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REFERENCE: STTA-492

1. Attached hereto is a letter, dated 3 December 1952, to Commissioner H. J. Amalinger of the Narcotics Bureau from Mr. Charles Siragusa, U.S. narcotics agent in Rome, transmitting a translation of an article on Eugene DOLLMANN from ROSS of 6 December 1952 (unclassified).
2. The ROCCI mentioned in the article is identical with Carlo ROCCI, an informant used by Siragusa.
3. This material was supplied to the C 3 Mission by C 3

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Rome, Italy  
December 8, 1952

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IN RE: Gino NEGRO DELMANN  
(by letter #1000)

Mr. E. J. Ameling  
Commissioner of Narcotics  
Bureau of Narcotics  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

There are enclosed copies of a translation of an article which appeared in "Spies" magazine, dated December 6, 1952. You may be interested in giving this translation to CIA.

My source Carlo BOCHI has not as yet been fully identified by the Italian police, nor will I compromise him.

I have spoken to Bochi to-day and he informs me that Mr. Charles Foley, the author of the magazine article, is the person who tipped off the German police to have Colonel Delmann arrested for his false passport.

Within the next two weeks Delmann will be released from jail. Bochi will meet him and they will go ahead with their contact with the LIFE - Time magazine to unmask these documents.

Yours very truly,

Charles Fitzgerald  
Narcotic Agent

Encl.

cc: District #8 (with encl.)

*Inv. Agent Manfredi, Trieste*

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cc: CIA

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Rome, Italy  
December 5, 1948

In re: Cole Eugene DOLLMANN

TRANSLATION of an article which appeared in "EPORA" magazine of Milan, Italy dated December 6, 1948.

DOLLMANN HUSTLER FOR HITLER'S SECRET DOCUMENTS

The story of Nazi-Soviet relations apparently contained in four mysterious boxes hurried in the vicinity of Innsbruck - The former colonel of the SS, who was trying to find them when he was arrested at Frankfurt, Germany, disclosed the particulars of this exceptional mission to a British journalist -

In the early afternoon hours of a few weeks ago, a four-engined airplane landed at the three-thin airport of Frankfurt, Germany. The plane belonged to a Dutch line and was coming from Madrid, Spain. It carried twenty passengers. One of these, a tall slender aged man and with an air of authority about him, was questioned by customs officials. He was in possession of a passport issued at Rome, Italy, in the name of Enrico Jankauer. Speaking a perfect Italian, the man explained that he was on his way to Innsbruck in Austria. As if they had known what they were about to find, the customs officials opened one of his suitcases and took out a document: It was an advice of ejection from Switzerland, dated February 1948 and bearing the name of a German citizen, Doctor Eugene Dollmann.

Although this man apparently did not alarm the customs officials, the traveller admitted that he was Doctor Dollmann and that he had illegally attempted to enter Germany. To have the matter taken care of promptly, he asked to be tried on this charge, promising he would not oppose any objections. The trial was held during the second week of October, at Frankfurt, and Dollmann was sentenced to 60 days in jail. The proceedings lasted about 10 minutes and did not cause any great sensation. It was only on the following day that the Allied authorities realized that they had not captured just any Doctor Dollmann, but a former colonel of the SS; a high ranking Nazi official, the man who at Casserta had signed the act of surrender of the German troops in Italy.

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During the war Dollmann had been in Italy the brains

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of the Chief of the Gestapo, Himmler, politically. He had been Marshall Keessling's right arm, and the principal liaison officer between the Germans on one side and Mussolini, the King, and the Pope on the other. All of this is well known. Not so well known is the fact that at about the end of the war Dollmann had secretly met in Switzerland American and British emissaries. Seated in a Cafe and wearing sports clothes he had negotiated the surrender of one million men to General Morgan.

From that day Dollmann's name had been kept in mind at the Kremlin. Stalin had protested about these secret negotiations, strongly complaining to Churchill about the matter.

