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 FROM : BFB ^{AB8}
 SUBJECT: The ZIMMER Note-books

1. Attached herewith translation of four shorthand notebooks containing the official correspondence from May 1944 to March 1945 of Lt. ZIMMER, Abt VI, representative Milan. The notebooks were seized by the SCI/Z Milan shortly after the fall of the city and in the opinion of this unit provide one of the richest single bodies of information on the activities of Abt. VI Milan and on the background of the Armistice negotiations. Grateful acknowledgement was conveyed in December 1945 to CSDIC Rome for their aid in transcribing the shorthand into German.

2. The attachment comprises 167 separate memos, each bearing a reference number, chronologically dispersed as follows:

Ref. No. 1 - 45:	Feb-March 1945
46 - 78:	Jan-Feb. 1945
79 -102:	Aug-Nov. 1944
103 -167:	May-Sept. 1944.

It is thus clear that at least one other notebook covering the period Nov-Dec 1944 was missing or not seized.

3. ZIMMER's memoranda provide an irrefutable cor-
 rectant for the statements now being made by or for some
 of the prominent Abt. VI double agents in North Italy.

4. Chief among them is Baron Luigi PARRILLI who is
 for the first time herein seen in his proper perspective
 as a man bound hand and foot to Abt VI and the plans which
 ZIMMER and his superiors dictated. It is apparent that
 the pre-armistice negotiations were as much the work of the
 Intelligence (most particularly Abt VI) system on the German
 side as it was from the side of the Allies.

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For this work, it is clear that ZIMMER built up Baron PARRILLI from his first social contacts following PARRILLI's qualms about having aided the Partisans under duress in August 1944 (See Ref. Nos. 77, 79). This is followed by the most illuminating conference between PARRILLI and ZIMMER on 18 November 1944. In his memorandum ZIMMER clearly reveals the relationship as one of principal and agent and makes the proposal for contacting the Allies in Switzerland (see Ref. No. 81). The CRAMER episode speaks for itself (see Ref. Nos. 12, 31).

5. Equally illuminating materials will be found on DA's Johann PRAGER (Ref. Nos. 103, 118); Andreu ZOLYOMY (Ref. Nos. 11, 162, 163 et. al); Renato Carmine SENISE (Ref. Nos. 42, 43).

6. SCI/Z Milan and Genoa are asked to check the contents of attachment carefully in order to exploit locally leads on persons not heretofore suspected of contact with Abt VI. Attention is particularly directed to ZIMMER's pre-occupation with commercial espionage in Milan (Ref. Nos. 115, 117), Turin (Ref. Nos. 118, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 134) and Sesto San Giovanni (Ref. No. 116).

7. Saint Madrid's attention is directed to Wilfredo RICCARDO (Ref. Nos. 19, 124), who however may still be in the Riviera area. Also to ZIMMER's operation "GUITAR" against the Spanish Consulate in Milan. Note that in this operation his agent JEVREMOVIC used the Consul's secretary, Maria MOLANO (see Ref. Nos. 4, 14, 15, 17, 21, 38, 40). MOLANO has recently been able to flee to Spain, presumably because she suspected that her racket had been discovered in Milan.

8. In connection with the Spanish cipher material photographed by ZIMMER (Ref. Nos. 17, 38), it is recommended that Saint AMZON attempt to locate and interrogate Miss Berthe SCHMIDT, c/o the GOSSIN Firm, No. 80 Sedanstrasse, Erlangen; further, that an attempt be made to locate the photographic copies allegedly sent under seal to Abt VI/B-4 (Ref. No. 38).

9. It is pointed out that the detailed footnotes include much data directly relating to OSS operations. For this reason no dissemination outside the organization is being made. Local stations will thus take proper precautions in disseminating information contained in the attachment.

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10: Traces and comments designed to identify persons named on whom it has been indicated in the text no traces are held, will be gratefully received. It is recalled that one request has already been made to AMZON without success to have ZIMMER himself clarify and amplify references which are still in doubt.

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Subject: Agnet WALLE¹

REF. No. 1

1. In order to make the cover secure for this agent, who up to now has been without...(?)..., the following plan was discussed and carried out, which at the same time also gives him a basis in the event of an occupation of the local area.

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2. The continuation of his activity -- for the present, and in case of an invasion, as well as after the war also-- assured (agent W. emphasised that he was considering the continuance of activity after the war also).

3.2 The purely political game with the MU..(?)..Partisan movement is being continued independently of this plan, so that, an invasion, he can at once put the main emphasis here.

4. In conjunction with this plan, radio-operator..ONIO(?)³ in the same ...(?)... acquired a small business, and therefore can unobtrusively maintain liaison with WALLE in a commercial way, so that the transmittal of Intelligence data is being assured.

1: See Ref. No. 16, note 3 below: Ref. No. 113 on "TRE STELLE", ZAMBELLI in the section of ZIMMER's jottings covering the period May-Sept '44. Since in both these citations the individual involved is described as "a longtime Adjutant of General GARIBALDI", or words to this effect, the hypothesis is here laid down that "WALLE" is another cover-name given by ZIMMER to Giuseppe ZAMBELLI, alias "TRE STELLE."

2. It is suggested that the so-called "Ettore MUTI Legion" may be here indicated. Secretary of the Fascist Party and a popular hero; the Legion, under Col. COLOMBO, was active in and around Milan and liaised with Abts. III and V, Aussenkommando MILAN, to the extent of giving SAEVECKE data on Communists (see Ref. No. 20, note 4: IR on Theodor SAEVECKE, sect. 2, C.VI, P. 13).

3. From the context of Ref. No. 16, below this may be Livio LUZZATTO.

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REF. No. 2

Subject: Communism in Italian Colors

5. At a local (MILAN) printery, the accomplishment of socialization measures was effected by the Partisans. The manager of the company made the proposal that, at the first session with his workers' delegation, all conceivable pay demands and social propositions be laid before him. Quite unexpectedly, however, the session went off in the following manner: after salutations, he asked the workers whether they had any kind of desires or proposals to put forward. Whereupon a list of 54 names was handed him by the workers, with the request that the laborers therein cited be at once discharged from the factory. When the manager took a look at the list, he ascertained to his astonishment that the matter concerned exclusively workers over 60-70 years of age who had, for the most part, faithfully served the firm for 20-30 years. He recognized at once that political grounds played no part. When he wanted to know the reason for these, in his view, illy considered proposals, and made reference to the facts that these workers had served faithfully and honorably, were veterans and the fathers of families, that some had up to 10 children to support, etc., the answer was that the men were too old, the wages they were drawing therefore too high and bearing no relationship to production.

6. The manager pointed out that those to be released were justly affiliated with FA(S)CIO (union local) and that on these grounds he was unable to carry out such an inconsiderate measure. The delegation undertook to assume responsibility, and they therefore proceeded through the rooms of the employees. In one room 3 employees were present. The workers raised the question as to what these three had on their hands. If one of those three were to work really properly from morning to night, he could do the work of all. The other two should therefore immediately be released.

7. In other words, from now on the Italian worker is interesting himself so profoundly in the profits and earnings of business establishments that he is grasping at the most unlikely means to boost his own share in the proceeds.

8. The (unwitting) woman source assures that this is not just a poor joke, but on the contrary that the affair was literally so.

2) to VI --- VERONA
3) to III --- III/D

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REF. No. 3

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To VI/Z. BRAITENBERG.

9. To the FS(Frontstelle?: forward detachment) over there the following is reported:

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10. (1) Mrs. Josephine P. is not the wife of Count Edward P(OSS)³. She resides neither in BOLTIERE(?; SW of BERGAMO) nor in USHA(?); she doesn't live in Genoa, either.

11. (2) The wife of Count Edward P(OSS) with her 2 children lives in J..A(?) with the Count's parents. Ed. P(OSS)'s sister is the present Baroness (Luisa) PA(RRILLI)⁴; therefore Count PO(OLLI?) is the brother-in-law, not the cousin, of Baroness PA(RILLI).

12. Nothing is known here about a brother of Baron PA(RRILLI).

13. May I⁵ point out that Mrs. Josephine is a personal agent of Brig. Gen SCHELB..

1: Maj. Berno von BRAITENBERG, the C.O., Abt VI/Z, Italian. See IR on — CSDIC/C&F/SD 75 (8 Oct '45); and Ref. No. 37, note 3.

2: See Ref. No. 12 for another entry on this character.

3: See Ref. No. 31, note 1, for data on this character and on his business associate, Baron Luigi PARRILLI, a GIS go-between and suspected double agent.

4: Likewise a security suspect. See SCI/Z, Genoa, memo No. 172 (equals JZX-1394), 28 May '45.

5: This is a rare instance of the original author of these jottings speaking of himself in other than the third person — Obersturm-fuehrer (in later GIS documents sometimes referred to as Hauptsturm-fuehrer) Guido ZILLER, the C.O., Abt VI, Aussenkommando Milan. The attitude of SCI/Z, Rome, as to the status of this extraordinary intriguer is set down in JZX-5519 (28 Nov '45).

6: Brigadefuehrer SCHELLENBERG, C.O. Amt VI, RSHA, is probably indicated here.

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REF. No. 4

14. The above-named¹ reported a few days ago to the local office in order to hand over some data to his controller, SS Col BICHEL(?).²

15. Col. B. had given DRAGA³ the job of briefing himself in Milan for a mission to Spain. Since DRAGA is a very energetic individual, he utilized the waiting period in preparation of passports, etc., so as to be helpful to the local Abteilung. It was thereby ascertained that DRAGA accomplished more in a few days than an agent of average attainments could do in weeks and months. When on the 23rd of December DRAGA set off to present to his controller, SS Co. B., in Baden-Baden,⁴ a report on his completed preparations, he was therefore authorized to emphasize up there that Abt. VI in Milan would like very much to take him on as a permanent man. Should Col. B's assignment, therefore, be of not too pressing an interest, DRAGA might be attached at Milan.

16. DRAGA rambled about in Germany for a total of 33 days. For 8 days in Baden-Baden they stalled him with assertions that Col. B was not available to give him his briefing, that Col. B had no time for him; he could safely travel back to Milan and await orders. DRAGA did not rest satisfied with this, but instead journeyed to Berlin. After some days he contrived to be received by SS Lt. Col. BE..(?).⁵ In a 10-minute conversation, he was assigned the duty of implementing an Intelligence service in Switzerland. He was therefore to betake himself immediately to Verona and SS Maj. GOHL,⁶ who by that time would have received instructions on the mission. Until this decision was arrived at, however, he had to wait approximately 14 days, since allegedly the consent of the chief for the operation was lacking.

1: No heading. Presumably agent "DRAGA", the subject of this notation. One of the aliases of the Yugoslav, Miodrag NEVREKOVIC; see 1st IR on -- CSDIC/CMF/SD 68(4 Sep 45). By DRAGA's own statement (op. cit. sect. 10, l. 15), he first arrived in Italy, from Strasbourg, at the end of Oct. '44 and arrived in Milan a fortnight later.

2: Standartenfuhrer Hermann BICKLER, C.O. (Leitstelle WEST ("WESTER")), as of Oct '44 based at Baden-Baden.

3: First mention of "DRAGA" in this group of ZILLER's notes. Other reference numbers in which he plays a prominent role are 8,9,14,24, and 38 below.

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17. Then he journeyed to Verona, and from there was despatched to Milan. From here he set out to San Remo to find Maj. GOHL at last.⁷ (Maj. GOHL knew nothing about anything, and therefore even refused DR.GA. the payment of 50,000 lire promised him in Berlin, emphasising the fact that his own estate for the whole set-up did not exceed this sum. Quite undone, with 24 lire in his pocket, his will crushed (which is not surprising), covering the distance by night and the last 30 kms. on foot, he arrived here today a few hours ago, and explained that he was going to have nothing more to do with this fol-de-rol.

18. It was now more than ever decided upon that DR.GA should work exclusively for abt. VI and remain here in Milan.

19. Since his wife is Spanish,⁸ and he has a good contact with the Spanish Consul-General C.NTHAL,⁹ this area will form his 1st mission.

4: 23rd Dec '44. Since spring '43, BICKLER had been Leitor, abt VI (RSHA), B.d.S., Paris (see IR on JEVREMOVIC, op. cit., sect. 6, p. 10). This Hqs. subsequently changed its title to Leitstelle WEST, still under BICKLER, and removed to Baden-Baden, 6. Sep-Oct '44, and later to Hornberg; see 1st IR on Friedrich BERGER, CSDIC/CMF/SD 38 (5 Jul 45), sect. 6, pp. 8-9. Between Paris and B.-B, the Hqs based briefly at Strasbourg.

5: (Obersturmbannfuhrer) BERNHARDT, Referent VI/B-2 (RSHA). See IR on JEVREMOVIC, op. cit., sect. 11, p. 17.

6: See also Ref. No. 20, below. Sturmbannfuhrer GOHL, C.O. of (RSHA) Sonderkommando VI/B-2, also known as "Operation TOSC." and "BERTRAM," for the despatching of French and German espionage agents against Southern France. Earlier, the undertaking had been of two operations, "TOSC." at Milan and "BERTRAM" in San Remo, on the Italian Riviera. See the 3rd IR on Sturmbannfuhrer, (Dr.) Klaus HUGEL, CSDIC/CMF/SD 5 (19 May 45), sect. 2(f), pp. 4-5; and the IR on JEVREMOVIC, op. cit., sect. 8, l. 11.

7: "DR.GA." arrived in San Remo toward the end of Jan '45. What he has here told ZIMMER coincides largely with the story he gave in his IR, cited in Note 1, above (op. cit., sect. 11, p. 17), though additional details now emerge which should be of interest.

8: This Spanish woman, a Mrs. PELAEZ, was his mistress, not his wife; see IR on JEVREMOVIC, op. cit., sect. 1, p. 3.

9: See Ref. Nos. 14 et al. Ferdinando C.NTHAL y GIRON; see SCI/Z memo, JZX-5417 (7 Nov 45).

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REF. NO.: 5

Subject: . The Head of the ...(?)... Service for the Mediterranean Area.

20. The Travel Permit (sic) of the T.I.R.(?)¹ presented in the appendix, was handed over by agent DRAGON. The head of the Service is Captain(sic) F.A.T. JONES GOFFREZ,² who has his headquarters at ...(?)... in the Bergamo Hotel. G. is about 45 years old, 1.75 cms. tall, strongly built, with blond, thinning hair. He inclines to laziness, and for this reason has signed a considerable number of blank sheets of the Tr. Permits in question and left their filling out to a ... (poss. Corporal).

21. The form-sheet is particularly adapted to agents going on a mission to France(?). When filling out the form-sheet, however, the following points should be noted:

- 1) The authorization may not be valid for more than 3 days.
- 2) The form-sheet has to bear a number written in ink. Where and how this number is placed is noted in the copy. The number itself must be between 250 and 400, since the last form-sheet by him bears No. 247.

22. In the appendix there is subjoined a copy of the form-sheet, which is made out with the same stamp and the same signature. This form-sheet is valid for France, Switzerland, and Italy.

1: It is possible that this is a garbling of T/R, sub-section in the French D.G.E.R.

2: Indicated here is probably ZIMMER's garbled version of the name of (Capt. Geoffrey M.T. JONES, OSS, NICE, Aug'44 - Mar '45. (He is not to be confused with Mr. Donald JONES, alias "Scotti," who worked out of the U.S. Consulate at Lugano and controlled OSS Missions O-11 and O-2 among others.)

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REF. NO.: 6

To the Befehlshaber der Sipo --VI.¹

Subject: The BERGER Group.²

23. B. appeared on the 6th of February at SS Col Z.'s place³ and presented him with the writings subjoined in the appendix, with the request that they be further implemented.

24. It was explained to B. how the situation lay. Since it primarily concerned him to have his San Remo group imprisoned,⁴ it was made clear to him that this sort of proceeding could only be attained if the offices that started these people off, and are responsible for the entire conduct of the operation, give their consent; this should be through SS Col. BICHLE(?), who virtually amounts to Jmt. VI in Berlin.⁵

25. Since, however, it may be impossible to transmit these voluminous transactions by the telegraph, let it be held most to the purpose that he himself set out for Hornberg and SS Co. B's,⁵ so that concurrently it be accomplished that BERGER leave Italy. Special travel-orders were issued him to Hornberg, where he is to report to Col B's office.

1: See Ref. No. 37, below. The Leiter, Abt VI (RSHA), B.d.S., Italian, was Sturmbannfuhrer Dr. Klaus HUGEL; see 3rd IR on -- CSDIC/CLF/SD 5 (19 May '45).

2: See Ref. No. 24, below. German civilian Friedrich L.M. BERGER; CSDIC/CLF/SD (5 Jul '45). In this IR BERGER claims (sect. 7, pp. 10-11) to have arrived at Milan on 4 Jan '45, a member of the "Enthusiaste" group of French Fascists. Sponsored by Leitstelle WEST (Col. BICKLER: Ref. No. 4, note 4), the group reached Italy at Verona from Strasbourg on 2-3 Dec '44, destined to be sub-ordinated to SS Maj. GOHL's "Operation BERTRAM and TOSCA" for the running of line-crossers into Southern France (Ref. No. 4, note 6). Though the group was originally headed by the Frenchmen Laurens HILLANDRY and Francois RISTERCUTCHY, the former -- together with another member, Mme. Odette CHAZELU -- left the group in Milan, to live together there and join a Wehrmacht propaganda unit; and it would appear that from about this time on the party came under BERGER's direction. A helpful chart of the rather complicated Abt VI (RSHA) "operations" in North Italy will be found in Appendices E and F of the HUGEL interrogation (see note 1).

3: See Ref. No. 8, below, beginning of second paragraph. It is suggested that this phrase is an incorrect reading of shorthand for SS 1st Lt. Z(ILLER)'s..."

