZZAR, is the compilation of CI targets in the South Tyrol. His task will be to prepare a list of all Communists in the South Tyrol or of other dangerous elements who may be considered security threats. His mission also comprises the compilation of information on all highways and roads leading from North Italy to Western and Southern Italy, the information including description and conditions of roads, bridges, and culverts. GREIZZAR has been an appointee of only three months due to the fact that the former BOLZANO resident agent, Colonel WAGNER, was called in by the Italian police for questioning as to his activities. This incident deterred WAGNER from his mission to such an extent that he, after his release, destroyed one and a half months work of the roads, bridges, and culverts photographed. It is

hoped that the new resident agent, GRIZZAR, will complete his mission at the cost of 200 dollars monthly.

B. Chief Source 10/5559 - CAPUTO, Uldarigo, vice Questore and Chief of the Office of Classified Matters for the Provinces of Bolzano, Trento, and Verona. Subject is a career functionary. Since his graduation from the University of Naples in 1934 CAPUTO has steadily risen in the ranks of the Questura and is considered one of the ablest members of the Office of Classified Matters. CAPUTO was a former member of the OVRA - Secret Organization For the Suppression of Anti-Fascists. Anti-Fascists in this case referring to Communists. The present Office of Classified Matters is nothing more than an office instituted by the Ministry of the Interior to combat Communism. Subject has no political affiliations but has a certain tendency towards Fascism. He is an ardent anti-Communist and has agreed to submit to Control Agent of network LOS ANGELES the order of battle of leading Communists for the Provinces of Bolzano, Trento, and Verona.

3. Routes of Travel

All travel is performed by the Control Chief of LOS ANGELES who personally contacts sources between the fifth and tenth of each month. Frontier is crossed at the BRENNER, SILLIAN, or TARVISIO.

4. Methods of Communication

Contact between Control Agent of LOS ANGELES and sources is usually effectuated at BOLZANO with the Control Agent acting as courier. Telegraphic communications are also used; those emanating from GMUNDEN Field Office are addressed to Mrs. RICCI listed in Para 12, A, (1). These merely announce the arrival of the Control Agent at one of three Italian hotels located in three cities where the meeting is to be held -e.g. "Saro Quirinale 5 Marzo" signed Giouanni BIANCHI means "I shall be at the Quirinal 5 March" and refers to a meeting in ROME. For UDINE the telegram runs as follows: "Saro Croce Di Malta 5 Marzo" signed Pietro RUSSO and means "I shall be at the Croce Di Malta 5 March". For BOLZANO the telegram is "Saro Citta 5 Marzo" signed Giouanni BIANCHI and means "I shall be at the Citta 5 March".

5. Methods and Degree of Control

Rome source informations which deal with activities of the Italian Communist Party, Communist Order of Battle, shifting Italian political scene, are cross checked verbally by conversations held with Bolzano source. Informations which deal with Italian foreign policy and Italian Armed Forces are to a great extent cross checked by the network BOSTON.

6. Methods of Complete Information Processing

Control Agent personally contacts sources between the fifth and tenth of each month. Each report submitted by sources is discussed on the

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spot in an attempt to discard any information which is outmoded or superfluous. Questions are submitted each month to Chief Sources and both men are clearly briefed as to what information is required. Reports emanating from the Office of Classified Matters or other Italian Ministries are compiled, translated, and edited by the Control Agent of network LOS ANGELES. Reports submitted by the operator of LOS ANGELES in ROME are usually terse statements written in English, which operator gleaned from conversations with agents of other intelligence agencies operating in and around ROME. Prior to Control Agent's departure from the meeting place a month's supply of handwritten EEI'S is submitted to sources.

7. Type of Reports

A. Source ROME (10/6369)

(1) Political

(a) Activity of P.C.I. - 40%

(b) Political Aspects of other Parties and new formations of splinter groups - 25%

(2) Economical - 10%

(3) P.C.I. Paramilitary Formations and Order of Battle - 10%

(4) Activity of Intelligence Personnel and Agencies in Italy - 10%

(5) Undercover Missions - 5%

B. Source BOLZANO (10/5559)

(1) Political - autonomy in the South Tyrol - 10%

(2) Personalities of P.C.I. in the Provinces of Bolzano, Trento, and Verona - 90%

8. Costs

A. Control Agent

The Control Agent of LOS ANGELES is the courier and contact between his chief sources. These contacts take place between the fifth and tenth of each month either at ROME, BOLZANO, or UDINE. A trip to BOLZANO or UDINE lasts four days and expenses may be calculated at approximately 25 dollars. When necessity demands (e.g. undercover missions) that contact take

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place in ROME, the trip is at least one weeks duration and expenses may be calculated at approximately 60 dollars.