How was it that this man was in possession of an Italian passport? The judicial proceedings had furnished the answer to this question. The passport had been brought to Madrid by one Roschi. This man had also accompanied Dollmann on the airplane trip from the Spanish capital to Frankfurt. To clear this mysterious Mr. Roschi's name, it is necessary to state that the passport in question was not forged; it was a regular document, issued by the Ministero degli Esteri (Foreign Ministry) in Rome, bearing the authentic photograph of the former colonel, but bearing a false name. Roschi disappeared when Dollmann was arrested.

How was it that the customs officials had been misled? Hundreds of people transit every day at the Frankfurt airport; they are in possession of all sorts of identity documents, and there was no reason in the world to suspect Dollmann - Larolner and his new and authentic passport. Nor can one imagine that he could be so foolish as to take with him, openly in a suit-case, such a compromising document as his ejection from Switzerland. Evidently, someone who knew of his trip had informed the German authorities, and had also succeeded in placing in the former colonel's suit-case the damning evidence.

I happen to know this Colonel Dollmann, personally. I know the reason, which may seem fantastic, of his trip to Germany, and I know that he must have been in desperate hurry, if he did not care about the risk of being detected, which he was taking. His very secret mission must, in his opinion, have been so ticklish an affair and of such tremendous importance for Europe, that its failure must be considered as a catastrophe.

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If it <sup>had</sup> ~~would~~ have been possible for him to wait a few weeks, Dellmann could have secured a regular permit for his trip. But he could not wait any longer.

Two reasons ~~compelled~~ compelled him to act promptly. The first one was that Mussolini was growing worse and was at that time in a clinic, where he was later advised of his position. Dellmann wanted to see his former commander in order to get the final authorization for what he had in mind to do. The second reason was his fear that the Russians would be ahead of him.

At this point Dellmann's story as he himself related it to me a few weeks before he was arrested, becomes so fantastic that in order to be able to believe it one must go back to its origins.

On seeing Dellmann, nobody would believe that he is a former SS officer. He has spent a great part of his life in Italy. Having brilliantly ended his studies, he turned to the history of the Vatican before entering the Nazi diplomatic machine. In Madrid, last summer, he pretended to be an Italian, a Mr. Belmont. I met him a few times and was surprised at his great knowledge of personalities like Hitler and Mussolini, as well as of the secret treaties made during the war.

#### THE FURBER'S TREASURE

Taking a lot of precautions, we agreed to meet at my hotel for a private talk. It was then that he told me: "Yes, I am Dellmann, but I must ask you not to disclose my identity as long as I still stay in Spain. I am looking for assistance and advice for a very important mission". He then explained

that after the armistice he had stipulated in Italy, he had spent some months in a British concentration camp, where he had come to esteem the British. This was the reason why he was trying to get their assistance in view of the dangerous and difficult mission he was about to undertake.

Dellmann spoke hurriedly, as if wanting to unburden himself after so much silence. He talked about his past as a Nazi, hiding nothing his friendship with Himmler, the "ambassador", his diplomatic liaison work between the German Embassy at Rome and the Vatican, the Mussolini-Hitler meetings to which he had taken part. He finally reminded me on the "Furber's" last days and in doing so

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his features became tense: he had come to the point. There was a high, great mission to be undertaken, a last great secret to be placed in safety. The British and Americans had looked for it in vain. The Russians were, however, on the right track and could get hold of it before the others did. Marshall Keesehring had notified him that it was his duty to act before the Russians reached the goal.

I took notes of every detail of the story as told to me by Dollmann, and in the four days that followed I interrogated him at length. The information I had gathered I then submitted to experts and the answer was univocal: every singular detail is absolutely correct, and there is no doubt that Dollmann is the only man who can know that secret.

I could, however, not help him then, and now it is too late. His arrest at Frankfurt, which put an end to his mission, authorizes me to speak. Most probably other people now know his secret.

It was during the negotiations for the surrender of German troops in Italy that Dollmann went to Dolans to meet General Wolff. It was in the beginning of April 1945, three weeks before Germany's downfall. While Dollmann was at headquarters, twenty cases bearing Hitler's personal seal arrived from the Berlin Chancellery.

