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CONTENT OF INFORMATION:

The following information was received from 10/6/50 in mid-August. The information was given to members of the Italian Fascist underground movement, F.A.N. (Bands of Revolutionary Action) by intelligence operatives in Austria. - Evaluation: Source "3" (usually reliable); Subsource "7" (reliability unknown); Information "6" (truth cannot be judged)



An informant learned from a COMINFORN-member that the Cominform-circular XII/49/2 contained, among others, the following instructions and hints:

Instructions for Organization Leaders (Organizational Matter)

Several Communist parties reported to the COMINFORN that within the parties there were visible signs of disintegration caused by foreign agents. The presence of such agents was stated principally in the French and Italian parties. The activities of the agents consist chiefly in provocations, and in the spying out the military strength of the party and the way it cooperates with the COMINFORN. All organization leaders are urgently requested not to receive any Cominform delegates or couriers and to give them no information whatever, if the delegates or couriers were not sent by the Politbureau or directly by us. American and English organizations and even the secret services of those countries received precise orders to determine the international military strength of the Communist parties. In order to make sure, even of the lowest party groups, a re-organization is recommended which would keep the party members from knowing the actual political party leaders, so that they could not be betrayed. Party records indicating the strength of the party must not remain in the party offices, but must be kept by a reliable party member. The organization must consist of 2 cadres: (a) active members; (b) party functionaries; (c) members fit for military service, and (d) paying party members.

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The importance of reinforcing the counter-action (?) department of the party seems extremely obvious. It must be made possible that comrades - who in eventual actions expose themselves to the danger of being arrested - should be protected. These preparations must not be taken as a sign that the COMINFRAHU is conscious of certain weaknesses, but that they represent a precaution against momentary actions which probably are planned by the Americans, the English, the French and the Italians.

The party must never lose its organization-leaders and political leaders, but must bring up new ones.

The schooling of party functionaries is one of the most important tasks of the party, just as much as the fight against imperialistic instigators. Titoist tendencies must be immediately exterminated and detailed reports must be made to the COMINFRAHU.

Party membership booklets must be exchanged more often because this camouflages the real strength of the party in the eyes of the enemy. Organization reports must not be older than one month and must comprise even the lowest HQs in order to give the Cominform an exact picture of the situation of the party.

with party greetings

Oberlot (own signature)

International Brigade.

The military and political preparations for the activation of a new IB are completed. The commander of the "International Brigade" will probably be nominated by the COMINFRAHU upon suggestion of the Russian POLIBUREAU. It is pointed out once more, that the new IB will be entirely controlled by the COMINFRAHU, which circumstance excludes any possibility of this organization being disintegrated by any influence. The means necessary to support the IB are provided by the COMINFRAHU. The military supplies will come from the People's Democracies: Bulgaria, Rumania, Hungary and the GDR.

The IB will have 2 squadrons, 2 tank-units, 4 infantry-units, 2 artillery-battalions and other security units with the strength of 2 battalions. The activation was allegedly completed by 1 April 1950. Russian soldiers will not fight within the IB, but the staff of officers will probably consist mainly of Soviet officers, because not enough experienced officers of the old IB are available.

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