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4: Presumably this would refer to the arrest in San Remo by Maj. GOHL of three members of the group for an alleged pilfering of documents at Strasbourg. According to his own statement, however, (see note 2, above), on 15-16 Jan '45 at San Remo, BERGER was also arrested by GOHL and transferred to the San Vittore prison in Milan where he remained until March '45. He was then released by one SS 2nd Lt. Dr. KLEY, who took him to KLOSTERREICHENBACH, whither Leitstelle WEST had removed from Hornberg. BERGER also states that he saw "DR.G." for the last time at San Remo in Jan '45 (op cit. sect. 8, p.11). The IR on JEVRELOVIC (Ref. No. 4, note 1: sect, 11, p.17) likewise indicates bad blood between BERGER and GOHL, JEVRELOVIC stating that GOHL asked him to take BERGER off his hands at San Remo and turn him over to Referent, VI, Sipo, Genoa. JEV. claims he did this, that the Sipo would not have BERGER, and that he therefore conducted BERGER as far as Milan. These various discrepancies with the present jottings of ZILLER are to be explained only on the basis that somebody is lying -- probably BERGER.

5: See Ref. No. 4, note 4. Standartenfuhrer Hermann BICKLER.

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26. Mr. V. F.¹ was at my place last evening and informed me that, following a sojourn of 10 days, he is back from Switzerland; and I hereby gleaned a few minor details of interest, for example, that at Basel on the Bahnhofstrasse a huge bust of STALIN is displayed in a show-window; that rich families are readying their shelters in the Hochgebirge mountains for possible residence; that Parlor Communism, as it's called, is about to burst into bloom; and especially that, with the decrease in atrocity stories about the Communists on German soil, a calmness is setting in, on the reasoning that, if the Germans themselves are not reporting such atrocities, then things can't really be so bad in that connection.

1: The possibility exists that this character is identical with the "Mr. von FISCHER" who figures so prominently in Ref. Nos. 28-9 and 55 below. Otherwise, no trace exists.

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REF. NO. : 8

27. On the morning of the 7th (February), agent DR.G.¹ put in an appearance at SS 1st Lt. Z(ILLMER)'s place and made the following report:

28. BERGER,² who at his taking leave of me yesterday afternoon was quite convinced that his best course was to return to SS Col. B.'s,³ yesterday evening around 7.30 pm again met up with Mrs. CHAZEAU, an old acquaintance of his from France. Mrs. CH. was living here out of wedlock with the Frenchman M.L.LANDRI, who was arrested 2 days ago in Verona.⁴

29. Mrs. CH. turned over to BERGER 10 shares of United States Steel(sic) Corporation and a check for one million francs dated Algiers, 20 June 44. Whether this sum was to be paid out through M.L.LANDRI to de GAULLE, or whether he received the sum from de GAULLE for services rendered, is not known here and must be ascertained by the interrogation of M.L.L.

30. BERGER thrust these papers at DR.G. and whispered to him to conceal them and for the time being to set them by, since the SS had already made a house-search at Mrs. CH.Z's, luckily however not finding the papers.

31. Shortly thereafter BERGER confided to DR.G. that he had though matters over and did not want to travel to Germany, but instead was taking off into Switzerland with Mrs. CH. In addition to these securities, Mrs. CH. was alleged to possess diamonds and other jewelry to the value of over two million francs. BERGER then fetched the whole lot from Mrs. CH. and took it to the German house where he lodged it with the concierge.

32. In this way proof was presented that B. was by no means trustworthy. On the same day at 4 o'clock, therefore, he was picked up, together with Mrs. CH. as well.

1: Alias of Miodrag JEVPELOVIC. See Ref. No. 4, note 3, for citations. The date here is 1945.

2: Friedrich M.M. BERGER. See Ref. No. 24, note 5, for a parallel comment.

3: Standartenfuhrer Hermann BICKLER. See Ref. No. 4, notes 2 and 4.

4: This is a consistent misspelling by ZIMMER of the name of Laurens M.L.LANDRY, a native Corsican, resident of France. Formerly edited an anti-de GAULLE newspaper in Paris. See Ref. No. 6, note 2, on him and his mistress, Odette CHAZEAU.

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To B. d. S. -- VI.

33. The local agent DR.G. met, in the company of other foreigners, Mr. Jean de W. RZEE(?), whom he already knew casually from France. Mr. W., in the presence of the other foreigners, related that he had done SD and other work in Hamburg for SS Capt. WENE(?), but that in general he was not...(?). . ., that he was really at loose ends. He produced his orders for DR.G. (see appendix), wherein point No. 3, sentence 5, is particularly interesting: it represents a virtual command against discussing the special missions with an SD post. Mr. W. had no intention of giving strangers a look at these instructions. According to point no. 4, Mr. W. is to be controlled directly by SS Capt. W.

34. It should be said here that W. is wholly without means or shelter; he did not know to whom he should present himself.

35. DR.G. made inquiries at SS 1st Lt. Z(ILMER)'s as to whether he ought to send the man there, whereupon the chap put in an appearance at the present amt. From the authorization he produced -- the SDLi,² Hamburg, abt., III/D -- it follows that he is active for that office.

36. Pending clarification of the episode, he was retained a bit longer.

1: No local traces are held on either of these orthographically suspect characters.

2: It is suggested that this an unorthodox abbreviation a-la ZIMMER for the Leitabschnitt of the Sicherheitsdienst, i.e., a chief regional office, within Germany, of the SD. See Ref. No. 52 for another example of what would seem to be an infringing Intelligence activity by a GIS unit in a geographically remote area.

REF. NO. : 10

FS to B.d.S. -- VI¹

Subject: Mrs. Renee FICARDI 2

37. The above arrived by plane day before yesterday. In opposition to the FS there, Mrs. R. is not here on the orders of the Italo-German students!..(?). . ., but instead at the behest of Ant VI.

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Amt. VI was interested in reports and data on the Partisans and their internal politics.

38. She hopes to be able to gather Partisan data if she can search out her brother, who has been a Lieutenant in Partisan campaigns for a year and a half..(?)... She hopes to receive some data through her brother-in-law, who was at one time the Director of a munitions factory and who was still seen in Florence in the summer of '44, so that she hopes to be able to locate him again.

39. Political intelligence she hopes to receive through a woman friend who is active with...(?)... and is the friend of an Italian Colonel. Asked whether she had herself spoken with the Ida..(?).. in Amt VI, she said no. She came to know Mr. UHLENBERG only through a Mr. Russel(?).³

40. The entire mission doesn't make a serious impression and has the appearance very largely of a private jaunt. Her contacts do not correspond to local requirements, wherefore financial backing cannot in large measure be forthcoming. For 3 weeks she was paid 3,000 lire, in which connection it should be borne in mind that she is living with relatives and has no special expenses.

1: Here, and henceforth in this batch of ZIMMER's jottings, "FS" would from the context seem to be the abbreviation for some word as Fernschreibung, "teletype." See Ref. No. 37, note 1, on Abt VI, B.d.S., Italian.

2: Olga del GENOVESE (nee PICARDI or PINARDI), an informer in Milan, where she currently resided, for the GIS and the Ettore MUTI Legion. See Bulletin No. 12, from the CE section of the C.N.L. (1 Jan '45).

3: This character is probably Gastone RUSSEL, who, with his wife (both are French), was listed as agents employed by Abt. IV/III-F, Milan, where they resided in the Albergo FLAZA. See SCI/Z memo, JZX-1672 (11 July '45, par. 3(g), p. 3.

REF. NO.: 11

My Dear Mrs. B.,

41. Various reports at hand determine me to convey to you a not very welcome piece of news. In order not to compromise your contemplated journey to Switzerland, it is necessary that any contact between you and ...(?)... be most strictly avoided. We must therefore wait until you are in possession of the papers, in order to contact outside of Milan those final conferences which are then still requisite.

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I am sorry that you should be deprived of your freedom of movement in this way; but in the last analysis the trip itself might be too important even for you that we should compromise you further. About your jewelry, I must tell you that Mr. A. in R/PALLO(?) knows nothing of the jewelry. He suggests that it is consigned to his brother GINO.

42. I shall inform Verona accordingly, so that contact may be initiated up there with Mr. Gino A.

43. I enclose pass, and proposal for the border visa, for Mrs. B. The latter need only be signed and surrendered to the inspector's office at No. 65, Via QUOTA.

44. May I wish you once again a speedy recovery, and remain...

REF. NO.: 12

Subject: Emilio FO...(?)...

45. He is the husband of Josephine¹, and resides as stated in B. So far as can still be ascertained, he is managing his silk factory in Bergamo. Another brother, ~~GIORGIO~~, has the wool...(?)... in ...(?)... and is still to be found there. Since Edward FO(SS)² is intimate with Marchioness ~~CRIVELLI~~, whose brother was picked up on an espionage count by IV(III-F)³, it is probable that the FO(SS) family is likewise under suspicion, which however I consider as absolutely absurd.

1: See Ref. No. 3, sect. (1)

2: See Ref. No. 3, note 3

3: See Ref. No. 31, note 3. About 10 Jan '45, Referat IV/III-F, B.d.S. Italien, Aussenkommando Milan (under Count ~~THUN-HOHENSTEIN~~, on whom see Ref. No. 31, note 7, and Ref. No. 37, note 5), arrested the Marquis ~~Uberto CRIVELLI~~, an anti-Fascist, on the suspicion of having harbored a W/T set belonging to an Allied intelligence service. See SCI/2, Field Hqs. File No. JZX-6100 (Milan, 8 Feb '46). The arrest of Lt. ~~CHAMER~~ arose out of this episode, see Ref. 31 below.

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To Mrs. A (poss.P.)

46. For specific operational purposes immediately connected with the U.Rl. (poss. A.Rt) it is requested that a double and single room be made available for 3 persons. Until then it is requested, if found necessary, to billet the 3 in another hotel.

REF. NO.: 14

Subject: The Spanish Consul-General (at Milan --CANTHAL) ¹

47. On the 8th of February DRAGA managed to get the vault keys to himself for about 40 minutes. With a wax (mold) set up in great haste by SS 1st Lt. ZI(MMER), some impressions were made which a master-key for the special locks was then prepared. Provided the keys fit, it is planned to make photographic extracts in the next few days of the most important securities. At the same time it will be sought in like manner to make photographic copies of the ...(?)...of the code-keys.²

48. The necessary security is assured; and if things should not get on by means of the keys, then the possibility exists of attaining the same goal through extortion. The individual implicated at the Consulate General³ has, in the past 4 weeks, demonstrably purloined 27 passport form-sheets and sold them with the stamp and signature of the Consul-General, for a total of 6 million lire. 1st Lt. ZI(MMER) will however follow this course only if the attempt with the keys miscarries and if it is definitely ascertained to what extent the Consul-General's himself is implicated in the passport sale.⁴

49. One of the Consul-General's next trips will be made in the company of DRAGA's wife, who has entered into a (sexual)liaison with him.⁵ The purpose of her company is said to be to adduce indisputable proof of the Intelligence activity of CANTHAL. Circumstantial evidence of this activity is already sufficiently at hand.

1: See Ref. No. 4, note 9. The Consulate is on the 1st floor of an apartment in the Viale Maino, No. 17-A, Milan. See Ref. No. 90, for his interest in the Swedish Consulate in Milan.

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2: See Ref. no. 17, note 2, for a presumed amplification of this sentence. Also Ref. Nos. 21; and 38, note 2.

3: This is probably the Consul's secretary, Maria MOLANO, a confirmed and large-scale trafficker on the Black Market. (SCI/Z memo, JZX-5417, 7 Nov. '45).

4: He was, on an impressive scale. See citation in note 3, above, and IR on JEVRELOVIC, op cit., sect. 10, p.15.

5: Actually, "DRAGA"'s mistress. See Ref. Nos. 4, note 8; and 25.

REF. NO. : 15

Subject: GUITAR,¹

50. Supplement to the Index of Cover-Names.

No. 16 -- ALPHONSE III²

No. 17 -- Only son PON..AN(?) Children

No. 18 -- A daughter present Prince MARONI³ Sister

No. 19 -- The husband Prince MARONI

No. 20 -- COMENDACHOS(?)
MACNIFICOS(?), Spanish agitator(?) Assistant

No. 21 -- SPAIN(?) GUITAR

No. 22 -- Politics ...(?(... Business friend.

1: See Ref. Nos. 17, 38, and 40 for other jottings by ZILMER on this GIS Unternehmen. Insofar as can be gleaned from ZILMER's notes, our knowledge of the Operation is scanty.

2: Since Operation "GUITAR" is patently concerned with things Spanish, it is perhaps worth noting that one "ALPHONSO" is cited as a W/T expert with K.O. SPAIN in early '41. See 1st IR on Miodrag JEVRELOVIC, CSDIC/CMF/SD 68 (4 Sop'45), sect. 12(d), p. 27.

3: No traces are available on such a nobleman. One Enrico MARONI is known as an OSS agent of Allen DULLES in Switzerland, while a character of the same name was the honorary Bulgarian Consul in Turin in '43.

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Subject: IDA -- Italian Network¹

51. Nothing is known here about SS Maj. (Reinhardt) WOLFE's² preparations for IDA activity in this area. I can therefore report only on the state of my own IDA preparations.

52. Agent WALLE...(?)... with Agent LIVIO.³

53. Agent WALLE is setting himself up in an electrical-appliances business. He will thereby maintain contact with various industrial and business circles. In addition, W. has as formerly his purely private political liaison with Col. M., C.O. of the 38th..(?)... Brigade and at the same time supreme Commander of the PIACELA area⁴. So contact is available with the Committee (?)⁵ which assures WALLE, as the former long-time Adjutant³ of Gen Ezio GARIBALDI, every possibility for steady (poss. "later") political activity.

54. The information travels from WALLE to LIVIO. L. has in the same ...(poss. "line")... a small concern, where the radio set is being built. Theoretically, too, at L.'s place everything is ready; however, discussions about the locale are drawing themselves out protractedly, so that it is possible that the business site up to now must be relinquished and another selected in another part of the city.

55. It may be estimated, however, that these preparations will be concluded in 14 days.

56. As already discussed with SS Maj. A.H.⁶ and chief radio-man GIFFEY⁷, there then needs to be carried out only the attempt at radio liaison.

57. Financing is assured through the purely commercial receipts of the two.

58. In the IDA business, agent "GIORGIO",⁸ as formerly, will stay on as an informer. Radio liaison does not exist with him; but from among his circle of friends he has sought out a reliable man, who is being controlled as agent "LUCE"⁹ and is on the point of being planted as a line-crosser. In case of a possible break-up, "LUCE" will go with the Kommando to ...(?)... and be planted from there.

59. Agent KALGA (poss. KALZA: a woman).¹⁰ Agent K. is an independent agent, and has a cover-occupation and a residence. She has completed her radio training; only the construction and testing of the set. This is to follow upon the return of chief radio-man G(GIFFEY), in about 10 days.⁷

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60. Agent ANDREAS,¹¹ this liaison has been broken off, since the agent was playing a double game, and according to latest reports, is said to have fled on this past Thursday, the 8th of February.

61. Still in the preparatory stage is the network of Countess S. and her brother C.¹²

62. Radio engineer "GLIACOMO"¹³ is to be planted as an independent agent. Talks on this scheme couldn't get under way, since G. has been sick for about a week.

63. What preparations have been made in this area by the STEPHANIE organization¹⁴ through Verona itself is not known here.

1: In the military-German phonetic alphabet, "IDA" stands for the letter I; so when a post-occupational Invasions-Netz, or I-Netz, was planned, it was referred to as the Ida-Netz. Alerted in Oct. '44, the net was placed under the general control of Sturmbannfuhrer Dr. Reinhardt WOLFF, specially sent by the Berlin Hqs of the RSHA to Italy to supervise proceedings. See the 2nd IR on Dr. Klaus HUGEL, CSDIC/CMF/SD 3 (May '45), sect. 2, pp. 3-4. The Ida Net is not to be confused with its cover-operation, the so-called "Einheit IDA", based latterly at Parma under Sturmbannfuhrer Karl WASS and originally established in order to confuse Allied C.I. investigators. For data on the Einheit IDA, see the 3rd IR on Klaus HUGEL, CSDIC CMF/SD 5 (19 May '45), sect. 4 (j), pp. 27-8, for personalia; and for a comment on it from the standpoint of an Abt VI, Verona agent, see the IR on Otto LECHNER, SCI/Z, JRX-610 (8 Sept '45), par. 120, pp. 22-3.

2: See note 1, above.

3: See Ref. No. 1, note 1, for "WALLE," alias Guiseppe ZAMBELLI. "LIVIO" is Livio LUZZATTO, an agent of Abt VI (RSHA), Verona; see SCI/Z, JRX-614 (24 Sept '45).

4: Perhaps Col Ciro LOSCATELLI; who formed the first Partisan brigade in North Italy, mainly in the PIEMONTE. Communist; presided at execution of MUSSOLINI. Admits to having taken course for foreign saboteurs in Russia. Native of Novara. If a Col MINELLI, then see Ref. No. 72.

5: Whether this refers to the committee discussed below by ZIMMER is a moot point. See Ref. Nos. 28-9, 39, below.

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6: If the initial "A" be a mis-translation, then either Sturm bannfuhrer Klaus HUGEL of H.A.S.S may be meant. See note 1, above; Ref. No. 81, note 2.

7: This would be Oberscharfuhrer GIFFY, an engineer and radio specialist, described as the Referent, VI/1-b, of Abt VI. His "return", noted lower in the text, probably refers to his return from Berlin, whither he had been sent in late Feb '45 to fetch the proper crystals for agent's radio-sets. These were necessary owing to the changing location of RSHA's control-station; currently it was at Bamberg, with an alternate at Marienbad (Czech). HUGEL avers that GIFFY had not returned with the crystals by the 23rd of April (see 2nd IR on Klaus HUGEL, citation in Note L, above). IR on Hastuf Egon SCHONPFLUG, CSDIC/SC/15th AG/SD 6 sec, 4.

8: This was the cover name assigned by ZIMMER himself to (Capt.) Franco CARENZI, who did political espionage for him, but was actually a Partisan agent. See Ref. No. 19, note 4; SCI/Z, JRX-678 (5 Dec '45), pars. 10ff and 25 ff.

9: See Ref. No. 34. This character has as yet been unidentified.