"I opened two of these cases", Dollmann told me. "They contained the Fuhrer's treasures: golden cigarette cases with his autograph, watches with his initials, pearl and diamond pins. In one of the cases I opened there was also the original manuscript of 'Mein Kampf'. That night the twenty cases were buried in an alpine locality".

It was, however, not the treasure that Dollmann wanted. That he did want. "Much more important is the finding of four other cases which Hitler sent to Langbruck, to his old friend Hefner, an Austrian 'Gaulleiter'. They contained very secret documents of state. My fear is that they might fall in the hands of the Russian. The consequences....."

#### AN UNSUCCESSFUL MISSION

The former colonel stopped at this point. He then said: "These documents, I have not seen them myself, but the Simonsen-Gaulleiter Hefner, who had examined them before burying them in the mountains, told me: 'The contents of these four cases would interest Mr. Churchill and the Russians very much'. Most

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surely the story of the Nazi-Soviet agreement of 1939 is central thereto, as well as the domestic politics of what Stalin offered Hitler in order to dissuade him from the invasion of Russia.

"In 1939", continued Dollmann, "I was present at a conference between Hitler, Goebbels and other officials. During the conversation Hitler was called on the telephone. During the call he said to follow him to the field and he was very excited. He said he was going to see Ribbentrop at once. He said he was about to enter into a pact with Russia. This is the most important day in the history of Germany!"

"That evening Hitler told me from this moment on, all documents relative to Russian-German relations will be kept in very secret and separate files". These files were merely included among the papers which had come from Berlin in those four cases. These documents - something he said Hitler had told me - immediately were given to overtake the governments of various nations."

A few months ago Dollmann received information that the Berlin authorities were on the spot of the four mysterious cases. From the friends he had written him from Berlin that the Russians had secured the collaboration of some former members of the KGB, who were in touch with those who knew where the cases were hidden. Dollmann, therefore, turned to his former commandant, Kesselring, who at that time was at liberty on a "penal island" on his word of honor" from the director of the British prison in Germany, where the Rohdarschall was spending his term as a war criminal. Kesselring ordered Dollmann to "use every available means" in order to prevent the Russians from seizing the documents.

Dollmann, however, was a refugee in Spain, after having been ejected from Switzerland. Also in case he could have reached, unobserved, his friends at Innsbruck, it would have been extremely difficult and dangerous for him to get away with the four cases right under the nose of the French occupation authorities, the Austrian government and the ever-vigilant Soviet secret police.

"I would like to organize an expedition in order to get hold of those documents and of the treasure, as long as we are in Spain but for the moment I don't see the way to do it." The problem was worrying Dollmann to be in a displaced and obscure direct action. "Those papers must, however, be put in a safe place, and then be used with discretion. For instance, the letters

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written by European statesmen must be returned to them, intact. Documents which might compromise living German subjects must be destroyed. Dellmann added that once the mission should have been completed, I was free to publish any document I wanted, with the above exceptions, of course. Unfortunately, I could not take part in this treasure hunt through the alps; I did not see any legitimate way to do it. Dellmann, however, was firmly determined to try it. "Should I not be somewhat successful", he told me, "you can write what I told you so that my friends will know that I tried".

It appears that Dellmann was finally able to find support for his enterprise in Italy. Two Italians arrived at Madrid last month; one of them was the mysterious Mr. Rocchi, whom I have already mentioned. He accompanied the former colonel to Frankfurt, but a mysterious opponent spoiled the whole thing by informing the German frontier police of Dellmann's arrival and concealing the compromising objection document in Dellmann's suitcase.

It is very probable that the Russians kept an eye on Dellmann during all these years, knowing that he knows where Hitler's secret files are. Agents of Western Europe Secret Services must also have kept an eye on him, only the Soviets, however, were interested in removing him from circulation, having him fall into the hands of the German police. At this time a place must already have been found in the Kremlin's files for the documents contained in the four cases full of Hitler's secrets.

CHARLES POLBY

cc: Bureau  
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