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Rome, February 21st 1945.

President of the Board of Ministers

Sir,

I wish to add the following to the letter I addressed you on behalf of Boris Sims' "visit" to Italy:

1). At the beginning of January this year, a member of the German Embassy at Rome told me that Boris Sims has arrived in Italy with the passport of Vladimir Glain and that he had renitted the leadership of the Legion to Braschi. A week later I received the same information from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. It's office manager, dining at my house, even renitted me an informative note, which I here enclose, and which states the same thing, adding that Glain is at present emprisoned in Germany because he helped Sims "escape".

This informations are too identic and were surely fixed up previously with the greatest care.

2). I took various steps in order to examine the above mentioned informations. The first thing I did was to examine - in a confidential way - the files of the State police, foreigners registration office, to verify the file of Vl. Glain. Every stranger coming to Italy, has a special file where, among other things, are noted all entrances and exits communicated automatically by the frontier offices. Glain's file shows in a clear and indisputable manner that the latter presented himself at the Brennero frontier on December 7th 1942 and that he effectively left Italy on December 11th 1942. No other mention is to be found on Glain's file. If he or Boris Sims, using Glain's passport, had passed the frontier after December 11th, that would have been automatically noted on his file. From the fact that no mention is to be found on Glain's file after December 11th 1942, enlightens us to think that Boris Sims did not come to Italy with the passport of Vladimir Glain.

3). According to information from an unofficial but excellent source from Switzerland, Boris Sims was seen in Bern shortly before Christmas. He travelled with a false passport, which was not Rumanian.

It would have been impossible for B. Sims to go to Italy with Glain's passport, it's validity expiring on July 1942. Whoever knows the extreme strictness of Swiss authorities in passport matters would understand that they would not grant a visit on an unvalid passport.

4). Boris Sims arrived in Rome on Christmas eve. His arrival was announced to the secret police previously to his reaching Rome. On December 25th, 26th and 27th the Italian secret police and German agents watched the house he was staying in - Via Crescenzio (Professor Gazdaru's apartment). On December 27th B. Sims left Rome "being send back to Germany". The Legation could also gather following information from one of the Italian police men who watched Sims: the latter had gone to the house but received numerous visits.

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5). The Military Attache was informed by an Italian officer, his former comrade at the Military School at Turin and now having an important job at the military secret information service, that Cima came to Rome with an Italian passport dressed as an Italian officer. This information merits some consideration. But there are serious objections to it. For example Cima does not know the Italian language. How could he have travelled in an Italian uniform, not being able to answer the Italian military controls a perfect Italian. An Italian officer who could not speak Italian would certainly be considered a spy. I suspect this information was given to us on purpose with the aim to hide the truth from the Rumanian legation, that is that Cima perhaps travelled with a German passport and dressed in a German uniform.

It is known that the military information service always works according to the maxim: to gather good information and to give out a false one.

6). Before reaching a conclusion I must describe the person Vl. Cimin. His real name is Aldemar Cimin, born in Bernauzi, father belonging to the minorities, mother Rumanian. Stayed in the country several years, having a scholarship at the Women School. Was a member of the Legionary Group here and is known by them as "Vlad". But he principally is the paid agent of a foreign country. His mission was to be in constant touch with the Legionaries from here, to report about their activity and to infiltrate them with certain ideas. He was also in touch with the Legionaries in Germany and went there twice as a Legionary courier. This was known and reported at the time by the Legation.

Cimin declared at the consular department of the legation on July - after coming back from Germany - that he had lost his passport, which meanwhile expired. He persistently asked for a new passport, which the Legation refused, knowing that it also happened to other Legionaries - men and women - to lose their passports.

At the end of November our Military Attache summoned Cimin to return to his country in order to attend to his military situation. We were informed several months ago, that Cimin told his friends that in case he would be obliged to go home for his military service, he would go to Germany and claim German citizenship to which he is entitled being a German by origin.

As a result to my research it is known that Cimin presented himself at the Brennero frontier on December 7th. Although his passport was unvalid he had his German visa and passed the control. Yet he did not want to continue his journey, saying he was obliged to wait for his wife, coming from another direction. It appears that Cimin met a secret agent at the frontier who told him he had to go back to home in order to get an identity document from the Rumanian legation. On December 8th Cimin came to the Rumanian legation and invoking the loss of his passport requested a new document with which he could return to his country to do his military service. He received only a certificate of repatriation, valid for only one journey, and also the usual letter of recommendation to the Hungarian legation so he might get the transit visa on his document and on his wife's passport. Neither Cimin nor his wife ever used this letter and never asked for the Hungarian visa because they never had the intention to go home, they were decided to go to Germany and settle there. To be noted is the fact that they entered Germany through the Brennero frontier (direct way Rome-Berlin) and not through Trieste or Ostria, or Vienna or Graz-Budapest.

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I regret that since leaving it by on December, Ullin never returned.

7). It appears that Ullin has a great resemblance with Uima. This was known by the secret police who arranged this journey, wanting to convince us that Uim came to Italy with Ullin's passport. One sure fact results from all this: that Uima had several passports, that of Ullin among them, so he could use them in case of need.

I must acknowledge that my researches, costing me several thousand lire and a lot of work, did not give satisfactory results so we could see a clear way through this mystery. What we could establish is that we had to deal with a very clever staging of the police. I hope your information service could receive more details which together with my informations would help solve this problem.

Yours respectfully

V. Grigorev

P.S. Because of the strictly confidential content of this letter I typed it myself, so nobody from the Legation knows about it.

Rereading my report I notice that I forgot to mention a very important fact, namely that the Legionary circles here speak about Mr. Himmler in an appraising way and severely criticize Mr. von Ribentrop. This clearly shows that they are Himmler's clients and those of the German secret police. This should be kept in mind when judging the present case.

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