B. Source ROME

Operator of LOS ANGELES in ROME receives 500 green dollars per month. The distribution of the sum depends upon the exigency of the moment. Usually source supplies each of his five subresources with sixty dollars a month. 100 dollars a month is expended in dining prospective informants and the remainder, 100 dollars, is used to take care of the personal needs of the operator.

C. Source BOLZANO

No financial agreement has been stipulated; however this source has been the recipient of "gifts" e.g. trench coat, PX supplies including cigarettes, candy, and cigars.

9. Personal Evaluation of Sources

A. Operator in ROME may be classified as a B-3. Usually reliable is justifiable due to source's long experience in intelligence work. This enables him to sift his information from the fanciful to fact. Due to his Teutonic rearing and twelve years as a main cog in Office VI of the SD, Subject is methodical and analytical in the processing of the information given to him. He is logical and conclusive and never deviates from his mission or purpose. He is not given to bragging or exaggerated importance of himself and the best that can be said of him is the statement of one of his former colleagues to wit, "if he(HAAS)says he can do a mission you can consider it done".

B. Source, CAPUTO, Uldarigo, may be evaluated at a C-3. Fairly reliable in that source is subjective in the disposition of information. This is due primarily to the fact that he is a career functionary and extremely ambitious. He is willing to cooperate only in cases where the end justifies his means. The reports that source transmits are of a possibly true nature and while they are of some value the Control Agent feels that highly classified material will never be transmitted. However, source is of great importance in that from time to time he has and will submit watch lists of the more dangerous Communist personalities residing in the Provinces of Bolzano, Trento, and Verona.

10. Future of Personnel

A. HAAS, Karl, has turned his back on his native Germany and has adopted Italy as his second home. He is planting his roots deeply in Italy and has no desire to leave the country. Because of the host of friends that he has made during his long sojourn in Italy and the networks that Subject has established both before and after the war, Subject is an ideal man for future long range missions. His desire is to remain in Italy, however if the situation warrants a move Subject is disposed to migrate either to Spain or Argentina where many of his former colleagues have taken refuge.

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B. CAPUTO, Uldarigo, is an Italian subject and his present tour of duty in the Province of Bolzano is merely a stepping stone until he realizes his life's ambition at a future date, namely, Chief of Police of an Italian Province.

C. HUSSEIN, Ali, is living in a transitional period and merely waiting for the day he can return to his native Tunisia. Subject is a die hard NAZI and his fate is linked with ex-Wehrmacht and ex-SS officers, many of whom have settled in Tunisia and in the neighboring states of Tripolitania and Cirenaica.

D. ROMUALDI, Pino, has been and always will remain a Fascist to the core. At the present time Subject is languishing in jail awaiting trial. If and when he is released by the Italian authorities, he will assume full control of the Neo-Fascist underground organization "Bands of Revolutionary Action". The Neo-Fascist organization and ROMUALDI are a source of valuable information in that they have planted agents in all Italian Ministries and political parties. He and his group are striving to build up an anti-Communist movement which will be capable of:

(1) opposing a Communist insurrection in Italy.

(2) fighting a guerilla warfare in case Italy should be occupied by Soviet forces.

(3) establishing espionage and counter espionage networks.

ROME source enjoys full confidence of this Neo-Fascist movement and has received and will continue to receive informations from them.

E. GREZZAR, Albert, is an opportunist who will work as long as he receives his monthly stipend. He is a native Tyrolian and as such any transfer seems to be out of the question.

11. Documentation

A. When Control Agent travels he is in possession of leave orders, French Zone Pass, and an American Passport.

B. HAAS, Karl, alias STEINER, Rudolf, Austrian Passport No. 4 PA-3397748; alias GIUSTINI, Mario, Italian Identity Card issued by Commune of Trieste No. 1481312.

C. CAPUTO, Uldarigo, is an Italian national with regular Italian identity documents.

D. HUSSEIN, Ali, possesses a Tunisian Passport. Permission to legally reside in Italy has been granted to Subject by the ROME Headquarters of the "Ufficio Stranieri" (Foreigner's Office).

E. GREZZAR, Albert, is Tyrolian by birth but is considered an Italian subject and as such carries regular Italian identity documents.

12. Present Location and Cover of all Installations

A. HAAS, Karl, alias STEINER, Rudolf, Austrian national and Journalist, presently is residing at VELLETRI, approximately 60 kilometers south of ROME. Exact address will be submitted after next meeting. His former abodes or places of contact are the following:

- (1) RICCI, Iolanda
Via Faleria #8
ROME, Italy Telephone 772645

Contact can be made by asking Mrs. RICCI, "Where is Carlo?"

