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29 December

C J C J. Evening spent with Mr. Freddy KAUFMAN, Zuhringersstrasse 34, telephone 325705, champion for Switzerland of kilometer sprint for bicycles, and runner-up for world champion. He is an acquaintance from the war when he was doing his military service in Lugano. No interest.

30 December

Returned to Lugano with train of 3.35 from Zurich, travelling with Vittorio di NORA as we had arranged at luncheon. Nothing of interest, except he continues to offer the flat in Zurich and seemed a bit surprised that I had never used it. I said there had been no reason to as yet, as the people I had wanted to use it with had not come from the States, and other business did not need it, but that if I did, I should not hesitate to go up there. (NOTE: We have been unable to use the apartment for meetings with source as, after all arrangements with di NORA (MSBA-2552, etc.) had been made, we discovered that the di NORAs' child and nurse were in residence there most of the time. Source, of course, could not very well tell di NORA that his business meetings could not be held there because of the nurse and child. To keep up appearances, source will use the apartment for a bonafide business meeting if the opportunity should present itself).

31 December

Locarno in the afternoon, where I went around to have a drink with an old personal friend, Dr. Roberto SCIARONI, head of the Clinic St. Agnese in Muralto. SCIARONI is three quarters Hungarian and one quarter Ticinese, and a very good friend of ours. He had been most helpful during the war in hiding out people in the Clinic for us when

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studied for the diplomatic service, but was turned down as being too "un-American", a fact over which he seemed to be very bitter when telling me about it. There seems to be considerable money in the family. I should like to know if you have any information on this man before I get involved with him. (NOTE: additional information on ANFKOROT included the fact that he was turned down for OSS during the war, apparently because of his father's German parentage).

3 January

Telephone call from ~~SALLEY~~ in Milano asking if I were coming down to Milano, and an appointment was fixed for Tuesday at his office in Milano. (SALLEY traces: WASH-6795, etc.).

Around noon a telephone call from Jug #2 asking me to be in Milano on Saturday at three thirty in the afternoon, as Jug #1, who had been retarded in arriving, would be there only for the afternoon and evening and must see me. As I had planned to go to the Riviera over this weekend, I tried to arrange things otherwise, but he seemed very upset and said Jug #1 thought it absolutely necessary that we meet and this was the only day, so I agreed to meet him, and put off the Riviera till later, as I thought it might be for the meeting with ~~MISSIC~~ (MSBA-2511, etc.).

4 January

Off to Milano at eight and straight to ~~OLLIAN~~ (MSBA-2610, etc.) for appointment to go over the documents pertaining to his request for nationality. He says ~~MARAZZA~~ (MSBA-2610, etc.) is in agreement to send it through at once, as soon as ~~CROSS~~ (WASH-6705, etc.) presents it, and that ~~OLLIAN~~ would make him a nice little gift for services rendered. Remained to lunch. Present were both ~~OLLIAN~~'S, Binnie ~~BARNES~~, British movie actress and her Hollywood husband, a certain ~~FRANCO/ITCO~~, also the Bishop of Bergamo and a very frightened young priest, both very bewildered at finding themselves in the ~~OLLIAN~~'s entourage. I was worn out at the end of the lunch, for the ~~OLLIAN~~'s don't speak Italian, and Binnie and husband nothing but English, and the clergy nothing but Italian, and Mrs. ~~OLLIAN~~ giving me complete details on the latest sex life of her husband in French. ~~OLLIAN~~ is now financing a film with Binnie ~~BARNES~~, directed by her husband, which is being made in Rome at the moment.

Appointment at two thirty with ~~CIGARINI~~ (MSBA-2610, etc.) in their flat, but Renato had left that morning for Rome and Mrs. ~~CIGARINI~~ very uncommunicative about what he was doing or what was happening, and only intent on getting the furniture into the flat as soon as possible. She wants my wife and myself to dinner next week, and this is always better, as ~~CIGARINI~~ is a great admirer of my wife and can't resist showing off when in her presence, thereby revealing much more than usual.

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Appointment at four with SEALEY in his office at the Consulate. He first invited my wife and me to lunch on Sunday next at his house in Moltrasio, and he would meet us at Ponte Chiasso. I accepted.

He wanted to discuss the following things: (NOTE: Also covered in BERN-2521).

1. CROSS, in whom they are very much interested, as he has contacts with satellite countries that they think interesting. He asked about the passport question, but I said I had not seen CROSS for some time now and he had not offered them to me. He asked me to find out if possible. I asked him how they knew about the OLLIAN passport question, and he replied that OLLIAN had told MEAZZA that I had presented him to a certain Mr. CROSS, British Intelligence, who would help him with the passport and MEAZZA had referred it back to the British, not knowing at the time who CROSS was.

2. Arms traffic. In this they are most interested, as they want to be able to follow down at least one shipment in detail to know exactly how it is being done, and through whom. He said he had a legitimate buyer, a Hungarian, (who naturally reports to him after, but who is really buying), and would I present him to MEAZZA as a possible buyer. He said MEAZZA was really interesting, for in the first week of December REALE (MSBA-2279, etc.), former Ambassador to Poland and leading CP light, had intervened personally and the consensus now was that MEAZZA must be one of his men and therefore of considerable importance in the CP. It seems that the case of MEAZZA had come up again over a traffic in charity packages (MSBA-2610) and REALE had intervened in his behalf. I said I had not seen MEAZZA for a long time now and I personally did not like this sort of thing, but if the occasion should arise when I could, I would, but that I couldn't just take his Hungarian around at the moment, as that would be too suspicious. I think I can thus let this die a natural death. (NOTE: Source has been fully briefed on our interest in his maintaining contact with SEALEY. Source will continue to see him from time to time and will also refrain from acting too aloof. Source, however, will take care not to compromise himself with the British by too overt activity on their behalf).

Asked me about shipments from CARLIKON, Zurich, to Hungary, about which I knew nothing, and asked me if I had any way of finding out the details on this and I said I did not have any contacts with CARLIKON.

Checked over some names of arms people, none of whom were known to me. (NOTE: Source could not remember the names)

3. Checked over some details of OTTOLINI-VISCONTI (MSBA-2610, etc.), about his American trip, etc. Nothing of importance.

Took the bus at five-thirty for Bergamo, arriving at six thirty,

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