10: This agent may possibly be one of the two following -- the German girl and radio-operator known as "KATJA", cited in the IR on Standartenfuhrer Walter RUFF, CSDIC/SC/15th A.G./SD 11(29 May '45), sect. 8(b), p. 26; the "KATIA" (Katrina WEILBACHER) employee of Abt III, Milan, under TUROWSKI, who transferred to Abt. VI and was trained by Hans LECHNER as a stay-behind radio-operator in Milan. She was, however, sent back to BOLZANO on 20 April '45 (see the IR on Otto LECHNER, SCI/Z, JRX-610, par. 202, p. 39; the 2nd IR on Klaus HUGEL, CSDIC/CMF/SD 3, sect. 2(b) (iii), p. 5). The possibility exists that these two girls are identical.

11: The alias of Andrea ZOLYOMY, Hungarian civilian and water-polo champion, subject of SCI/Z, JRX-646 (26 Oct '45). ZOLYOMY asserts that it was on 2 Jan '45 that ZIMMER discovered his dealings with the Partisans and accordingly had him arrested at Z's apartment in Milan. On the 3rd, the Germans told him he was free, but that he might no longer work for ZIMMER and must report his whereabouts daily. His IR concludes on the note of his wanting to flee Milan, but not daring to, since this act would prove conclusively to the Germans what they had been heretofore unable to substantiate -- that he had indeed been deceiving them. Hence, ZIMMER's jottings in our text would seem to post-date this IR (op cit, appendix A, p. 18).

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12: The Countess is Novella de SAVORGNIANI, a Slav adventuress from Trieste, the subject of SCI/Z, JRX-435 (9 June '45). A pro-MIHAILOVIC royalist, she probably first met ZIMMER in Feb-Mar '45 in Milan, where her lover, Untersturmfuhrer Walther SEGNA, introduced her (see JRX, op cit., sect. H, par. 17; the IR on SEGNA, CSDIC/SC.15th A.G./SD 1, pars. 34-8, 41-2). From his IR we learn that she might possibly have met ZIMMER as early as Jan '45, tho, according to Otto LECHNER (op cit., pars. 198-201, pp. 38-9), she was to contact ZIMMER only if utterly necessary. ZIMMER's present jotting is our first proof that she was indeed recruited by him. Her brother, C. is Leonello CECHEC (her maiden name, sometimes written CHECHET).

13: This agent may possibly be one of the two following — the "Giacomo" who taught Allied shoulder-patches to line-crossers at a house in the Piazza Fiume, Milan (see IR on Anna-Maria DEI BRENTI: No. 3 SCI (Florence), N.A./712 A./105, 29.11 '44); the young Italian who acted as a FAK 150 informer (see 2nd IR on Elisabeth PETZEL-TABBO: CSDIC/CMF/SD 102, 9.2.'46).

14: Gino STEFANI, head of the Milan branch of the M.G.I.R. (Movimento Giovani Italiani Repubblicani), a Fascist-reform group, as of Jan '45. The rather loosely organized group would seem to be a nationalistic and not pro-German, tho it has had contacts with the GIS. ZIMMER's present jotting may indicate whole-hearted cooperation of the M.G.I.R., or the group may, as occasionally in the past, have been utilizing agent-routes of the GIS to get some of their men into the AOT (see the SCI/Z, Rome, Key: JRX-365, Q.).

REF. NO.: 17

Subject: GUITAR.¹

64. Subjoined are the requested photographic copies of the C-books (?code-keys, ?cryptographic tables).² Unfortunately, because of technical failures, 7 pages are missing in the first book and 1 page in the 3rd composition-book. An attempt will be made to acquire the books once more so as to copy out the missing page:

1: For other ZIMMER jottings referring specifically to this GIS operation, see Ref. Nos. 15, 38, and 40.

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2: See Ref. No. 14, note 2. The books in question may have contained the Consulate's correspondence re MUSSOLINI, referred to in the IR on JEVRELOVIC, op cit., sect. 10, p. 16. Whatever their nature, they were furnished by "DRAGA"'s pipe-line, the Consuls secretary, Maria MOLINO; see Ref. No. 14, note 3, above.

REF. NO.: 18

Subject: The Baroness.¹

FS to B.d.S. -- VI.

65. Inquiries of the physician revealed that she fainted in front of the mirror and fell down. Since this occurred in a hotel-room, attendants are to be imagined still...(?)...

66. She presented the Swiss physician H. SCHEIDT with ...(?)... In this she painted her relationship with the RF SS. (Reichsfuhrer SS: HIMMLER)¹ in a harmless way and alluded to her residence in Genoa. Her newest brain-child is to woo the Communist leader PARI(sic) to our purposes as an agent. Only release from the local jail would allegedly be necessary.²

1: (Baroness) Anya ALNFREDI de BLASIS, a Finnish-born Italian national who mingled much in German military and social circles in Italy during the war years. She was living in Genoa from Nov-Dec '43 to the end of April '44. In Dec of that year, and again in Jan '45, she applied at the Swiss Consulate, Milan, for an entry-visa to Switzerland, for reasons of health; visa both times refused. She would seem to be a neurasthenic, having undergone numerous operations; however, no trace is available on the Swiss physician SCHEIDT(possibly SCHEIDEL). She allegedly met HIMMLER in '43, while residing in BERCHTESGADEN, and was invited by him to tea at the Grand Hotel there, though allegedly she never met him again. In the summer of '44, at Milan, she was asked by ZIMMER to go to Switzerland as his agent, there to disseminate anti-Russian propaganda, an offer she allegedly refused. See CIC RmC, Case No. R-2347 of 5 Sept 1945.

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2: Professor Ferruccio PARRI, alias "Maurizio," alias "Pasolini," Premier of Italy (1945). He was head of the Partito d'Azione and of the C.L.N., Milan, and as such was arrested by Abt IV in Milan on 27 Dec '44 and imprisoned there until his removal to Verona in late Jan - early Feb '45, following attempts by "Eddi FRANCHI" and members of his Group to rescue him. See IR on Sturmbannfuhrer: Dr. Fritz KRUEBITTER, CSDIC/CMF/SD 49 (31 July '45), sect. 2(xi), pp. 16-17. This would date ZIMMER's above jotting as some time in Jan '45. For other references by him to the "FRANCHI" Group, see Ref. No 31, note 4.

REF. NO.: 19

Subject: Wilfredo RICCARD,¹ Via PRIVATA VESTA 1, Tel. 65 584

67. As the woman book-keeper² relates, following each trip of the Dir.² to Liguria, the above-named puts in an appearance at the branch and remains there about half an hour, in the Dir.'s office. He is regularly handed mail by the Director. RI. must be intimate with the up to now well-known head of the ALFA-ROMEO works,³ who a few days ago was drawn into co-operation in the field of technical intelligence. The contact was arranged through "GIORGIO,"⁴ who must know R. fairly well. Telephone monitoring will be instituted at once.

1: From Ref. No 124 of ZIMMER's jottings, covering the period May-Sep '44, we know that this character was a Falangist Spaniard resident in North Italy, and was employed as the Chief Engineer at ALFA-ROMEO.

2: The hypothesis is here made that this character is identical with the Consul's secretary, Maria MOLANO (See Ref. No. 14, note 3, above), and that "the Director" is the Spanish Consul CANTHAL himself. For subsequent references to these two, see Ref. Nos. 38, note 4; and 40, below.

3: The Director General of the firm was the engineer, Ugo GOBBATO, who was shot by the Partisans during the insurrection period because he was accused of having collaborated with the Germans. ZIMMER's above jotting would seem to tie in with this fate for GOBBATO.

4: The alias of Capt. Franco CARENZI, in reality a Partisan agent. See Ref. No. 16, sect.(2), above.

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REF.NO.: 20

FS to GOHL, SAN RELO¹

Subject: Transient Frenchmen and Sonder-Kommandos

68. The work falling on the local Abt VI unit does not allow of further requisitioning by French Sonder-Kommandos, with their requests for the issuance of travel-orders, billeting, currency exchange, weapons permits, ration-cards, etc.

69. It was at one time definitely agreed that supervision of all the Frenchmen who have hitherto assumed duties be assigned by SS Maj. GOHL to some as yet unappointed colleague (suggested rendering of a garbled sentence). Up to now this has not taken place. Therefore, as of Friday the 16th of February, SS 1st Lt. ZI(MAER) will no longer receive or take charge of any transient Frenchmen. Aside from this work, regular Party(?) traffic can likewise no longer be carried for reasons of our own convenience. In this connection, attention is also called to the recalcitrant attitude of convoy-leaders hitherto appearing here -- like ROLFS,² SCHULLE, SAHN, plus WESTENLGER(?) too -- as well as to the standing difficulties with the French who have landed here en route to B.DEN-B.DEN, etc, with false travel-orders and no proper authorization by ...(?)..., and were picked up for black market and other fraudulent dealings.³

70. Also, (SS Capt) S.EV(ECKE)⁴ must issue a stated complaint so that an immediate occasion for a work ruling by SS Maj GOHL be necessary without fail.

1: Sturmbannfuhrer GOHL. See ref. No. 4, note 6; and note 3, below.

2: See Ref. No. 14, below, for an additional jotting on this officer.

3: This irregular state of affairs is fully confirmed by Standartenfuhrer Walter RAUFF in the IR on him; see CSDIC/CMF/SC/15th by Gp/SD 11 (29 May '45), sect. 6(d), p. 8. Therein we also learn that ROLFS and SAHN were Oberleutnants and one SCHULTE (presumed to be the SCHULLE cited in the text) an officer-candidate.

4: /Hauptsturmfuhrer/ Theodor S.EVECKE, the Leiter, Abts III and V (RSIL), Nissenkommando Milan. See Ref. Nos. 31, note 5; and No. 42, below. See also 1st IR on --CSDIC/CMF/SD 13 (4 June '45).

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REF. NO.: 21

To the GOSSEN Firm, No. 80, Sedanstrasse, ERLANGEN

Subject: Temporary Release of Miss Berthel SCHMIDT

71. Miss SCHMIDT, employed at your works, is urgently required in Milan for an extremely important special mission.¹ The mission requires knowledge of a country and its language where Miss SCHMIDT was employed 8 years for your firm.

72. A specified time-limit cannot be set beforehand, but it is requested to release her provisionally for from 10-12 weeks. Since the mission is extra-ordinarily urgent, normal recruiting for the ...(?).. of the Sipo(?) and B.d.S. is being set aside, and a special courier with this communication has set out there direct, in the hope that they are ready for an immediate departure of Miss SCH.

73. Miss SCH., who is not yet advised, is receiving a copy and an accompanying communication in which the reasons are set forth for her.

1: See Ref. Nos. 14; 38, note 3. The "special mission" was the translation of the Spanish documents removed from C.NTHLL's consulate at Milan.

REF. NO.: 22

Dear BERTHEL,¹

74. I must surprise you at this time with a quite extraordinary request. I need a person for a special task on whom (1) I can rely 100o/0 and (2) who is at home in the Spanish language. Since you were in Spain 8 years, so KATHY tells me, you have really mastered the tongue.

75. The work which I have in mind for you and which is really of national importance consists of the sifting of documents and miscellaneous writings which have come into my possession of the most secret nature, in Spanish, which are then to be translated from photographic copies. Since the material is at the moment in my possession only for a very short time, it is mandatory that this work be quickly and confidentially completed.

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76. Unhappily, no one in the local Kommando speaks Spanish perfectly, and I cannot detail this work to a stranger.

77. I hope that you personally won't refuse, and hope the same of the GOSSEN firm.

78. Please don't have any worries about billet, rations or pay.

79. Should it still, for personal or other reasons, be difficult for you to promise, don't forget that this matter concerns an urgent request from an office engaged exclusively in work for the Fatherland, and that naturally there exists the possibility of accomplishing our purpose through the draft. The affair is so pressing, however, that I cannot suffer this loss of time and am attempting it in this manner.

80. The bearer of this letter, my trusted driver ELIO,² is to bring you at once and transport your luggage. But bring only what is really necessary with you. I am appending at once the necessary travel-orders for your trip. How long I shall require you here, I cannot say, but certainly for from 10-12 weeks.

1: Miss Borthel SCHLIDT. See Ref. No. 21, above.

2: ~~Elio G. SPERINI~~, Via Ausonia 16, Milan. See SCI/Z memo, JZX-4039 (11 Sept '45), Appendix B.

REF. NO.: 23

To Russenposten MER.NO. Attn. SS Lt. SCHIF.¹

Subject: Identification-Card for Miss C (JFA).²

81. Miss C, who on the orders of the B.d.S. of the Morano region received an identity-card through their mediation in November of last year, has had it stolen from her.

82. I have already presented a form-sheet at the B.d.S.; this form-sheet will definitely arrive at your office next on the chain of command. It is requested that the matter be expedited.

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1: As of April '45, the Sipo and SD Aussenstelle(sic), Merano, was controlled by the K.d.S., Bolzano, of which Sturmbannfuhrer August-SCHIFFER was 2nd i/c and also Leiter, Abt IV. For the above-translated "SS Lt." the German text reads "Stmfhr.," and it is suggested that ZILMER has written an incorrect abbreviation for Sturmbannfuhrer. See IR on -- CSDIC/Clf/SD 86 (9 Nov '45).

2: See Ref. No. 36, below for another jotting on this obscure, otherwise untraced personality.

REF. NO.: 24

Subject: DRAGA¹ -- ANGELO²

83. On the 25th of February DRAGA, who had returned from a trip to San Remo, put in an appearance at my place; he explained that he had met BERGER in the city, who had discoursed to him at length about his unjust treatment by SS Maj. GOHL.³ He asked me whether I couldn't see BERGER or help him in some way, since, unprovided with any financial means or travel-orders, he was wandering about homeless in the city.

84. As I agreed, DRAGA appeared the following morning with BERGER. I listened to BERGER and provided him with travel-orders to Hornberg.⁴

85. DRAGA was quite pleased with this solution, and presented BERGER -- who was very shabby and appeared to be down and out, since he had made the Genoa-Milan trip back on foot -- with a good change of clothing and his only pair of lined leather gloves. This to me is clear proof that DRAGA had been still willing to help his former Paris colleague on the 6th of February. On the morning of the 7th of February, D(RAGA) appeared, handed over 10 stock shares and a check for a million francs, and explained that he had apparently been deceived in B.⁵

86. BERGER, who after his departure from my office had still spoken enthusiastically about wanting to make this trip to Germany immediately, is said to have met a Mrs. CHAZEAU. This Mrs. CHA. explained to him that her husband had been imprisoned and that a house-search had been made of her place, but that fortunately her papers had not been found. From this conversation DRAGA had inferred that BERGER must have changed his plans completely and schemed to flee to Switzerland with Mrs. CH.

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87. BERGER, who still had complete confidence in DRAGA, showed the latter a packet of stock and a check for a million francs.

88. DRAGA appeared at my place the next morning and reported on the matter that it was his feeling BERGER would no longer undertake the promised trip to Germany, that he was making everything ready for an escape to Switzerland. He handed over to me the stock which B. had entrusted to him and named a rendezvous-point where he was to meet B. and Mrs. CH., whence was brought about their capture. So there is absolutely no doubt about DRAGA's sincerity relative to providing B's and Mrs. CH's plan of escape.

89. Quite distinct from this, ANGELO had a contact with Mrs. CH. The night before her capture CH. commissioned ANGELO to sell a diamond ring, with which she wanted to get hold of a car for the trip to Berlin. When ANGELO informed her that the ring alone would not suffice to procure the auto, she gave him a gold bracelet in addition. ANGELO then went out and sold the ring to a jeweler for 255,000 lire. Then he bought the auto, found out that the money lasted, so did not sell the gold bracelet. The car plus the bracelet he stored away, since in the meantime Mrs. Ch. was imprisoned; he assumed, however, that the matter pertained only to the imprisonment of BERGER. When I then spoke to him about it, he admitted the events and brought me the bracelet, which I transmit enclosed. In this connection P.(poss.D.), to whom I related the affair, made some statements subjoined in the appendix as to how he viewed the matter; and ANGELO made 2 statements, enclosed as appendix.

1: Alias of Miodrag JEVRELOVIC. See Ref. No. 4, note 3, for citations.

2: This character is probably Angelo ONADO, an Italian national, resident in Paris, and there a member of the GIONANI group of thugs employed by Sachgebiet IV/N-1 (RSHA), of B.d.S., Paris. Later active in Milan in Black Market speculations, he was well known to "DRAGA". See IR on JEVRELOVIC, op cit., pp, 12 and 31.

3: See Ref. No. 6, notes 2 and 4. The "city" referred to in the text is probably Milan.

4: This was one of the various bases of Leitstelle WEST("WALTHER"), the Abt VI, under SS Col BICKLER, of the former B.d.S. Paris. See Ref. No. 4, note 4.

5: See Ref. No. 8 for an earlier statement of this affair.

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REF. NO.: 25

Subject: Prospects in Switzerland ...(?)...Diplomats.

90. Enclosed is a report related by Agent DRAGA, transmitted in two copies. The report was prepared on the basis of a 2 1/2 hr. conversation between DRAGA's wife and Mr. CANTHAL.¹

91. Particularly interesting is the last paragraph, which might be construed to indicate that Mr. CH.² is betaking himself very shortly to London for conferences.

1: See Ref. No. 14, note 5, above.

2: Because of the difficulties inherent in deciphering ZIMMER's shorthand jottings, from which this translation into English from the standard German was then made, it should not be immediately taken for granted that the "Mr CH." referred to in the text is CANTHAL, though such is likely the case.

REF. NO.: 26

Subject: Pass for Baron P (ARRILLI).¹

92. Since this office has an interest in Baron P.'s journey, it is requested that the validity of his Pass be extended to the end of this week.

1: See Ref. No. 30 below. This probably concerns the trip to Switzerland, undertaken about 20 Feb '45, by Baron Luigi PARRILLI in order to contact Allied authorities there in a preface to the Italian surrender. See JZX-8024 (7 May 1946) for a consolidated questionnaire on PARRILLI's CE activities in general.

REF. NO.: 27

Subject: Mrs. JUNNIER (poss. ZIMMER)

93. At 4 AM on the 15th of February Mrs. J. departed from Milan for Merano, after she was able to get up for the first time, following her operation, on Sunday the 10th.

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94. During the course of the week she will have crossed the frontier, on orders, in order to travel to Erl.(?ERLANGEN).