- (2) Ing. LUCCI-CHIARISSI
Via S.M. DELL' ANIMA #59
ROME, Italy Telephone 564740

Contact can be made by asking for Engineer FERRARI.

- (3) GIUMINI, Maria
Via Tirso #90
ROME, Italy Telephone 855961

Contact can be made by asking for "Carlo".

- (4) MASSARI, Germana
Luca Signorelli #6
ROME, Italy Telephone 395090

Contact can be made by asking for "Carlo".

B. CAPUTO, Uldarigo, resides in BOLZANO. Contact may be established by asking the director of the Hotel Citta, BOLZANO, Commendatore LUCA, that a friend has been sent by the undersigned to personally deliver a message to Dr. CAPUTO.

C. HUSSEIN, Ali, is presently residing in ROME and may be contacted at the Catholic Institute "Russicum", ROME, by asking for "Dr. GUISTINI's friend, the ARAB!"

D. ROMUALDI, Pino, is currently residing in the Regina Caeli Prison, ROME. However, contact can be established with his Neo-Fascist underground movement by contacting Mrs. BRINCHI, Guisti, Lungoteuere Flamivio 78, ROME, telephone 393893, with the following phrase, "Larry PETERS, Mario's friend, sent me to contact Enrico".

E. GREZZAR, Albert, resides in BOLZANO at the Pension GRIES. His whereabouts can be known by asking the portiere at the Hotel Luna, BOLZANO.

13. Possibilities For Expansion

The network LOS ANGELES offers unlimited possibilities for expansion due to HAAS's host of friends and ex-colleagues of the German Intelligence Service and Italian Intelligence Service. The network can be extended to include the cities of MILAN, BOLOGNA, BARI, and PALERMO. Coverage of MILAN would be entrusted to two men, Colonel BETTINI, Zone Commander for the city of MILAN, and ex-Captain SEVECKE, former official of SD MILAN. It is felt BETTINI would cooperate gratis because Dr. HAAS in 1944 saved BETTINI's son from being deported to Germany. SEVECKE, a professional intelligence operative, will be valuable in gathering information on the activities of the Italian Communist Party in the vitally important industrial area of MILAN. It is believed that an initial sum of 150 green dollars monthly will suffice for a probationary period of 3-6 months.

The Reggio Emilia Region, called the Russia of Italy, and embracing the Provinces of Bologna and Modena is a logical site to set up a resident agent, particularly in the city of BOLOGNA. Since Communist paramilitary formations and partisan groups abound in this area, it is necessary that all Communist leaders of "Apparato"(paramilitary) commands in the Provinces of Bologna and Modena be identified. An attempt should be made to obtain all background information on all concerned as well as pictures of these Communists which would be submitted for membership identification card purposes and eventually compiled into a CI Wanted List. This CI list would also comprise the complete order of battle of all partisan groups down to the lowest cell. One man has been proposed as a resident agent for the above mission at an approximate cost of 150 green dollars per month. The proposed resident agent, CASTELLI, Romolo, is officially employed with the governmental agency, Economical Statistical Office, BOLOGNA, which gives him him access to official governmental files. His value is increased by the fact that he is a leading member of the dissident, non-Communist partisan group, ALPI.

A resident agent is also envisaged for the city of BARI in the overall picture. BARI's importance lies in the fact that it is about 100 kilometers distance from the shores of Albania and can be used as a jumping off center for the penetration of Albania. A certain BERANI, Marco, former Albanian Police Captain, presently residing in BARI will shortly be approached to determine his possibilities as an intelligence operative. Failing with BERANI, it is believed that a Captain of the Italian Counter Intelligence will assume the role of resident agent in BARI for the sum of 150 dollars monthly. Presently he is in charge of the radio interceptor located at BARI, and for the specified sum he has promised first hand reports of the situation in Southern Italy and in Albania.

PALERMO has also been designated as an ideal city for a resident agent. The proposed resident agent for PALERMO, a former agent of SD Office VI, ROME and PARMA, and currently residing in PALERMO, allegedly claims a direct contact to the Sicilian "Robin Hood" bandit, GIULIANO. Politically

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GIULIANO is important for his view on the Irredentist problem with regard to Sicily. Secondary, the proposed resident agent believes that GIULIANO and his band may be useful in performing special missions, undercover operations, and exerting influence on his people in behalf of an Allied organization. Proposed cost 200 dollars monthly.

1. In compliance with verbal instructions from Chief, 430 CIC Detachment, Land Upper Austria Sub Detachment, the following additional information regarding Chief Sources of Network Los Angeles is submitted. 2 mar 49

2. Source

A. Chief Source 10/6369 - HAAS, Karl Theodor, alias GIUSTINI, Mario, Italian Identity Card issued by Commune of Trieste No. 1481312; alias Engineer FERRARI, Carlo, Italian Identity Card issued by the Italian Ministry of Post and Communications; alias MANTELLI, Carlo. A bona fide Italian passport will be assigned to Chief Source (alias MANTELLI, Carlo) within the next month by the Italian Ministry of the Interior. All the particulars concerning the passport will be submitted as soon as available.

