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SCI Unit 2
Rome

JRX-608

28 August 1945

Subject: Interrogation Report of CAPPELLI Rosa, Maid of
Lt. Guido ZIMMER, of the SS. *cd*

A. Circumstances of Arrest:

1. Subject was arrested by the Questura of Milan and is held in the women's section of San Vittore Jail, Milan, at the disposition of the Political Section of the Questura.

2. With the permission of the Political Office, she was interrogated by SCI Unit 2, Milan, for information relative to Lt. ZIMMER of Abt. VI of Aussenkommando Milan.

3. Subject was interrogated for information only and remains at the disposition of the Political Office.

B. Personal Data:

4. Name: CAPPELLI Rosa
Father: di Angelo
Mother: di BELLONI Antonia
Born: 21 May 1918 at Benemerse (Cremona)
Residence: Stagno Lombardo (Cremona)
Occupation: Housekeeper

C. Activities in Rome:

5. In July 1941, Subject became Lt. ZIMMER's maid in Rome. ZIMMER, at that time, occupied an apartment in Via Gaspare Spontini 24, which had formerly belonged to Russian diplomats who had been forced to leave with the outbreak of war. Subject had formerly worked for them and so automatically stayed on when ZIMMER moved in. ZIMMER told Subject that he was a journalist.

6. In October 1941, ZIMMER left with his family for Berlin. The apartment was taken over by Capt. KOHLER, who had previously visited ZIMMER very frequently. Subject remained with KOHLER until November 1943, when she was given a vacation. *cd*

D. People who Visited ZIMMER in Rome:

7. ZIMMER frequently entertained a German woman who worked at the German Embassy and whose name Subject believes to be Felicitia BURKART. ZIMMER spent a lot of time with her and also dictated many reports to her. *cd*

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8. Col. KAPPLER of the SS was another frequent visitor. Members of the German Embassy, both Army people and civilians were often present. cd

E. People Who Visited KOHLER in Rome:

9. Among KOHLER's most frequent guests were officers of the Italian P.A.I. (Italian African Police). KOHLER was said to be the Liaison Officer between this group and the German Hqs.

10. Among some of the others who frequently came there were: a Frenchman called 'SCHERIEF', a German Major LOSS, who worked at the German Embassy, Capt. SAEVECKE, who stayed with KOHLER in Rome enroute to and from Tunisia. cd

11. Subject remembers that once, during KOHLER's absence from Rome, Col. RAUF and Signa. Maria CIRONIS lived in the apartment. cd -

F. Employment with VOETTLER in Cernobbio:

12. In November 1943, Subject left Rome and returned to Stagno Lombardo to her family. She remained there until January 1944, at which time, CIRONIS wrote her suggesting that she come to Cernobbio as housekeeper.

13. In Cernobbio, Subject worked for Capt. VOETTLER of the SS, and stayed there until October of 1944, when she became ill and returned home. cd

14. Subject states that, while with VOETTLER, she met FRAGER Johann, who was a very good friend of VOETTLER. cd

G. Employment with ZIMMER in Milan:

15. In January 1945, while at home, Subject received a letter from ZIMMER, asking if she would work for him in Milan. Subject accepted the offer and went to his apartment at Via Cimara 22.

16. During the first few days, ZIMMER had his family with him but they returned to Germany in early February 1945. From then on, ZIMMER led a gay life entertaining many women, whose names Subject vaguely remembers as being: FRANCA, AMELIA, GIANNA, ANGELA, VANDA, MARIA.

17. Subject remembers that ZIMMER had a secretary whose name was 'RENATA'. Living with him also was a Lt. HINA. cd

18. Dr. SEGNA, who lived in Cernobbio, was a frequent visitor as was also a woman whom Subject believes to be an agent, as she was very careful about not revealing her identity. (See Appendix A for description. cd

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19. Another visitor was an Italian Professor of Chemistry who came from Bolzano and who was generally accompanied by an interpreter. A person, whose description would seem to correspond with that of TRINCHERO, was another frequent guest. *cd*

20. Subject also remembers another man who lived in Corso Vercelli. He was always accompanied by a beautiful woman and came to get instructions from Major HASS in Parma. *cd*

21. In early April 1945, ZIMMER had as guest in his house a N/T operator who seemed to be either American or English and whose name was Tott (Taltor?) SMITH. He had a N/T set with him. On 24 April 1945, he and ZIMMER left in a car. ZIMMER told Subject to wait for him at the apartment as he would be back in ten days, at which time they would settle her pay, etc. He never returned.

22. Subject remembers that, on the top floor of the building, a certain BRUCKNER and FISCHIETTI lived. They were frequently visited by a certain CARLO or CARLETTO, who might possibly be identical with ROSSI. *cd*

23. Subject adds that ZIMMER's chauffeur was Elio GASPERINI, and that he was sent on a vacation on 10 April as ZIMMER did not trust him. *cd*

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APPENDIX "A"

PERSONALITIES:

BURKART Felicita : 30 years; 1.75m; natural blonde; large build; light eyes; round face.

✓ KOHER Capt. : 35-40 years; 1.78m; robust; dark complexion; speaks Italian well.

✓ SCHERIF : 50-55 years; very dark; thin; 1.65m; round face.

✓ LOSS Major : 40 years; 1.75m; large; distinguished.

CIRONIS Maria Vitalina : Born in Cagliari; worked with Col. RAUL since Tunisia and went with him to Milan to Via Perotti 2. Was arrested by the Milan Questura and released 9 May 1945.

✓ VOETTLER Capt. : 40 years; 1.65m; very stout; blond; pale complexion.

RENATA : ZIMMER's secretary; German; 24; 1.70m; dark; spoke Italian well.

✓ HINA Lt. : 40; 1.65m; wore glasses; thin; not good looking; vulgar manner; does not speak Italian.

SMITH Vott (Walter?) : 25-28; 1.65m; thin; dark skin; black hair; round face; small mouth; pleasant manner; had clothing with English tags.

FISCHETTI Gianni : 30; 1.75m; large; black hair; high forehead; round face; Tuscan accent.

BRUCKNER : ARRESTED

GASPERINI Elio : 31; 1.72m; thin.

CARLO or CARLETTO : 35; 1.73m; large; dark curly hair; distinguished looking.

Female Visitor of ZIMMER : 1.70m; dark complexion; 40; nervous; tick in eyes; spoke Italian with southern accent. Also spoke German.