95. The loan paid by Mr. MAUSE(?) to Mrs. J. came to 3,000 lire. This sum does not financially burden either Mrs. J. or SS Lt. ZI(LMER), since both have access to sufficient means in the Reich.

REF. NO. : 28

Subject: Formation of a Committee for the Establishing of Diplomatic Relations with England.¹

96. (1) Transaction. On Friday, the 16th of February 1945, at 6 PM, the ...(?)..., Mr. F. von PCHIZYN(?) (accompanied by Mr. von FISCHER)² sought me out in order to talk over with me his preparations for the contemplated trip to England.

97. At this opportunity, Mr. von F. began a political discussion with me on the current military situation, which he considered to have "become unfortunately hopeless."

98. According to what he has heard up to now about the Three Powers conference in YALTA, the situation would even seem to be much worse, since it is now definitely clarified in the political spheres also, and unfortunately in this connection has become hopeless too, he avers. As he claims he had assured me earlier, his sole hope lay in a positive German foreign policy, and -- which he asserts he had likewise earlier declared -- he cannot understand why the SS has not in due course assumed this function as well. He based his view on the belief that RIBBENTROP can in no way lay claim to the status of a diplomat and that ambassadors, because of the modernization of Intelligence channels, are no longer diplomats in the old sense, but instead function simply as postmen for the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

99. The Party, with its Gauleiter and miscellaneous high functionaries is in his opinion utterly unadapted to making contacts abroad, and can also by no means be reckoned a genuine factor for power; so there remains only one real power factor (he asserts), which should stand for both political and military power and which should act in a way to instil respect for both sides, that is, for Germany and for the rest of the world as well.

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100. Mr. von F. said that, if perhaps it were not already too late by now, all technical men who have a real interest in the further existence of the German Reich and people must be clear about the necessity for parleyings with the Western Powers.

101. To my suggestion that this necessity has certainly been recognized and has also, in my personal view, already led to all sorts of incidents — since our enemies of course always demand as point No. 1 the deposing of Fuhrer and Party — Mr. von F. replied with the observation: "That's all right, but there must be men around who realize that People and Fatherland are more important than a personality and a Party." To my query whether he believed the SS should be called on to conduct the parleyings on this basis, he answered that the talks could now ensue only through the medium of some Power able to range the German Reich with the English and the Americans in a bloc for the struggle against Russia.

102. Mr. von F. then began to set forth an idea which, to my way of thinking, is not just an idea but rather the repetition of a scheme that must certainly already have been the object of different conversations. The idea goes as follows:

103. Those of us here in Italy are fashioning an island which, via Verona-B..(?)..., still has contact with the Reich and Berlin. One day the English will break through and damn up this single canal. Thereupon everything German in this area will fortify itself like a hedge-hog and pour fire from every cranny until there's no more ammo left. The English will then have stirred up the people of the land, and real chaos will break out in the large cities of North Italy.

104. If we on the contrary utilize German power and create therefrom a Free Corps — and this with the knowledge and consent of Berlin, or, if that be not possible, without such knowledge and consent — that can place to the hindrance of the English and Americans, as order-maintaining powers, every warlike obstacle and which can therefore make pre-exist here in this area, in miniscule, what can then be done, in the large, in Germany, then something valuable for Germany must ensue from this.

105. I went at once into technical details. and asked how he would demonstrate the practical working out of such a plan. Mr. von F. then proceeded to amplify somewhat:

106. There should be a committee founded; this committee should actively concern itself, first of all, with two phases. The 1st phase is the attempt to legalize the committee.

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The 2nd phase is the initiating of contact with the enemy, which must ensue as rapidly as possible, since it is certain that there is extra-ordinarily little time at our disposal. To my question as to who, then, was to represent the committee before the enemy, Mr. von F. answered that the most ideal figure would be SS Lt. Gen. WOLFF,³ but that he is not very quickly accessible. He personally knows someone, however, who would be quite suitable, this being Gen LEYERS,⁴ who allegedly presents every prerequisite desired. Moreover, Gen. LEYERS, in the estimation of all German war interests, comported himself very loyally in connection with the local ... (?) ... and therefore enjoys very great confidence among capitalistic circles. In addition, he is asserted to be a most energetic and skillful organizer. The only trouble would be that he could, definitely, count on no support on the part of the German ambassador (to the Fascist Italian government, at FASANO), Mr. von RAHN.⁵ To this end, it would once more be desirable to put a ... (poss. SS) ... leader at the head of the committee. It can only be an ... (?) ... leader who is not known straight off to the enemy as a (?) ..., since in general we must look sharp that this omelet we've got to cook does not become too salty for the enemy by the introduction of lots of Party members and personalities.

107. Mr. von F. assigned to me the job of feeling out, in preliminary form, at the office of SS Col RAUFF⁶ whether he might not cooperate in this regard, so that he could win the B.d.S. and the H.SS.Pf. to the plan.

108. Whereupon the statement came out: "It would of course be far better if the entire affair were carried out with an unbiased (?) approval," from which it is to be inferred that the affair is to come off even without sanction, from which it is to be inferred that, in actual fact, appropriate preparations were already concluded. From the conversation, then, it might, once more, be inferred that Mr. von FURSTENBERG, ... (?) ... of the FIAT works, is playing a part in this scheme,⁷ and that Mr. von FURSTENBERG must be in contact with an English officer in Turin. Mr. von F. even gave me the name of this officer, which unfortunately has escaped me.

1: See Ref. Nos. 29 and 39, below, for additional jottings. For an account of the subsequent, and conclusive, surrender negotiations between the German authorities and AFHQ, see IR on Eugen DOLLMANN, CSDIC/CLF/SD 57 (20 Aug '45), sect. 7.

2: The character "von POHNZYN" remains untraced. On the basis, however of Ref. No. 55, below, wherein ZIMMER refers to "Mr. V. FISCHER of COLOM", it is thought safe to identify the latter with the "von FISCHER" of the present jotting.

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This would be Terzilio BORGHESI, alias "Hans FISCHER," head of the Abt. VI p/o network at COMU. See IR on, by No. 3, SCI Unit, NAM 712 A/9 (24.5.45); the JRX on Otto LECHNER, op cit., sect. S. Pars. 190-93, p.37; the 2nd IR on Dr. Klaus HUGEL, op. cit., sect. 2(b) (iv), p. 5. The possibility exists that the von FISCHER of the present jotting and the Mr. V. FISCHER are also the person referred to as "Mr. V. F." in Ref. No. 7, above.

3. Obergruppenfuhrer Karl Wolff, H.SSPf. and General der Waffen-SS for Italy from the time following the Italian Armistice. His Hqs. were on Lake GARDA, and it was of course he who subsequently treated with the Allies in Switzerland.

4: This German officer, head of the Italian branch of the R.v.K. had his offices since late Oct. '43 in Milan and is cited by DOLLMAN op cit., sect. 1b, p. 5) as among those who favored an extreme course by the Germans in North Italy, viz., stripping it of its resources entirely and transporting them to the Reich. In this, he and the Ambassador, von RAHN, are declared to be at one (ibid., p. 16), despite what the other reason may be for his getting "no support" from von RAHN. As to LEYERS' possessing "very great confidence among capitalistic circles, "ZIMMER apparently glosses over an incident about which he must have known: in late Dec '44 an advance copy of an album prepared at LEYERS' order by the R.u.K. on the industrial potential of North Italy was stolen from the General's Milan office, and in the resultant investigation by Abt IV, B.d.S., Italian, it was learned that the entire procedure had been most carelessly handled from the security standpoint. Abt IV recommended official action against LEYERS, but the outcome of the affair is unknown. IR on KR. NEBITTER, Fritz, op cit., sect. 2A, p. 16.

Again, in May '44, an agent of Ast BREMEN — which was engaged in assessing Italian armament production and Italo-German labor relations — on making inquiries into the alleged mis-management of RuK, Milan, discovered that certain unspecified officials of that organization had accepted large bribes from Italian manufacturers in exchange for the illegal allocation of various raw materials. As a result of these disclosures, two inspectors arrived from Berlin and arrested several (again unspecified) RuK officials. See the 1st IR on Maximilian WIESEL, CSDIC/CMF/SD 65 (29 Aug. '45), sect. 2(c), p. 5.

5: Rudolph von RAHN, Bevollmachtigter-Beobachter of the Nazis to the Fascist Government. He had earlier superseded General von LACKENSEN at Rome.

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6: See Ref. Nos. 20, note 4: 29; and 37, note 2. Standarten-
fuehrer Walther RAUFF, from Sep '43 the C.O., Gruppe OBERITALIEN,
WEST, der Sipo und SD, w. Hqs. in Milan. See IR on — CSDIC/SC/
15th Ky Gp/ SD 11 (29 May '45), sect. 2.

7: Prince Tassillo von FURSTENBERG, a German national born in
Brussels, resident in Milan and Turin. His wife, Clara (nee
AGNELLI), is the daughter of Senator AGNELLI, the
owner of the majority of the shares in the FIAT Firm. During the
war the Prince and his wife spent most of their time in Germany,
returning to Italy in March '43. Both possessed passports made
out by the German Consulate, Rome; and in Aug. 43 the German
Embassy requested a visa, for a six-months' period, to permit their
crossing the Italo-German-Swiss border.

REF. NO. 29

Subject: Committee Formation.¹

109. The conversation with Mr. von F (ISCHE), set forth in
my report, I presented on Sunday evening to SS Col R (AUFF) and told
him that with Mr. von F. I had played the game, following his line
of thought, of wanting to cooperate at the formation of such a
committee. I also told SS Col R. that I had done this with Mr. von
F. because I had said to myself that —

110. (1) it must be ascertained with certainty that such a
committee is being formed and which persons are actively involved,
for Mr. von F.'s assertion that Gen. LEYERS is the suitable man is
proof that Gen. LEYERS is implicated. In consequence, it would
not suffice to kidnap him, since he could offer the remonstrance
that he would certainly not have cooperated, provided... (?)....

111. (2) if I could imagine that such a committee really
has contact with the enemy, so that, from the nature of this com-
mittee's parleyings, conclusions could be drawn about the political
intentions of the enemy.

112. SS Col R (AUFF) explained that the envisaged organizing —
if the formation were not already a fact — could not be carried by
VI. However, the affair might stand him in very good stead, since
he has a similar operation; for the accomplishment of which these
conferences could be utilized. He therefore commissioned me to make
an appointment with Mr. von F. for Monday (?) evening, the 20th,
to have dinner at his (RAUFF's) villa, at which I too am to take
part.

1: For commentary on the characters cited in this jotting, see
Ref. No. 28, above, and 39 below.

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REF. NO.: 30

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Subject: Baron P(ARRILLI)'s Swiss Journey

113. P. was invited to my place for a meal today in order to discuss quietly once more the Swiss trip which he is to begin on the 20th of February.¹ Apart from the tasks already laid down in writing, I went one step further today with reference to the conversation with Mr. von F(ISCHE) and SS Col R(AUFF)², and am having P. make an official visit to the English and American ambassadors'. There to set forth our common view on the Communist danger and in this connection to intimate that SS 1st Lt. ZI(LMER) has already tried more than once to make contact with influential Englishmen, since he is of the firm conviction that he has things to say which are most certainly of interest to England. He should further intimate that ZI(LMER), without the knowledge of his office, belongs to some circles of influential people who are pursuing a definite political course that is of importance to Englishmen, provided that the decision has not already been settled to destroy Germany at any cost and leave the field open for Russia.

114. Since P. was suspicious of an Intelligence trick, it was necessary to win his confidence; to this end I cited him 2 names which can by no means do any harm, Mr. von FI(SCHE?) and Mr. von FURSTENBERG.³ I am pursuing 2 goals here:

- a) I really hope to get a lead on the ends desired.
- b) If this lead be established, can I but convince Mr. von F(ISCHE) and the committee that I am working "only" to their wish.
- c) If Mr. von FURST(ENBERG) already has contact, then an ascertainment of enemy opinion will arise.

1: 1945. This would be GIS Operation Wool, following the failure of the still-born Operation Westwind, cited by Dr. Klaus HUGEL (see 6th IR on -- CSDIC/CMF/SD 25, 21 Jun '45, sect 2-E-ii; p.14; also Ref. No. 28, note 1, above.) See Ref. Nos. 26 and 31, note 1, on Baron Luigi PARRILLI, Italian industrialist and GIS go-between. From the Allied standpoint this was operation Sunrise.

2: For von FISCHÉ, see Ref. No. 28, note 2. For Standartenfuhrer Walthor RAUFF, the C.O. Gruppe OBERITALIEN, WEST, der Sipo und SD, see Ref. Nos. 28, note 6; 29; and 37, note 2.

3: See Ref. No. 28, note 7. Prince Tassillo von FURSTENBERG.

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To Mr. Luigi (Baron) PARRILLI, CORSO (del) LITTORIC (LILAN)
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Dear Luigi,—

115. I have just learned that that yard-bird (Lt Enrico CRAMER)² has escaped in the POW truck. He will certainly cut through as quickly as possible toward Switzerland. In the long run, this is good news for you, since you've had so much vexation. I can also tell you the truth at last as to how this whole skull-duggery arose.

116. Through the capture of (Marquis Uberto) CRIVELLI³, or perhaps through the capture of some members of the FRANCHI organization⁴, SAEVECKE's⁵ agents got on the scent of CRAMER. They must have found out that CRAMER had a contact with...(?)..., the brother-in-law ...(?)...POSS(?). At any rate, I learned on the day in question that ...(?)..., the brother-in-law of Count PO.⁶, and you too were to be apprehended by Cav Capt Count THUN⁷. Naturally, that would have been damned distressing to me. When I got the news by chance, that afternoon, that you were to be apprehended, I forestalled the pick-up, and presented my superiors with the statement that the capture had really been possible through you. That brought me the welcome advantage that you and your brother-in-law remained unmolested. To be sure, this bore the disadvantage for you and your brother-in-law that, because he went free, the rumor arose that he was implicated in the capture. So much the more pleasant, now, is the fact that CR(AMER) was able to escape; and it is even more pleasant in that we attain by what we told the Kommando, that you were of assistance to us in the capture of CR(AMER).⁸

117.has prepared the way faithfully for the release of CRIVELLI.

118. I tell you this in haste because I know that you are going away tomorrow, and I myself cannot be free today because of work. I would not of course trust all this to the telephone.

1: See Ref. No. 3, note 3, and Ref. No. 30. This is the office address of Baron PARRILLI and his brother-in-law and business associate Count Edward ROSS. The two were among the directors of the Societa Anonima, FIMI, at this address; PARRILLI was Vice President of the firm.

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2: An Italian Partisan officer of the General Hqs, CVL. He was arrested by two Gestapo agents (see note 7, below) on 15 Jan '45 at the above-cited office of PARRILLI and POSS, while conferring with the two of them. See SCI/Z, Field Hqs File No. JZX-6100 (Milan, 8 Feb '46). As ZIMMER predicted, CRAMER did indeed reach Switzerland, having escaped while en route to the concentration camp at Bolzano.

3: See Ref. No. 12, note 3. This Milan anti-Fascist was a good friend of CRAMER, and had been arrested a few days earlier by the Gestapo.

4: See Ref. No. 18, note 2. Sogno Rata del VILLINO, alias "Eddi FRANCHI," was the head of a Partisan organization working for British intelligence. See SCI/Z, Florence, Memo No. 24 (20 May '45). Dr. Fritz KRANEBITTER states that the outfit was thought to have been working for the Americans; see IR on Sturmbannfuhrer KRANEBITTER, OSDIC/SC.15th Av Gp/SD 14(1 June '45), sect. 3 (b)(iii), p. 5.

5: See Ref. Nos. 20; note 4 and 42. Hauptsturmfuhrer Theodor SAEVECKE, the Leiter, Abts III and V (RSHA), Aussenkommando Milan.

6: See Ref. Nos. 3 and 12.

7: See Ref. No. 37, note 5. Rittmeister Berdinand, Graf THUN-HOHENSTEIN, the representative in Milan of Referat IV/III-F, B.d.S. IT.LIEN (attached to Sipo and SD, Aussenkommando Milan).

8. This ZIMMER letter should constitute another interesting obstacle for Baron PARRILLI to hurdle in the course of his repeated asseverations that he was an utterly pro-Allied individual in German-occupied Italy. See JRX-3423 (5 June 1946) for Lt. CRAMER's account of his and CRIVELLI's arrests.

REF. NO.: 32

To RSHA, VI/B. For ir. STEINLE.¹

Subject: Spanish Travel-Pass for SS Sgt. HEITZ.²

119. The French woman Blanche DUFOUR³ attempted via a local agent to solicit a Spanish travel-pass for the above-named. The pass is to be made out for the name: Carlos(?) FERNANDY ESTABEN and SOLDERO, born in Feñalla,⁴ 16th June 1914 — and then despatched to SS 1st Lt. WIEDEMAN.⁵

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120. The agent took the photograph to SS 1st Lt. ZI(LMER) with the remark that he does not want to supply the pass without the office's knowledge. The purposelessness of this procedure is pointed out, since the impression is thereby created unnecessarily that the procurement is desired not for official but for personal reasons. Provided the pass request goes through, transmittal of the appended photograph is requested, in which connection attention is called to the fact that procurement costs around 120,000 lire.

1: Standartenfuhrer STEIMLE. Since Feb '43, this well-known GIS personality had been Gruppenleiter, VI/B (RSHA).

2: This is probably Ober- or Hauptscharfuhrer Christian HEITZ, who as of Jan '45 was in Referat, VI/B-2 (RSHA), Berlin. Besides French and Moroccan Arabic, "DRAGA" says he could also speak Spanish. See IR on Miodrag JEVRELOVIC, CSDIC/CMF/SD 68 (4 Sep '45), sect. 11, p. 17.

3: Last seen in MEERSBURG in Feb '45 -- where a training-school for French anti-de GULLE agents, under the auspices of DORIOT and Col. STEIMLE, had previously been in existence -- this woman is listed as among the recruits; and it is also known that some of these agents made their way through Austria into Italy. See SCI/Z memo, JZX-1518 (21 June '45), par. 4 (j), p. 2.