B. Chief Source 10/6339 - BARLETTA, Alberto Commendatore. Chief of the Office of Classified Matter for the whole of Italy.

Subject was born in Naples in March 1893. Received his elementary education at the Naples Lyceum. Matriculated at the University of Rome where he obtained his doctorates degree in jurisprudence in 1916. During World War I served with the Italian Army as an infantry man in the Caparoetto Region. In 1923 Subject was assigned to the Ministry of Interior. Due to his tact, perceptive, diligence, and loyalty, he rose steadily in the ranks of the Ministry of the Interior ending with his appointment as one of the Chiefs of OVRA (organization instituted by the Fascist Regime for the suppression of Anti-Fascists). After the Italian Armistice 8 September 1943, Subject retired from public life and devoted his time to practicing law. In June 1944 Subject was apprehended by the English SCI and sent to the CI Camp, TERNI. He was released in 1945 and at the bidding of former colleagues reentered the Ministry of the Interior. In September 1948 SCLEBA instituted the Office of Classified Matters and appointed BARLETTA as its Chief. BARLETTA is directly responsible to the Ministry of Interior, SCLEBA, Mario. Subject's astuteness, practicality, years of experience, excellent judge of character and incorruptibility makes him a unique figure in the ranks of the Ministry of the Interior.

Because of BARLETTA's innate hatred of Communists and things Communist and his keen desire to truncate Communism in Italy has induced him to collaborate with an American intelligence agency. He has offered to submit to the Control Agent of Los Angeles pertinent information concerning the activities of Communists and abroad.

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1. In compliance with letter from Chief, 430 CIC Detachment, Land Upper Austria Command, dated 25 February 1949, the following additional information regarding network Los Angeles is submitted:

A. Date of Activation of Net and General Description of Net

Network Los Angeles was activated 20 December 1947. The operator of network Los Angeles is the former SD Major HAAS, Karl. In the collecting of information for Los Angeles, the operator utilizes the services of former Abwehr colleagues (including a resident agent at BOLZANO), Vatican dignitaries, and the Neo-Fascist underground movement "Bands of Revolutionary Action". The operator works out of ROME.

Los Angeles utilizes two other chief sources who are distinct and separate from operator of Los Angeles. Chief Source, CAPUTO, Uldarigo, Chief of the Office of Classified Matters for the Regions of Venezia Tridentina, and Veneto, and comprising the Provinces of Bolzano, Trento, Verona, Treviso, and Venice. The other Chief Source, BARLETTA, Alberto, Commanding Officer for the whole of Italy for the Office of Classified Matters, operates out of his office in the Ministry of the Interior, ROME, Italy.

All Chief Sources are contacted individually between the 5th and 10th of each month by the Control Agent of Los Angeles and discussions are held with each one for the purpose of transmitting BEI's, evaluating reports submitted, and possible eventualities for the completion of undercover missions.

B. Mission of the Net as Prescribed by CIC

Network Los Angeles has been assigned the mission of obtaining information on the personalities and activities of the Italian Communist Party, compilation of CI target lists of the more dangerous Italian Communist elements, tactical study of the South Tyrol, and a study of all Partisan formations.

C. Summary of Information Received From Net

- (1) Penetration by the Italian Communist Party of Italian Armed Forces and police agencies

- (2) Counter Communist organizations in Italy
- (3) Personalities, organizations, operations of other intelligence agencies in Italy
- (4) Activities and personalities of the Italian Communist Party
- (5) Partisan and Paramilitary formations
- (6) Resume of Italian political scene
- (7) Compilation of CI Target Lists in the South Tyrol

D. Major Mistakes and Compromises Made by Network

(1) An undercover mission comprising two "sensitive cases" went awry in Italy due to lack of foresight in procuring necessary Italian resident documents. The transportation of the sensitive cases to their resting place was a complete success but due to the technicality of not having "foglie di Soggiorno" (resident permits) the two "sensitive cases" were arrested and detained by Italian Counter Intelligence. Through the intervention of potent intermediaries the sensitive cases were released and are presently languishing on the Island of Lipari off the Sicilian coast awaiting necessary documentation and transport to South America.

(2) Operator for Los Angeles temporarily compromised his position in ROME when the Austrian Legation in ROME queried him as to the authenticity of his Austrian passport. The passport was legal but the name of the person (STEINER, Rudolf) to whom the passport was made out did not exist in the town registry of STEINER's birthplace as listed in the passport.

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