4: The deciphering from the short-hand may be incorrect, or ZIMMER'S original information inaccurate; at any rate, the editor of this report has been informed by the Spanish Embassy, Rome, that to the best of its knowledge no such town exists in Spain.

5: Obersturmfuhrer WIEDEMANN, an English-and French-speaker in the Referat, VI/B-2 (RSHA), Berlin. See citation in note 2, above.

REF. NO.: 33

Subject: Miscellaneous Data from the O.N.R.(?) of Capt Aldo d'AG.¹

121. As d'A notes, the option for the SD was made known to all sections of the General-Kommando.

122. It may be supposed that the pushing of the transfer ensued with the intention of making d'A. impossible from the start for our work.

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123. As a counter-measure, d'A is spreading a rumor that he brought about the transfer for the enemy, so as to be able in this way to step down from the Army, and that to this move his ...(?)... can then ensue, will support from the same source.

124. It is requested that d'A's ...(?)...subjoined in the appendix be forwarded to the General-Kommando. Please inform me as to the result.

1: This would seem to be an abbreviation for the fairly common Italian surname, d'AGOSTINI, or -TINO, etc. The doubtful phrase probably refers to the G.N.R., or Guarda Nazionale Repubblicana, a Fascist military establishment organized subsequent to the Italian Armistice (8 Sept '43). A Capt Fascist Republican Army (not identical with the G.N.R.: SCI/Z, Florence, memo 486, 26 March '45, sect. III - 6, p. 5). One Aldo d'AGOSTINI is cited as a militiaman acquaintance of "GIORGIO" in Rome in Sept '43, but is declared later to have joined the resistance and become C.O. of the 37th S.A.P. Brigade at Turin (see the IR on Capt Franco CARENZI, SCI/Z, JRX-678, 5 Dec '45, par. 3, pp. 1-2).

REF. NO.: 34

To Russenkommando TURIN

Subject: Agent LUCE.¹

125. The above agent is despatched as an employee of Abt. VI to Turin, where he will get a legal bureau under way. Financial settlement proceeds from here.

126. ²LUCE has the mission of making contact with Mr. VINATZER, but of avoiding, however, any contact with the office. His reports go exclusively via VIN(ATZER), Turin office, to Abt VI, Milan. It is requested that the office be informed.

1: See Ref. No. 16, note 9. This character remains unidentified.

2: The Italian lawyer, Ottone VINATZER, since Aug '44 legal adviser to the German Consulate, Turin, and generally considered by SD personnel in Turin to be the local representative of Abt. VI (RSH.), tho he does not admit this latter status. ZIMMER's above jotting would seem to settle the matter of V's complicity. See SCI/Z IR JRX-576 (24 July '45), pars. 2(a), 9-10.

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REF. NO.: 35

To Aussenkommando Genoa

Subject: (Franco) PUGLIESE.¹

127. Their FS 488 of 17th Feb. The circumstances are true, but nevertheless P. was by no means authorized to make known the source of the pounds (sterling).

128. Therefore P. is being discontinued as an employee. The requisitioning took place legally. It is requested that the sum be returned here under cover.

1: This jotting adds little to our scant knowledge of this obscure personality, Commandante Franco PUGLIESE, an employee or agent of the SD, Genoa, and last seen there, with his wife, in Feb '45. He arrived in Genoa from Berlin with the mission of selling some sterling acquired in France. See the IR on Frida ENNELOSER, SCI/Z, JRX-554 (13 July '45), p.6.

REF. NO.: 36

Subject: Miss C.A.F.¹

129. On the 2nd day after her exciting ...(?)..., Miss C.A.F. went to see SS 1st Lt. ZI(MMER).

130. During this trip, her pocket-book was stolen. A proceedings which is by no means out of the ordinary, but instead is a daily S.O.P. in Milan. (Miss TIEFE also had this experience). Hence C. by no means acted contrary to local orders there. As to the danger, which in theory applies, the view here is that the thief will not be able to convert his knowledge into anything practicable, since he would then expose his theft.

1: See Ref. No. 23, above, for another jotting on this obscure character, on whom no other traces have been located.

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To SS Maj. H(UGEL),¹ VERONA, Personal

Dear Comrade H., --

131. The enclosed VI/Z correspondence set down in the appendix, which I received from SS Col R(AUFF)² with the remark that "it seems to me that Maj. B(RAITENBERG)³ is making the matter damned simple." prompts me to ask you to bestow more care on the distribution of missions. You know that at first I acted exclusively on your instructions. Then later SS Maj BEGUS⁴ was added, who likewise is accustomed to send all correspondence directly to me.

132. Now, cooperation with "CYPR(ESSE)"⁴ was now too weighty, since this work ran mostly to the acquisition of any sorts of things and was accomplished by our own people here in Milan. But Maj von B(RAITENBERG), rightly, has extensive missions, which however are no longer concerned with Intelligence, but rather represent pure counter-espionage. Counter-espionage, however, is conducted by many military Abwehrstellen and Kommandos in this area, so that I don't understand why Maj von B(RAITENBERG) does not have recourse to his own Party..(?).. in Milan, but instead turns to me. I should like to have a ruling made about this things, since I already foresee the development of co-activity. Formerly it was the transmittal of letters, issuance of travel-orders, the reading of FS, and such like more. Now it's beginning to be any sort of reconnaissance task. If, for example, I happen onto some people who are traveling to Switzerland, then I must make the decision as to whether to have regard to the wishes of VI or of VI/Z. There is of course no doubt that I would decide for VI, and would in general discharge the VI work first, and -- solely provided there are then still some people at hand -- can have a mind to VI/Z. But this then leads easily into a ...(?)... on the part of Maj von B(RAITENBERG), which is not desired by me. May I therefore ask you to bring about a decision whereby Maj von B(RAITENBERG) is referred to Cav Capt Count T(HUN)⁵ or to some other appropriate office.

1: See Ref. No. 16, note 6. Sturmbannfuhrer Dr. Klaus HUGEL, the Leiter, Abt VI (RSH.), B.d.S.IT.LIEN, and nominally the chief of all VI activities in Italy. Virtually, however, he had no control over VI/S work, and relations between him and BEGUS were strained. The pertinent IR on HUGEL is the 3rd -- GSDIC/CMF/SD 5 (19 May '45), sect. 2(f), p. 4.

2: See Ref. Nos. 20, . . . 3; 28, note 6; 29. Standartenfuhrer Walther RAUFF, the C.O., Gruppe OBERIT.LIEN, WEST, der Sipo und SD.

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3: See Ref. No. 3, Maj. Benno von BRÄITENBERG, the C.O., Abt VI/Z. See CSDIC/CMF/SD 75 (8 Oct '45), sect. 3(c), p. 8.

4: (Sturmbannführer und Regierungsrat Dr. Otto BEGUS arrived in Italy at Verona, from Greece via RSHA Hqs in Berlin, at the beginning of July '44. As Kommandeur of the newly organized p/o sabotage network, based at Verona and entitled the Unternehmen "CYPRESSE", he belonged to Abt VI/S, under Gruppenleiter Obersturmbannführer/Otto SKORZENY. See 1st IR on BEGUS — CSDIC/CMF/SD 51 (7 Aug '45), sects. 2 and 7.

5: Ferdinand, Rittmeister Graf THUN-HOHENSTEIN, the representative in Milan of Referat IV/III-F, B.d.S. ITALIEN (attached to Sipo and SD, Aussenkommando Milan). See 2nd IR on — CSDIC/CMF/SD 50 (1 Aug '45). For a helpful chart on the GIS departmental inter-relationships in North Italy, see Appendices E and F to the HUGEL report cited in note 1, above.

REF. NO.: 38

Subject: Operation GUITAR¹

133. Meanwhile, the last mail from the Genoa (?) branch (of the Spanish Consulate) to the Milan branch could be seized and assessed. In like manner, the last mail from the ... (?) ... branch to the Milan branch was assessed.

134. In order to minimize the use of photo paper (which is unobtainable even on the black market), the following procedure was employed: with a camera, fixed up in the meanwhile for individual photos, all the documents were reproduced on film-strips.² These strips are being developed in the local laboratory, and then go back to SS 1st Lt. ZI(MMER).

135. 1st Lt. ZI(MMER) has meanwhile had an interpretress (Miss Berthel SCHLIDT) come from Germany with knowledge of the proper languages,³ who also knows photo work and can therefore finish the pictures in the local VI office itself. With the help of a safety-device the film-strips are being brought onto a screen, whence the getting up of translation and report follow. The interpretress will translate the reports, or prepare extracts from them, only if they are of real interest. Lastly, the film-strips are despatched, sealed for forwarding to VI/B-4.

136. Besides mail evaluation, DRAGA is getting up a report wherein he will present the following:—

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137. D(RAGA)'s task is to put questions to the woman book-keeper⁴ which she must answer in writing. He is following the same procedure with his wife, who has constant contact with the Director(?).⁵ Such a report is being subjoined in the appendix. It should be premised that, relative to this transaction, the adv. h. meanwhile had a 2 1/2-hr conversation with the Director. The book-keeper up to now has been able to learn, about this affair, that it must have to do with D's going off on a journey. She asked the Director whether, in case of a break-through, he would go to Germany. This the Director denied. On the question as to whether he would depart for Liguria, he shook his head in negation, from which the book-keeper draws one conclusion that he is making ready to leave for "GUITAR"(Spain). Unfortunately, the Director always carries D.'s letter around with him in his pocket, so that for the moment it cannot be got at.

138. Relative to the type and manner of the transmission, reiterated in the reply, it should be mentioned that a lead weight, delivered up in the meantime by the book-keeper, was given Prof. BENVED(UTI)⁶ (who is by chance stopping here) for the preparation of the ..(poss. "pliers," "tweezers")...He was certain of completing this by the 25th of February.

1: See Ref. Nos. 15, 17, and 40.

2: See Ref. No. 14.

3: See ref. Nos. 21 and 22.

4: See Ref. Nos. 19 and 40.

5: See Ref. No. 14, note 5. This sentence lends credence to the hypothesis that "the Director" is CANTHAL, since we know that "DRAGA"s mistress was having an affair with the Consul.

6: Italian civilian, Polidoro G.F. ~~BENVEDUTI~~, a forged-documents specialist. See 1st IR on —CSDIC/CMF/SD 54 (12 Aug '45), sect. 2.

REF. NO.: 39

Subject: Cooperation with the Committee.¹

139. A good many days ago I had already reached an agreement with agent OTTO² to work out some cooperation between myself and the committee on the basis of a "Gentleman(sic) agreement."

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140. The committee can bring about a tacit...(?)..., provided there is uniform cooperation in the field of anti-Communist activity. OTTO has made several attempts; these miscarried, however, for the reason that the abandonment of the committee's Communist members, even if they be political opponents, represents betrayal of the common affair. The Communists are, after all (it is claimed), Italians too; and one would be directing the fight against them themselves.

141. On the 22nd (? Feb, 1945), OTTO called on me and posed me the question whether he might come to see me in the next few days with a committee-member and whether I would give him the assurance that nothing would happen to that man. I gave this assurance, since in the rendezvous I saw the possibility of a pact on the matter of anti-Communist activity.

142. This morning OTTO sent his Adjutant³ to me to ask whether the head of the Communists in North Italy, the opponent of TOGLIATTI (sic) in this area, was known to us. Presumably he would be known to us only under the cover-name of "RAINOLDI"; his real name is allegedly Agostino CASATI, with headquarters in R.⁴

143. The adjutant emphasized that OTTO had had a meal with CASATI a few days ago and had given him his word of honor not to abandon him to the Germans.

144. I suspect that this handing over, through the Adjutant, is to represent a circumvention of the word of honor. I am today still awaiting OTTO's visit with the committee-member and expect that, for CASATI's surrender, they want to bring about the release of a committee-member. It could also be, however, that the surrendering of the name of the area for any sort of other proposals is to have a favorable influence.

1: See Ref. Nos. 28-9, above, for additional jottings by ZIMMER on what may be the same Committee — that for treating with AFHQ on the articles of surrender.

2: The identity of this character remains obscure. From the text's mention of his "adjutant" (see note 3, below), he would seem to be a military man, though this inference is not indisputable.

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3: It is just possible that either "OTTO" or his Adjutant, are identical with "the well-known Partisan leader of the Piacentino region" whom ZIMMER is said to have lodged at his house in Milan, Oct-Nov '44, for a couple days (see the IR on Andrea ZOLYOLY, SCI/Z, JRX-646, 26 Oct '45, par. 64, p. 13). This Partisan leader was declared by ZOLYOLY to be FAUSTO, perhaps the Commander FAUSTO was an O.S.S. contact (see SCI/Z, Florence, memo 548, 4. Apr. '45).

4: This Italian Communist luminary was born in and is a resident of RHO, 14 kms NW of Milan, probably the "R" cited in the text. In Jan '42 the Ministry of the Interior revoked an order for his arrest (for having participated in the Spanish Civil War as a member of the Italian "Rosselli" Column). Though the reason for the revocation is unknown, it is thought that this was done because C.A.S.A.T.I. had become an agent for some political or military organization (such as SIM or OVRa).

REF. NO.: 40

Subject: GUITAR.¹

145. While the Director only a few days ago announced his next trip to be around the end of the month, he explained on the 25th of Feb., with visible nervousness, that he had to depart at once. Contrary to all custom, he arranged his mail on Sunday midday, notoriously burned many documents, and made the following observation to Mrs. DRAGA: I shall remain about 8-10 days in Liguria; get your travel-visas ready for yourself and your husband. Should, however, anything unusual happen in the meantime, escape from Milan and go immediately to the Ligurian official at Como, who is a good friend of mine and, for this state of emergency will issue you the papers without delay.

146. The great betrayal pointed out in today's report, which seems to have come out in connection with Mr. D.'s secret preparations, appears to be tied up in some way with this.² The Director then said, in so many words, that from now on the GUITAR(?)... would seem definitely to have lost the war for Germany (the rendering of this last phrase is doubtful) and now, more than ever, thoughts should be turned officially only on one's own national interests.

147. The mail might be hard to get at this time, since the woman book-keeper has been in bed for some days and the Director therefore prepares it himself.

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1: See Ref. Nos. 19, note 1; and No. 38, note 4.

2: Would this be BERGER's defection, in connection with which "DR.G."s secret alertness revealed betrayal? (See Ref. Nos. 8 and 24, above.) If so, then the "Mr. D" above would of course mean "DR.G.". Far from an hypothesis, this is only a suggestion, and perhaps not even a likely one.

REF. NO.: 41

To the Chief Medical Officer, Field Hospital 766.

Subject: Lt. ROLFS.¹

148. Since Lt. R. is required for a special operation and his absence is disadvantageous to the work, it is requested that round trips of brief duration to Milan be permitted him.

1: See Ref. No. 20, notes 2 and 3. Oberleutnant ROLFS is one of the draft-leaders of line-crossing Frenchmen brought by their German superiors to San Remo (IR on Standartenfuhrer Walther RUFF).

REF. NO.: 42

To SS Capt. SAEVECKE.¹

Subject: Issuance of an Italian Travel-Pass

149. The issuance of an Italian travel-pass for VI/Z, Maj von BRAITENBERG,² with visas for Germany, Sweden and Switzerland, is urgently required. Individuals are: SENISE, Renato Carmine
..³

1: See Ref. No. 20, note 4. Hauptsturmfuhrer Theodor SAEVECKE, the Leiter, Abts III and V(RSHA), Aussenkommando Milan.

2: See Ref. Nos. 3, 37, above. Maj. Benno von BRAITENBERG, C.O. Abt VI/Z, IT.LIEN. For his dealings with SENISE, see IR on Maj von B. — CSDIC/CMF/SD 75 (8 Oct '45), sect. 4(r), pp. 62-5.

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BRAITENBERG declares (op. cit., p. 63) that it was he himself who suggested to SENISE that the latter go to Switzerland in an attempt to penetrate Allied intelligence circles there, while SENISE asserts that he was the originator of the idea. Be that as it may, from von B's interrogation, and the JRX on SENISE (see note 3, below), ZIMMER's above jotting can be dated as late Feb or early Mar. '45. According to SENISE, the German Embassy in Milan would not grant him a transit visa, so that his desire to return temporarily to Sweden could not be realized.

3: SCI/Z, Rome, JRX-708(16 Apr. '46) on this inter-Allied confidence man and international adventurer.

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SENISE, Renato Carmine A.¹ b. Rome, 27 June 1905
and son, Renato Vincent Ragnar, 15 May 1944.

150. 3 photographs are enclosed; quick action is requested.²

1: See Ref. No. 42, above.

2: In late Feb. '45, SENISE was sent to ZIMMER at the Albergo REGINA in Milan with an unspecified number of snapshots for a passport; ZIMMER was out at the moment. These may have been the photos cited here (see JRX cited in Ref. No. 42, note 3, above). SENISE denies having ever met ZIMMER personally; and this may well be, since the above jotting, and Ref. No. 42 are routine administrative business and do not necessarily represent an actual encounter

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152. (1) DR.G.²

153. (2) Spanish declaration of war a question of hours or of a few days -- opinion..(?)...on the 7th of March.

154. (3) No English threads to be taken up, which can only be troublesome. PARRILLI got this instruction from DULL(ES).³

155. (4) Wish -- to put in KOEHLER because of X(th M.I.S.).⁴

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1: If this word be a mis-translation of Livio LUZZATTO, and Abt VI, VERONA agent, then see Ref. No. 16, note 3, above.

2: See Ref. No. 4, et seqq. Agent "DRAGA" was Miodrag JEVRELOVIC.. In this last reference to "DRAGA" in the present batch of ZILLER's jottings, it may be worth while to recall that "DRAGA" stated that his work for ZILLER ended at the beginning of Mar.'45 (see IR on JEVRELOVIC, op. cit., sect. 10, p. 17).

3: Allen DULLES OSS Mission to Switzerland, and the personal representative of President ROOSEVELT in the Italo-German surrender negotiations. See Ref. Nos. 28-9, above, and appended commentary.

4: Hauptsturmfuhrer Gerhardt KOEHLER, the successor of Sturmbannfuhrer Ernst TURCOWSKY, as C.O., Abt III, B.d.S., Verona, and the Liaison Officer of B.d.S., ITALIEN, to the Italian naval and sabotage units known as the Xth Flotilla, M.A.S. (Motoscafo Anti-Sommergibile). This nationalist organization was dissolved by the Germans at the time of the Italian Armistice, but revived early in '44 through the efforts of its C.O., Capitano di Vascello Prince Valerio BORCHESE. For an account of the Xth M.A.S., see the SCI/Z Key, JRX-365 Q.

REF. NO.: 45

For the Spanish Consul-General (CANTH.L), MILAN¹

156. The officials cited below of the above-named Ministry who are already in possession of travel-passes validly made out by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and are members of the German ...(?)..., are travelling to Spain.

157. It is requested that entry visas be granted the following:

- 1) Enrico — BLINCHI²
- 2) (Av.) Enrico — LANCINI³
- 3) Mrs Maria — LANCINI
- 4) Mrs Carlo — BIANCHI
- 5) A. Gartone — FUREO(?)
- 6) Reg. Enrico — PASSIGLI(?)
- 7) Mrs Lina — COSSO(?)

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1: See Ref. Nos. 14, et seqq.

2: SCI/Z Rome file have the following possible trace — a character of this name (b. 3 Mar 1883 at Lugano) is listed as having been under surveillance and inscribed in the Frontier Control Book (Libro doganale della Frontiera) under Category 441, i.e., spy, saboteur, terrorist. For further data, contact the Italian Ministry of the Interior, Rome. Also see JZX-1245, 5 May 1945, JZX-2008, JZX-5417, JZX-4039 on this "flight" to Spain.

3: This lawyer is described as a Fascist contact of the Consulate. See SCI/Z memo, JZX-5417 (7 Nov. '45), par. 5(c).

REF. NO.: 46

To: B.d.S., VI¹

Subject: Baroness M(ANFREDI).²

158. Enclosed is a report which shows that the trip was ordered personally by the RFI.

159. The Baroness insisted repeatedly that she did not wish the RFI to know about her SD assignment. The RF was willing to pay her expenses for a trip to Switzerland so that she could regain her health. However, she says that she belongs to that class of people who do not want anything for nothing; therefore she had offered to work for office.....?(number); assuming that (one page missing).

160. Once before she had obtained results in a very important case. This seems very unlikely, because she stressed that in her work she had never received any instructions.

161. The above facts are being reported in the interests of efficiency.

1: See Ref. No. 37, note 1, on the structure of abt VI, B.d.S.; IT.LIEN.

2: Baroness Maya M(ANFREDI) de BLASIS. See Ref. Nos. 16, note 1, above, 48 and 56, below.

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REF. NO.: 47

To: abt V

Subject: Gianni SANELLI, born 11 July 1921 in Legnano,
living in Milano, Via Sarda

162. Subject volunteered for a special assignment to purchase 600 gold coins. He went with two agents to the supposed seller. In front of the door he asked the agents to give him 1,320,000 lire for the purchase. SANELLI entered the apartment alone. It had been agreed that the two agents were to come in five minutes later. In fact, SANELLI had used a service-entrance to escape with the money. The man is simply a thief. We succeeded in arresting him two days later, on 21 December.

163. Since SANELLI has been in contact with our organization, it is necessary to intern him in a concentration camp, under listIII for abuse of trust and theft.

1: It is perhaps pertinent to call attention to another case — that of Franco PUGLIESE (Ref. No. 35, note 1)—wherein the GIS concerned itself with trafficking in monies.

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Subject: The Baroness (LENFREDI)

164. During a trip to? her money was stolen. (Two days before she had told me that she did not have any more money.)

165. You are urged to send some money.

166. At one time she left part of her jewelry in trust with a hotel owner. The jewelry consists of chains and some diamonds. She would like to know whether the SS could safeguard them for her. They were given in pledge to the hotel owner for 80,000 lire. It is necessary to pay him back.

167. In regard to her son's organization, she urges Oberstmfhr. Z. to go directly to SS Standfhr.....(?) if no reply has yet arrived from V.

168. The Baron had expected the occupation of Italy to last longer and has proposed to take the work elsewhere. He stressed that he had suffered enough to collect political information.

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169. A few days later he gave us a report on his trip to STELLA(?) I observed that the contents could interest Unit IV for the account of the Partisan situation. He then tried again to interest me in giving him this type of work. I asked him to give me a report on the political talk he had heard from the Partisans and the British he had met.

1: See above Refs. 37, 46, and below ref. 56. The change in persons beginning Para. 168, may be a transcription error but is more probably a new person. The transcription in any case is "Baron". The only person thus consistently referred to is PARRILLI. See above Ref. 26, 31 and below 77.

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170. At about this time Lt. (Domenico) FERRERI¹ came to see me and told me the following:

171. A person to be trusted has introduced him to TULLIO (cover name)² TULLIO works for the British but is anti-Communist. If TULLIO should be willing to work for the STEFANI group, FERRERI hopes to obtain some arms.

172. The meeting with TULLIO took place in Piazza San Francesco. Both parties had acted very reserved. TULLIO did not show much trust and had excused himself quickly, promising a new meeting, which has not yet materialized.

173. The trusted person who sympathizes with FERRERI's movement has told him that TULLIO is active chiefly in the SIA (Servizio Intelligenza Aeronautica) and in the ,... (?) which are waging a battle against Slavism in Istria. He (or she) did not want to give more information for fear that FERRERI would betray him. He (or she) did add that TULLIO often travels by car. When asked how he has been able to obtain a civilian permit, he (or she) replied that it was purchased by a man who works as a 5th column in the SS. He is a Hungarian called ZOLYCIY,³ who is now (December '44) in Venice with TULLIO.

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174. As a matter of fact, ANDREAS³ arrived the next day; and when he was asked where he had been keeping himself all this time, he replied that he had been in Venice on private business, but that he had availed himself of this opportunity to make contacts with Communist circles there.

175. These facts leave little doubt in my mind that ANDREAS is beginning to play a double game. The following proves it. I talked with ANDREAS, and told him that the ~~war~~ reached a stage where one ~~must~~ ~~understand~~ why the British are still fighting in Germany when they should be preparing for their fight against the Communists, who are the only true rivals of Germany. I told him that it is important to contact the British to find out whether this opinion is not also shared by them. ANDREAS reacted very quickly to this. He said he knew someone in Milan to whom he would like to talk about this. He did not exclude the possibility that one of the British officers in Biella might come once to Milan, with proper guarantees.

176. He disappeared for two or three days and did not even give me the information I requested. He stated that he wanted to be free for a few days in the mountains of Biella. On his return he hoped to be able to report on what he had accomplished.

177. In the meantime, FERRERI has been asked to investigate some more. His trusted person, however, has gone to Udine for Christmas and will be back in about 10 days. He does not know where TULLIO lives, but he has given me the enclosed sketch, showing the house to which TULLIO went after the meeting in Piazza San Francesco. Will it be wiser to watch closely all of ANDREAS' movements, so as to find the whole organization and catch him in the wrong, or to tell ANDREAS that we have discovered his double deal, and thus give him a chance to rehabilitate himself by betraying the organization and telling us all he knows?

178. Personally, I favor the latter course. I do not really think that ANDREAS is a shameless traitor. He was merely led astray by various unfortunate circumstances. I believe that he lost his self-confidence when BENUZZI⁴ came between. Take also into consideration the unfavorable military situation. It may be that he has in the meantime made contact with the other side. An interesting clue is the fact that at that time he had stated that he needs money; but on the contrary, when I last asked him if he needed money, he refused it. If he were playing the double game for money, he could do so easily. It was a tactical error on his part to refuse money. He had probably forgotten that he had mentioned not having any,

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179. According to FERRERI's information, TULLIO has a collaborator called GIANNI.

1: This character, formerly of the Xth Flotilla M.A.S. (on which see Ref. Nos. 73 and 76, s.v. BORGHESE), was an Abwehr, I(Luft) officer and, as Secretary of the M.G.I.R. in Milan, acted as the M.G.I.R. liaison with the GIS. On the M.G.I.R. see Ref. No. 16 note 14; for other mentions of Lt. FERRERI (also FERRARI); see Ref. Nos. 67, 76, note 3; 78; SCI/Z Rome, Key: JRX-365,9, par. 18, pp. 6-7.

2: On Teresio (?) GRANGE, alias "TULLIO," alias "CALVONE," alias "CATONE," see Ref. No. 50, note 2.

3: The Abt VI pin, agent, Andreas ZOLYOMY. Pertinent passage in his IR (SCI/Z, JRX-646) on the trip to Venice is par. 67; p. 14. For another jotting on this defection, see Ref. No. 16, par. 60.

4: On this OVRA informer, Valerio BENUZZI, see Ref. No. 104. Both BENUZZI and ZOLYOMY had denounced one another at different times to the Germans and the Italians and were not friends. See IR on ZOLYOMY, op. cit., sect. J, pp. 8-9; par. 62, p. 13.

5: This would be the physician from Pavia, Gianni MAGGI, cited in Ref. No. 50, note 3.

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180. The organization is called "FRANCHI". The head of the whole organization is (Sogno Rata del) VALLINO who is called Eddi FRANCHI."1

181. "FRANCHI" is at present in southern Italy, but is expected back within a few days. It is believed that he will return via Switzerland. He has a grey Fiat 1500 with a permit of the Societa di Gas of Turin. The car is probably owned by the said firm, but is used exclusively by "FRANCHI."

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182. The second in command is SANDRO. He is the chief for Milan and Venice. At present he is in Switzerland. He left shortly before Christmas. In Milan they have a man they call TULLIO, whose real name is Teresic(?) GRANGE? He was sought in Turin under this name. TULLIO is the chief of aerial transport of supplies for the rebels. Another collaborator is GIANNI whose real name is MAGGI. He is a physician from PAVIA. GIANNI was seen in Milan after the first of the year and is apparently still there.³ I have reported on TULLIO under the name of CALVONE. That was his former alias.

183. On Corso Porta Nuova, when you.....(?) the street called Monte Nello, you find on your left the ruins of a house - probably No. 20 - in which the porter still lives. The porter receives and passes on letters, packages, etc. I have never been able to visit TULLIO, or to call him up on the phone because he always comes to see me. He lives near the end of Via Vincenzo Monti. I am led to believe this because I have always accompanied him home to the end of this street. From there he would walk towards Piazza 6, Febbraio.

184. I also remember that a man by the name of ALBERTO works with TULLIO. ALBERTO is short, about 20 years old, has protruding eyes (Basedow). His main job seems to be to receive supplies from the British.

185. TULLIO was the chief of the SANDRA in Milan, but he has gone to southern Italy through Switzerland. TULLIO was recognized by (Signor MARINI⁴ when a certain Karl D.MER(?),⁵ whom he knew to belong to the S.V., was transferred with his office to Germany. I fear that he escaped during the trip.

1: On the "FRANCHI" Organization see Ref. No. 31, note 4; 76, note 4.

2: For another mention of "TULLIO" see Ref. No. 49, note 2.

3: Mentioned also in Ref. No. 49, par. 179.

4: Probably one of the brothers MARINI; see Ref. No. 163, note 4.

5: This character might possibly be one Karl D.MES, listed incidentally as the father of one Erica D.MES, a non-Nazi German national living in Milan at Corso C. Ferrari 5. See SCI/Z, JZX-6047 (4 Feb 46).

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REF. NO.: 51

To: Hauptstamfhr ALBERTI¹

Subject: Col. M. (probably LINELLI)²

Reference: FTV 464 Yours of 5 Jan 45.

186. A change in the combined measures is not our intent. M. will send his(?) to the Partisans on the 10th, for the exchange at all costs, but always under our control

1: On (SS Capt) Otto ALBERTI, see Ref. No. 72, note 4.

2: On this character, see Ref. No. 72.

REF. NO.: 52

187. Today (Lt.) Paul FRICKS from the Bremen office, tel. 59470, came to see me.¹

188. He stated that he was here on a counter-espionage case. An official trip was granted on the basis of a B.d.S. SD, Milan office. The travel-orders were signed by a Capt. STEFFENS² for "Stellionleiter Bremen" (chief of the Bremen office).

189. Lt. FRICKS requested the following: a truck for two agents; an affidavit for one agent, stating that he works for the OT,³ and gasoline for his vehicle.

190. When I expressed my surprise at the fact that the Bremen office was sending here new agents, he stated that these were his own personal agents, who could not be substituted, because they would work only for him.⁴

1: "FRICKS" was the cover-name adopted by an (Oberleutnant) FRIEDRICH, of 1st Bremen, who at the beginning of 1945 was at the hotel Turismo, Milan, whither he had allegedly been sent by his Hqs to recruit three young Italians for despatch to Bremen. See the 1st IR on (Sonderbeauftragter Maximilian WIESEL, CSDIC/CMF/SD 65 (29 Aug '45), sect. 3(c), pp. 9-101.

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2: This Hauptmann STEFFENS was connected with ast Bremen from Oct-Nov '43 on. It is to be noted that this Hqs was referred to as Dienststelle 59470 at that time -- identical with the "telephome" number cited in the present jotting by ZILLER. This ascription may represent what ZILLER had actually been told by FRIEDRICH (who apparently gave ZILLER his cover-name only), or it may be standard security procedure adopted by ZILLER for written data. Op. cit., note 1 above, sect. 2(a), p.3.

3: The organization TODT

4: For another example of an infringing Intelligence activity by a GIS unit in a geographically remote area, see Ref. No. 9.

REF. NO.: 53

Subject: Vitto(?) MUSSOLINI(?)¹

191. Through agent WILLE² I have learned the following: The Jew, Vitaliano SORNI, arrived in Milan from Switzerland about 10 days ago. He lived in Milan in the house of the manufacturer (A) BALLERI.³ BALLERI, who is anti-German, told these facts to agent WILLE: The c/m Jew is very active in politics. He travels frequently between Switzerland and Milan. According to the information received, the Jew wished to return to Switzerland the end of this week. Therefore the arrest was to take place Tuesday in the house of BALLERI's mistress.

192. He was not found there because he had already gone to Como, where he was probably going to stay either at his mistress' house or with his wife, who lives with a respectable Como family.

193. This information was received by the Kommando on 17 January at 1715. At 1710 a man was sent by BALLERI arrived to admonish the Jew. This man was arrested in Milan on the way back from his trip to Como. He confessed that he had been 10 minutes with SORNI at Como and he had given him BALLERI's warning. He stated that SORNI was in Como visiting the PESINA family who are intimate friends of the MUSSI(MUSSOLINI?) family.

1: On this character, see Ref. No. 57, note 3; on il Duce no. 119.

2: On "WILLE", presumed to be Guiseppe ZIBELLI, alias "TRE STELLE," see Ref. Nos. 1; 16, note 3; 57; 98; 113-14 (esp.); 150.

3: On these two characters, see Ref. No. 57.

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REF. NO.: 54

To: B.d.S.- VI

Subject: Communication of F.A.K 190 L¹ of 23 Dec. '44.

194. Agent 403 (or 408) is called Giancarlo UBERTO.² He is now at the Hqs of the SD, Aussenkommando Milan. He has received the speeches (conversations?) from Rag. Oswaldo ROTA, who works with Prof. COGNE for the Embassy.

1: On the ABWEHR Frontaufklarungskommando 190 L (Luft: air), which in June 1944 transferred its Hqs from Rome to Milan, see SCI/2, Rome, Key — JRX-365, E.

2: Only specific trace on this character is to the effect that he was in the San Vittore prison, Milan as of 1 Oct. '44 (a C.N.L. report of 30 Dec '44).

3: No traces on these characters.

REF. NO.: 55

To: B.d.S. - VI

Subject: Mr. V. FISCHER of Como¹

195. Mr. V. FISCHER will meet SS Oberstmfhr Z. to make an appointment for 23 January. He stated that he wanted to contact Z as his representative.

196. Please advise.

1: See Ref. Nos. 7 and 28-9, above. This character is Terzilio BORGHESI, alias "Hans FISCHER," head of the Abt VI p/o network for Como.

REF. NO.: 56

TO: VI

Subject: The Baroness (Anya MANFREDI de BLASII).¹

197. Since her request for Switzerland has been denied, she has tried other ways, as shown by the two attempts described below.

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1. Letter of SELIGMAN, Basel.
2. A new attempt yesterday through Dr. SCHEIDEL (confidential physician of either the German Embassy of Gen. VORS?), who immediately noted from the expression the Baroness wore that(?)....., since she is a friend of the Fuehrer and is known as such in Switzerland, is trying? to go to Switzerland.

198. The Baroness then used the following tactics: She stated that her trip was absolutely essential because she had to bring her jewelry to safety. She showed him several pieces of jewelry. He then promised - probably in the hope of earning something from it - that he would help her and would try again in her behalf.

199. Our opinion on the matter is: Since there has been a denial of the permit for the well-known reason, the projected trip cannot benefit Abt VI in any way, because even for entry-permits there is a very rigid control.

1: On this Finnish-born Italian national, see Ref. Nos. 18, note 1 48, and 46, above.

REF. NO.: 57

Subject: A. BALLERI ¹

200. Local agent WALLE ² has established contact with subject to obtain information on him, on his friends and acquaintances, and particularly on his relationship with V. MUSS (Vittorio MUSSOLINI?) ³

201. Through BALLERI the agent found out that the Jew, (Vitaliano) SORANI, who is a friend of V. MUSS., is still in his apartment in Milan.

202. SORANI was to have been arrested, but got away. BALLERI was arrested instead, but was released the following morning. BALLERI had warned the Jew, who had left for Como, and was then arrested for aiding the Jew.

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In the opinion of Abt IV, this arrest was necessary. In our opinion, however, this arrest was useless. The liberation of BALLERI would be of advantage to Abt VI for the following reasons:

1. "Our agent WALLE has not been suspected of betrayal. He could continue his relationship with BALLERI, keep his confidence, and furnish Abt IV and Abt VI important information on the political activity of V. LUSS.
2. Through BALLERI's relations with various circles, our agent could do other important work.
3. The relationship with BALLERI is also important for the IDA case, because he has extended his agencies throughout Italy and especially Sicily. Agent WALLE hopes to establish an intelligence chain throughout Italy with BALLERI's help.
4. In regard to the Jew, SORANI, by giving BALLERI his freedom there is a possibility of finding SORANI later, because it can be safely assumed that SORANI does not want to lose contact with the man who warned him in time. This practically means that our agent can contact SORANI again.

1: On this Milan manufacturer, see Ref. No. 53. On other ZIMMER interests in technical intelligence, see Ref. Nos. 116-118, 126-130.

2: On WALLE, presumed to be Giuseppe ZAMBELLI, alias "TRE STELLE", see Ref. Nos. 1; 16, note 3; 53; 98; 113-14 (osp.); 150.

3: For another mention of this character, see Ref. No. 53 on il Duce himself, see Ref. No. 119.

4: For other ZIMMER references to persecution of Jews, see Ref. Nos. 130, note 2; 134, note 1; 137, note 2.

5: For other notes on a p/o net, viz., IDA, see Ref. Nos. 16 (osp.); 61; 63; 89; 98 and 102; 137; 150-51.

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Subject: Action to capture a band of forgers in Milan.

203. On 12 December 1944 (SS Obersturmführer) ~~LEADER~~¹ came to me and told me of a plan to capture a band of forgers. The first step was to be the arrest of Filippo ~~CHLARALONTE~~ and Giovanni ~~RUSCA~~.

204. The arrest was carried out on 13 December 1944 by Abteilung V. On 14 December 1944 ~~LEADER~~ brought me a written report of what had happened. Abt. VI cannot proceed with the usual interrogation; it must be done by Abt V. The next step should be their interrogation by a Signor KNORR² who will try to obtain their help by promising them their freedom - to find ~~(Alfieri)~~ BICIOTTA (or) BICIOLLA.

1. The customary interrogation has not yet taken place:
 - a) Because ~~LEADER~~ did not want to do it.
 - b) Because Abt VI felt it did not have jurisdiction because it was a case regarding Abt. V.
 - c) Signor KNORR has not yet arrived, although ~~LEADER~~ has been repeatedly asked about this.
2. This is being forwarded to Abt V for their information and action.

1: This character was a member of Abt IV/B, under Col. SCHWEND, w. Hqs. at Merano, for the purpose of selling and/or exchanging allegedly captured pounds sterling for other monies. From the Autumn of '44 ~~LEADER~~ was a member of Abt V. See Ref. No. 135, note 2; SCI/Z, JRX-607 (20 August '45), sect. D, pars. 5 ff.

2: (Professor) VALENTINI, alias "Max" ~~KNORR~~, head of the Milan section of the currency-exchange unit. In note 1, see JRX, op. cit. sect. G(c), p.4.

Subject: Exit visa for Swiss subjects.

205. From reliable information received we have learned that because of the irregular treatment accorded in issuing visas there is a general impression in Switzerland that only those Swiss subjects who are on good terms with the Germans can obtain exit visas from Italy to Switzerland.

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The result has been that those Swiss who are on good terms with us have officially admonished by the British.

206. The benefit derived from preventing some Swiss from going out is not worth the damage resulting from this irregular treatment.

207. We wonder whether it would not be better to ease the rules on the granting of visas to Swiss subjects limiting disapproval only when the trip is not necessary and justifiable. Please let us know your opinion on the matter.

REF. NO.: 60

Subject: Renato ZAMBONI (or ZAMBOSI)¹

208. We have received the following information from ZAMBONI's last office.

209. ZAMBONI is considered a trusted man. His ideas are a little confused. He is hot-headed in political questions. He is however, ready to fight and to sacrifice himself. If well guided, he can be very useful. We have no doubt that he is capable of carrying out the task assigned to him of organizing a battalion of SS volunteers and of commanding such a battalion.

1: No trace on a ZAMBOSI. Most likely candidate among the ZAMBONIs would be an Italian Colonel, Tom, who was the C.O. of the 19th Legion, Brigata Nera, at the Palazzo BISI, PADUA. See CSDIC/200 H.U./ 15/Z-3 (24 Mar '45), Appendix A.

REF. NO.: 61

Subject: Office of the Reichsfuehrer SS ¹
Kdo. Courier-Station with Courier "ZENO" base Milan,
Galleria del Corso, 2; Tel. 76125.

210. The following information on the a/m office has been received. The head is (Sgt.) Franz PERTOLLI. The functions are:

1. Military intelligence
2. Organization IDA and LIPARI(?) not 2

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3. Intelligence in Italian enemy occupied territory
4. Recruiting of IDA W/Ts
5. Commercial relations with Switzerland
6. Movement of persons in northern Italy

To carry out this work the commander has at his exclusive disposal the Italian agent personnel.

211. The technical equipment at the disposal of the office is as follows:

- 1 automobile
- 1 room
- the radio-station on Via Cagnola, 4
- 2 radio-stations at San Remo
- 1 at Allassio
- 1 mobile radio-station based at Moglia
- 2 at Genoa
- 1 mobile radio-station at Chiavari
- 1 at Reggio Emilia
- 1 at Turin
- 1 at Scravalle
- 1 at Como
- 1 at Limbiate

212. All these stations transmit to the base "ZENO", with headquarters in Merano. Merano passes the information to Obersturmbannfuhrer GLITZ at SDGA.³ He, in turn, turns it over to RSHA. Besides, at least once a week a messenger⁴ comes from Merano to Milan by car and takes back information and newly-recruited W/Ts. The W/T school is near Merano. PERTOLLI has been in charge of this work from August '43 to August '44. The Kommando is in charge of these reports.

213. His identification-card is as follows:

For the specially assigned Franz PERTOLLI, born on 12 November 1910 in Merano.
Signed by (Obersturmbannfuhrer Kommandeur) GLITZ.

1: This was the Meldeskopf in Milan operated as a W/T operator recruiting office for the 1st of K.d.M. (formerly 1st) Munich, located first (summer '44) at St Ulrich (It., ORTISEI) and subsequently (Sep '44 on) at Merano/Hafiling. The W/T and espionage school, for p/o agents, was under the command of Lt. Josef von ACH, who took the cover-name of "ZENO". Feldwebel Franz PERTOLLI, of Abwehr I (H), was his Milan representative. See IR on Eduard WILLERT and Karl Stange, CSDIC/CMF/SD 76 (2 Oct. '45), sect. 5 (c) (d), pp. 8-9. For IR on PERTOLLI see JRX-3813.

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- 2: On the "IDA" p/o network, see Ref. No. 16 and notes.
- 3: SS Lt. Col. GLITZ, formerly at B.d.S. STRASSBURG and the Leiter at Aussenkommando MÜHLHAUSEN, commanded the K.d.M. Munich from late '44 and was concurrently the C.O. of the SD Leitabschnitt SUD.
- 4: This would be the w/T agent and former Italian soldier "DEDO".

REF. NO.: 62

Subject: Troop EB 313¹

214. The following persons who, according to information from the personnel office, are members of Troop EB 313, have taken lodgings at Hotel C(ONTINENTALE).

1. VOEHRINGER
2. MULLHEIM
3. LUBOW²
4. ~~BENERDI.~~

For information of Staff personnel.

1: This Einsatzbataillon(?) was the Milan Aussenstelle of what was presumably an abwehr, III, FAK. 313, originally attached to a German Division in the Grasse area of southern France, under the command of a (Sonderfuhrer (K)) (Dr. MICHELMEIER, alias "MULLHEIM" (sic). After the Allied landings in Southern France, Dr. MICHELMEIER withdraw with his staff to the Hotel CONTINENTALE in Milan their chief assignment being to establish contact with GIS agents who had been left in France (esp. Lyons area), to act as liaison between these agents and FAK 313, and to conduct general CI work against France. The civilian Werner Albert VOEHRINGER was a member of MICHELMEIER's staff. See IR on VCEHRINGER et al., CSDIC/CMF/SD 70 (7 Sept '45), sect. 3. The reference gives the lie to VCEHRINGER's continuous denials under interrogation that he was a member of the GIS unit.

2: Only traces are those on a (Dr. LUBOW and his wife Ina (nee LANDINI), of the Via Laura Bassi 53, Bologna, where LUBOW was the official physician to the German Embassy. Both the Doctor and his wife are suspected of espionage for the Germans by S.I.E. Neither he or his wife are cited in the IR on VCEHRINGER (note 1, above) No trace on BENERDI.

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Subject: Secret Military Police

215. From a report sent to me I have learned that a week ago a group from the secret Military Police took lodgings in Milan on Via Mascheroni, 4. The group consists of 20 persons. From a conversation with the non-com of the group I learned that their assignment is to fight the black market. As a matter of fact, on 22 January 1945 this Kommando seized 30 refrigerators, and 600 electric water-heaters from a local factory. The factory is right next to radio-station IDA². I fail to understand why refrigerators and heaters must be seized for Germany. To the best of my knowledge we do not wage war with the a/m articles.

For the information of Standartenfuehrer R(AUFF).

1: This is probably the Geheime Feldpolizei, or Secret Field Police (military, a branch of the Armed Forces for the maintenance of military security in the field, and, as such, the equivalent of the C.I.C. (U.S) or the F.S.S. (Brit).

2: On the "IDA" p/o network, see Ref. No. 16 and notes.

REF. NO.: 64

Subject: DELLER

216. I have learned the following regarding subject: For 14 years he has been living in Italy on Lake Garda. Until 10 days ago, for a period of four years he has been in the army (infantry). Through his very close friend, (SS Sturmbannfuehrer WENNER), he was sent to Count P's office since his wife who has five children works there. Not all the children came from this marriage. (Mrs.) DELLER has been married before, and is much older than her husband. I have not been able to find out what his job at Count P's is.

For the information of Stafhr R(AUFF) in sealed envelope.

REF. NO.: 65

Subject: Franco ABELLI

217. The persons in question are Gen. A. Franco ABELLI Via Mazzetti, 7, Varese, and ... Gen. A. PELONNI (or PELANI), Conceria Boretta Piccoli, S A(?) Lugano.

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218. He has made three applications and has obtained the following permits:

1. From 1 Feb to 30 Feb. 1944 - round trip once a week.
2. From 24 May to 23 Aug. 1944 - round trip once a week.
3. From 28 Aug. to 27 Nov. 1944 - round trip once a week.

219. In the middle of November his application was rejected by the SD because his name appeared on list No. 284 (under IV).

220. To letter 135443, the IV control office replied that the investigation had not yet been completed, therefore a permit could not be issued.

221. This communication from section IV was made by "GIORGIO,"¹ according to ~~ELETTI~~ and ~~BARTOND~~.....(?) to the British.

222. The charge d'affaires, ~~ZIERING~~, declared that ~~ABELLI~~'s application was necessary, so ~~LENZE~~(?) signed it.

223. I suggest to turn this job over to B.d.S. Verona, to cite the(?), to interrogate him, to get him to become a D/A in his party, and to force him to collaborate even with the use of violence (threaten his family), In case he still refuses, we must arrest him on these charges.

1: On (Capt) ~~FRANCO~~ ~~CARENZI~~, alias "~~GIORGIO~~", see Ref. No. 16, note 8. No other characters in this jotting have been identified.

REF. NO.: 66

Subject: Signora B., director of the personnel section of the X(th Flotilla, M.A.S.)¹

224. The widow of Col. ~~BARDELLI~~² received a bouquet of flowers from Signora B. on 23 Jan 45. After that Signora B. paid her old friend a visit. During the conversation she stated that it was obvious that the Germans had lost the war. Signora B. would like to report in what manner her friend could be of assistance. (~~Signora~~ ~~BARDELLI~~ asked how much of a reward B. expected for her assistance. B. replied that she had money.

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225. When Signora B. asked the Baroness in what way she expected to help, the latter replied that she had some very wealthy acquaintances, and many friends, including even German officers. Signora B. told her that the SS had asked her to go to Switzerland, but that she did not care to undertake this trip and preferred working for the X(th I.A.S.).

226. Please forward this report to Abt VI, because I believe that the Baroness really has these connections.

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- 1: On the Italian Xth Flotilla, I.A.S., see Ref. No. 44, note 4.
 - 2: Giovanni BARDELLI, one-time battalion commander in the San Marco Marines, later head of the General Staff of the Xth I.A.S. Killed by the Partisans at Orzengo, 8 July '44.

REF. NO.: 67

Subject: FERRERI's five men¹

227. FERRERI requests that the five a/m men be sent as soon as possible, because they still wear the uniform in Milan. This makes it dangerous for them.

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- 1: On (Lt.) Domenico FERRERI (also FERRARI), see Ref. Nos. 49, note 1; 76, note 3; 78.

REF. NO.: 68

To: Resca FAVA, Piazza Diaz, SAVONA

Subject: BERLICH bus.

228. At the end of October I purchased the a/m vehicle from (Signor) PENIN for 200,000 lire. From the price it was obvious that the seller was not the owner. The vehicle was stolen by Signor PENIN and really belonged to an organization. b/n

229. Since we do not need the car for our work, I suggest the payment of the difference between the purchase price. In case you do not agree, the car should be sent immediately to the B.d.S. Aussontello SAVONA to be returned to the rightful owner.

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REF. NO.: 69

Subject: FANI liquidation¹

230. The Banco del Popolo d'Italia has confirmed in its letter of the 5th that it has received, but it has not carried out the desired payment. In the meantime the General Staff III.....(?) BK has received 150,000 lire for the matching. This amount must be used to meet the request from GIACOMELLO.² Capt SCHEIBL can dispose of the entire amount, which is now deposited in the a/m bank.

231. We are enclosing GIACOMELLI's receipt for 150,000 lire.

NOTE: Italian translation very muddled.

1: Another presumed reference to this untraced character is that of Ref. No. 86.

2: On W/T expert Giacomo GIACOMELLO (or GIACOMELLI), see Ref. Nos. 75; 95; 151-2; 154; 164; 166.

REF. NO.: 70

To: B.d.S. IV

Subject: Relations between the Pope and WEIZS(AECKER).¹

232. The men whom this task was assigned have not had any results. The same is true of the charges referred to the Pope by the Spanish clergy in regard to the behaviour(?) of Spain.

233. On both subjects we shall be in a position to give information only after one of our men goes to Rome.

1: (Baron) Ernst WEIZS(AECKER), who succeeded BERGEN as German Ambassador to the Holy See.

REF. NO.: 71

To: B.d.S. VI

Subject: Concentration-camp for Partisans in Switzerland.

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234. We are examining the charges on the concentration-camp, which is probably large.

To Giorgio WALLE (or WALD)¹; H. St. Klemens.²

1: This may or may not be the WALLE of Ref. No. 1, note 1.

2: (Hauptsturmführer) Hans CLEMENS (sic) was the Abt VI representative at Grenzbefehlstelle WEST, at CERNobbio, near Como (see Ref. No. 103, notes 2 and 3). The IR on CLEMENS is CSDIC/CLF/SD 7 (23 May '45).

REF. NO.: 72

Subject: Col. MINELLI¹

235. Subject came to me on 25 January to tell me that he was concerned over his wife and sister. I made his note that there was an attempt made with PANE(?)² to effect an exchange and that the failure was the fault of the Partisans. MINELLI stated that he had already sent his(?), who had verified that as a result of the latest action by the German forces the Partisan bands had finally disappeared from this sector. Consequently, and exchange would be technically impossible within the next few weeks, or at least days. He had learned from(?) that the two women are in a pitiful condition. They get food only once a day and never anything hot to drink. It is supposed that any allowance to PANE(?) for food or drink, or hot meals in the SD jail is forbidden. For all these reasons, he feels under obligation to give himself up to PANE in exchange for the two women, who are absolutely innocent in this matter and in fact urged him not to participate in the cause of the rebels. He cannot bear the thought of what these two women have to bear because of him. He has asked me to point out a way of solving this problem. Above all, he does not want to have me involved in a trial through his fault. The whole thing would be easily solved by arresting MINELLI again and telling him that we have used him for other reasons. Then the plan for WALLER³ would no longer interest us. The other side of the story would be the liberation of the women by Hauptsturmführer ALBERTI⁴ after their five days of imprisonment. Personally I think that they could be freed because according to what agent W(ALLER) and MINELLI state, the women have nothing to do with this business.

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- 1: On this untraced character, see a probable mention in Ref. No. 51. It is also possible that the "Col M" cited in Ref. No. 16, par. 53, is this MINELLI, and not the LOSCATELLI cited in note 4.
- 2: The only trace is one, Professor PANE, listed as a leader of the Partito d'azione (Action Party) in the liberated area of Italy, 1943.
- 3: This might be the WALLER(?) cited in Ref. No. 77, note 1; otherwise, no trace.
- 4: This would be SS capt Otto ALBERTI, of the SD Aussenkommandos first at Florence, later at Parma, being the C.O. in each instance. See also Ref. No. 51, note 1.

REF. NO.: 73

Subject: Prince BORGHESE¹

236. I have had a conference with ANDREAS² regarding the development of the affair. On this occasion ANDREA tried to learn the name of the party who had betrayed the FRANCHI organization.³ He brought the subject up himself, stating the facts quite correctly. He has learned these facts from the broadcasts and has combined them with the sketches he saw in my possession. The report came, as is known from the STEFANI organization, Lt. F(ERRERI)⁴. At first I was inclined to mention the names in order to obtain through him other details on this matter since he is supposed to be in the Communist movement. Consequently FERRERI would obviously be denounced.

237. I did not, however, mention the source to ANDREAS because I did not trust him sufficiently. I merely told him that at some future time I would easily reveal the names to him if I received a guarantee that this would not hurt the work and that the FRANCHI no longer existed.

238. The next day Lt. F. came to see me. He told me that he would hear from the woman through whom he had met TULLIO⁵. ANDREAS had made an accurate report to TULLIO's closest collaborator, GIANNI.⁶ He had told just how the arrest had come about, how the interrogation had proceeded, why TULLIO had to be sacrificed in order to save what could be saved, and how during the interrogation he had had the suspicion that the agent MARIA had been the direct or the indirect informer. (That was really so.) He spoke once more to the Lieutenant, who did not give him the name but told him that he would certainly learn it.

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MARIA was subjected to a thorough interrogation. She confessed that she had talked with two persons. The first is FERRERI, the second is a Captain of the X MAS.

239. MARIA then went to FERRERI and told him what had happened, accusing him of betrayal, because the well-known ZILMER(?) did not know about GIANNI, or he would have interrogated ANDREAS on him. He did not know of GIANNI's existence.

240. At this point MARIA stated the following: Besides you, me and Prince BORGHESE, no one else knew the name of TULLIO, because this is a new name. When FERRERI asked what Prince BORGHESE had to do with this, she replied, "You know perfectly well that I have organized the fight against the Slavs; that is how I am in contact with Prince BORGHESE. On the other hand, the Prince is in contact with our.....(?) FERRERI reported this to his acquaintance, the c/m captain of the X MAS. From him he learned that BORGHESE's courier from Rome(?) was here and would return about the 30th or 31st of the month. The courier is the Medical Officer, 2nd Lt. BACCACI.

241. It was reported to FERRERI that the relationship existing between BORGHESE and Rome(?) was not to fight the Germans, but to fight the Slavs in Istria; therefore he was waging this battle as(?) and fascism.

242. Through this clever game, in case of a German withdrawal, BORGHESE would not have to flee but could continue his fight.

243. It was agreed with FERRERI that MARIA's confidence must be regained. I denounced to the X MAS my suspicions regarding the captain. Both the X MAS and the SD must for the present refrain from making arrests.

For the information of Standfhr. R(AUFF).

1: Prince Valerio BORGHESE, C.O. of the Xth Flotilla, M.A.S.
See Ref. Nos. 44, note 4; 76.

2: On the abt Vi pin. agent, Andreas ZOLYOMY, see Ref. Nos. 16, par. 60; 49, note 3; 84; 145; 149; 154; 162-3.

3: On Sogno Rata del VALLINO, alias "Eddi FRANCHI", see also Ref. Nos. 31, note 4; 50, note 1; 76, note 4.

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4: On Lt. Domenico FERRERI (also FERRARI), an Abwehr I (Luft) agent and Secretary of the M.G.I.R. in Milan, see Ref. Nos. 49, note 1; 16, note 14.

5: On Teresio(?) GRANGE, alias "TULLIO", see Ref. No. 49, note 2; 50, note 2.

6: On the "PAVLA" physician, Gianni MAGGI, see Ref. No. 50, note 3.

REF. NO.: 74

Subject: STEFANI Movement.¹

244. About three weeks ago Engineer GIACOMELLO² met through me Lt. F(FERRERI)³ and some of his closest collaborators. Since GIACOMELLO told me that he has a good political background and is well informed, I asked him to assist the movement with his counsel. GIACOMELLI has since had many opportunities to speak with the members of the movement. He has told me the following.

245. The members, including FERRERI, are politically immature. They have a program, but they have no set aims for their organization. It may be said that they lean a little too far **towards Communism**, since they do not accept Fascism in its present form, and on the other hand support wide social reforms. GIACOMELLI lectured to them several times on his ~~practical ex-~~periences as leader of the Communist movement.

246. The young men accepted his conclusions, as a student of Bolshovism in Russia, 100%. He asked them, "Now that I am with you every day, do you want to accept from me a new political idea, or did you expect me to adopt your?"

247. GIACOMELLO admits that the young men have ideals and plenty of good will, however, they do not have sufficient(?) and activity for their young movement. The movement really exists only on paper. You cannot speak of neighbourhood groups, of foundations, of a central political directing group. They mention cities here and there where they have one or two even five of their men, but GIACOMELLO could not verify that those "members" were trained propagandists. It is even less likely that these men can increase their numbers.

248. Summing up, GIACOMELLO believes that the movement will have no future until it gets a central leadership of strong, energetic, well-trained political men.

249. GIACOMELLO continues to remain in contact.

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- 1: On the M.G.I.R., headed by Gino STEFANI, see Ref. No. 16, note 14.
- 2: On the W/T expert, Giacomo GIACCIELLO (also GIACCIELLI), see also Ref. Nos. 95; 151-2; 154; 164; 166.
- 3: On Lt. Domenico FERRERI (also FERRARI), Secretary of the M.G.I.R. in Milan, see Ref. No. 49, note 1.

REF. NO.: 75

Subject: GIACCIELLO¹

250. After setting up the shop of GIACCIELLO, I had the opportunity of having long conversations with him. I thus learned of his political past.

251. He is the son of the highly respected director of an Italian firm in Bucharest. At the age of 14 (sic) he became acquainted with the Communist philosophy of Marx and Engels and became an enthusiastic disciple of Communism. His father drove him out of his house for his Communist activities. For a year, till he reached the age of 16, he was penniless, forced to sleep in public parks and under the shelter of bridges. However, he was stubborn and would not give in to his father. He then became secretary to the leader of the Communist Party in Rumania. He made public speeches before crowds of 5,000 persons or more. His political activity caused his mother to commit suicide.

252. He received an invitation from ~~STALIN~~, together with the chief of the Communist Party of Rumania. Thus he frequented the Bolshevik schools of higher learning. Here he became aware of the duplicity of the Communist leaders. He returned to Rumania cured of his Bolshevik beliefs. He did not conceal his Russian experiences. He left the ranks of the Party and exposed himself to the persecution of the Party. Many attempts were made on his life. The last time the base of his cranium was broken. The scar on his forehead can still be seen. Consequently after his marriage he came to Italy to stay.

253. This career shows that GIACCIELLO is a man of strong character and that we can trust him perhaps more than any other Italian. We may also conclude that his political background enables him to analyze political situations.

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For these reasons I have asked him to accept the following assignment for Abt VI which he has accepted: He is to listen every day until 3 am to every broadcast in the Rumanian, Italian, Spanish and French languages. He is to report the most important ones to Abt VI; he is to give his opinion of the political aims these broadcasts try to achieve; and he is to prepare a weekly summary for the section.

254. He is willing to undertake any other assignment suitable to him. As a secondary assignment he has been asked to supervise the H.G.I.R. (STEFANI movement).²

1: On the engineer and W/T expert, Giacomo GIACOMELLO, see also Ref. Nos. 95; 151-2; 154; 164; 166.

2: On Gino STEFANI and the Movimento Giovani Italiani Repubblicani see Ref. No. 16, note 14.

REF. NO.: 76

To: Gruppenfuehrer H. RSTER

Subject: Prince BORGHESE¹; Alleged new tactic of the Italian Communist Party.

255. Enclosed are papers on Prince BORGHESE.

256. In reference to the report below, I wish to refer again to the report of Grenz-Befehlstelle-Most² on the Communists and the Communist Party of Italy. The new Communist tactic mentioned in that report - to carry out to a certain extent pro-German activity; to permit the Germans to get their reports (on non-Communist groups) so that they may destroy them - seems very likely. It is very true that Lt. (lieutenant Domenico FERRERI)³ contacted the FRANCHI organization⁴ to obtain arms, but was refused because the FRANCHI organization did not have much faith in the new movement. However, Lt. FERRERI's future actions should not be determined by his annoyance at their action in regard to him. There are only two possible reasons why the FRANCHI refused arms to the H.G.I.R. (FERRERI's group): they were either considered as too pro-German, or they were suspected of being Communists.

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257. Since FERRERI takes every opportunity to show that he is not a slave of the Germans, but a free Italian, the charges must have a different basis. If we further consider GIACOMELLO's⁵ oral report on the movement, there is just one deduction possible. Even the new report on Prince BORGHESE takes a special significance. If we adopt this as a basic theory, we are forced to continue our deductions on the ultimate political effect of the action of the German Police against all those who are considered "anti-Fascists but also anti-Communists". By destroying these elements we are consequently indirectly helping to achieve the aims of Moscow. This gives rise to the following questions:

- a. Does this policy achieve its end?
- b. Can the effects of this policy be neutralized?
- c. If so, with what means can this Moscow movement be fought?

258. The local VI section is actually adopting this tactic. The above theory has been transmitted as an actual fact to the local V service and to those persons who are believed to have direct or indirect contact with our non-Communist enemies. Should this theory be erroneous, it will still confuse the enemy and cause differences of opinion.

259. We urge you to ascertain whether other Kommandos have been able to observe the same situation. In case that the a/m suspicions are confirmed it will be necessary to reach a decision on what tactics to use in this matter.

1: Prince Valerio BORGHESE, C.O. of the Xth Flotilla, M.A.S. See Ref. Nos. 44, note 4; 73. On General HARSTER, see Ref. No. 109, note 2.

2: On this border-control Hqs for the Franco-Italo-Swiss frontiers see Ref. No. 103, notes 2 and 3.

3: On this Secretary of the M.G.I.R. in Milan, see Ref. nos. 49, note 1; 67; 78, note 2.

4: On the "Eddi FRANCHI" organization, see Ref. Nos. 31, note 4; 50, note 1.

5: On W/T expert Giacomo GIACOMELLO see Ref. Nos. 75 (osp); 95; 151-2; 154; 164; 166.

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REF. NO.: 77

Subject: The WALLER(?) case 1

260. In reply to your letter we wish to inform you that the Abt VI...? has informed us of the residence of Countess JOSS BOSS at our request. The countess lives in that village completely isolated. As a consequence of this marriage, the husband has ended his service in the diplomatic corps and is now devoting himself completely to taking care of his estate. There is absolutely no relationship between the JOSS BOSS and the PARRILLI family. They do not even greet each other with the exception of the Baroness PARILLI, who..... the young brother and his young wife. There is no common social relationship, since the Baroness PARRILLI always lives either at her home, Villa Ansaldo in PEGLI(Genoa) or at her parents' home.

261. I have already reported extensively on Baroness PARRILLI. It is useless to speak of her again.² When Baron PARRILLI is in Milan he stays at Corso del Littorio 10, Apt. 1.³

262. We should mention that apparently Abt IV, Verona, regardless of the a/m facts, has ordered AK Genoa to search the house of Baron PARRILLI. In our opinion it is not proper that three different sections should each handle the same case in its own way. On the one hand Abt VI is planning to send the Baron to Switzerland for a very important political mission; on the other hand, VI/2 is employing men from Abt V to spy on the Baron; in the meantime Abt. IV is ordering a search of his house. At least, provision should be made that these things be done one after the other. Through Standartenfhr. DOLLMANN and through the Japanese Ambassador, Baron P. yesterday obtained a visa for his passport to go to Switzerland. After his return to Genoa and after a final conference, he intends to leave immediately.⁴

263. In case he should have some other important assignment, please inform us immediately.

1: If this word be "WALLE," then the reference is to agent WALLE, which would seem to have been a cover-named by ZIMMER for Giuseppe ZARRELLI, alias "TRE STELLE". See Ref. Nos. 1, note 1; 16, note 3; 57; 98; 113-14 (esp.); 150. On WALLER, perhaps identical, see Ref. No. 72, note 3.

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2: See ref. Nos. 3, note 4; 48. On her faithfulness to her kin, Countess JOSS BOSS, see Ref. No. 99, par. 317.

3: On Baron Luigi PARRILLI, industrialist and GIS go-between, see Ref. Nos. 3, note 3; 31, note 1 (esp.); 77; 99.

4: For Baron PARRILLI's part in the (Allied) Operation Sunrise, see Ref. Nos. 30, note 1; and 28, note 1, for a citation re Col. Eugen DOLLMANN.

REF. NO.: 78

To: FS COMO (Grenzbefehlstelle WEST)¹

264. I will come Monday at 0930 with Lt. F. to talk about the STEFANI case.²

1: See Ref. No. 103, notes 2 and 3.

2: The reference is to Lt. Domenico FERRERI (also FERRARI) and Gino STEFANI, Secretary and chief, respectively, of the M.G.I.R. in Milan. On the latter, see Ref. No. 16, note 14. On Lt. FERRERI, see Ref. Nos. 49, note 1; 67; 76, note 3.

REF. NO.: 79

Subject: Galiardo de POHL¹

265. About 10 or 14 days ago I met the above-named through Baron PARRILLI². Count POSS³ told me in his presence that Baron PARRILLI had received visits from rebels in his villa at TATRA (cf. about these events, B Nr. 2727/944 of 11 August 1944). At that time, I told the Count that he could not do anything else in his situation, being unarmed, but to deliver both money and foodstuffs. I even told him, jokingly, that I had denounced him to the rebels in order to obtain a certificate that I was a friend and supporter of the rebels. I needed such a certificate on my trip through the country, in order to be protected against their harassing activities. (A few days later Count POSS told me that these people are ready to hand out such a certificate against payment of 10,000 lire).⁴

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266. A few days ago the above-named told me the following: When he entered the villa the door was opened not by one of his servants, but by the rebels, who pointed a weapon toward him and led him to a room in which all persons belonging to his domestic staff were assembled. The rebels asked for money. Thereupon, he paid the requested amount of 100,000 lire. Then he was asked by the rebels to take up liaison with their leaders in Milan.

267. After that, POHL went to see Baron PARRILLI, who advised him not to undertake anything for the time being, while he would let him know about the matter. PARRILLI, in fact, told me about it; but I could not take care of the matter, as I stayed for two days in Como.

268. Today, Baron PARRILLI let me know that the above-named had been interrogated by the Italian police in Novara, and that he, therefore, believes that the men in question were not rebels but....of an Italian formation.

269. Therefore, I believe it to be necessary to bring this matter to the attention of the competent Italian authorities, without mentioning, however, the names of the Baron or the Count.

Distribution: To SS Hauptsturmfuehrer SAVECKE for information;
HA - VI

1: See Ref. no. 165 on this character, who resided in GALLIATE, Province of NOVARA. For more on the armed-rebel incident, see Ref. No. 99. It should be noted that this jotting was out of its chronological order in the short hand notebook. It is the chronological and topical sequel of Ref. No. 99, below.

2: On Baron Luigi PARRILLI, see Ref. Nos. 3, note 3; 30; 31, note 1; 77; 99.

3: For another jotting on this character, see Ref. No. 99.

4: Note how this passage dovetails with the developments following the arrest of OSS Mission chief ZICCARDI @ ZUCCA in August 1944, when PARRILLI attempted, eventually successfully, to secure a set of false Italian documents for ZILMER from ZICCARDI's successor Maurizio RICCIULLI @ MARE. This episode confirms the tendency apparent throughout these notes that Abt VI interests ran counter to those of Abt IV in many cases and that in fact, the Abt VI representative in Milan through PARRILLI was in touch with many elements of the Allied whom he did not report to Abt IV because he could not blow (that is until the CRJER arrests, see above ref. 31) his channel (see JZX-8024).

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REF. NO.: 80

Subject: J-Service of Agent UGO

Reference: Conversation between (?) and ZIMMER

270. I include the plan as elaborated by UGO and his first four reports. The work seems very serious, but it is not sufficiently centered around counter-espionage.

271. I request communication of tasks for UGO and of proposals for his activities, so that this contact may be started with useful results for VI.

1: Ugo OSTERIA @ Dr. Ugo PARODI who had been active for both the Partisans and the SD, Aussenkommando Milan. The complete discussion of him, re his attempt to penetrate Allied Intelligence Services in Switzerland, may be found in the IR on Hauptmann Theodor SAEVECKE, GSDIC/CMF/SD 30 (24 June '45). Not to be confused with Ugo MODESTI, also and ex-OVRA official.

REF. NO.: 81

Subject: Investigation about the true Political Situation in England and America.¹

Reference: Conversation between Sturmabfuhrer A.H.² and Obersturmfuhrer Z(ZIMMER) - 18 November 1944

272. On 18 November 1944 a conversation took place with Baron X, in which Obersturmfuhrer Z. revealed to the Baron that he never made any demands upon him so far, in the first place because he thought that the Baron would take care of an English or a Spanish-French matter, and secondly, in the conviction that at some time a really important political mission would make his collaboration essential.

273. The Baron was told that a number of symptoms point to the fact that England as well as America are about to get themselves into a blind alley. It is supposed that England and America are aware at the present time that a victorious ending of the war has been put off to a far future, and that this situation is not advantageous either for Germany or for England and America, while it has decided advantages for Communism.

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274. He was further told: Our attitude toward Communism is well-known, while it is doubtful whether England and America have already understood the real dimensions of the Communist danger. For this reason, it is necessary to find thoughtful persons who have a sufficient number of personal contacts with leading personalities in the opposite camp at their disposal, in order to find out how the opposite camp judges the political world situation and possibly in order to engage in politics.

275. Baron X showed himself highly pleased about this matter and about the possibility of being helpful through his activities in the pursuit of a really great aim. He also confirmed the above analysis of the political situation, and summarized his opinion by saying that Germany had beaten the Communist danger-drum for too long a time and too violently for the sensitive ears of the world, whereby the world public, out of antipathy against this propaganda drum, had actually lost a clear view of the giant-size of that danger. As big industrialist and financier, he has been able to make precise observations of the growing Communism in northern Italy during his political activity.

276. The above-mentioned collaboration with leading foreigners is secured, as personal friendships, all of them more than twenty years old, exist between Baron X and the following persons:

1. GINNES, an Englishman living in Switzerland, big industrialist and financier, personal friend of CHURCHILL's.
2. Lord JONES, Sheffield, London (sic)
3. M.P. Jack ROBINSON, married to the daughter of WOOLWORTH, who is a friend of Baroness X.

4. In America:

Howard A. LEWIS, a big financier and special advisor to ROOSEVELT. Lewis is of Jewish descent and is an intimate friend of ROOSEVELT's. Their friendship stems from the fact that they are neighbors, as both have their country homes in Kingston, New York(sic).

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LEWIS was in very close contact with Baron X, as they worked much together in business. In general, LEWIS is completely informed about the political situation, which can be deducted from the fact that he tipped off Baron X weeks before the outbreak of the war to liquidate his business connections and at least to quit his Paris apartment and to move for the coming years to Switzerland.

The two were still in contact after the outbreak of the war and had a last talk by telephone from Berne during 1941, during which LEWIS assured Baron X that he remained his personal friend in spite of the war that had broken out and in which he gave him every guarantee for the post-war period.

277. Baron X proposes the following procedure:

1. Entry into Switzerland, where he would immediately take up contact with GINNES, who in turn would take up contact with SHEFFIELD(sic) and ROBINSON. The latter, in particular, is to be used by ~~_____~~.

2. Baron X would take up immediate telegraphic contact with LEWIS and would even attempt to induce the latter to come to Switzerland.

Baron X speaks English better than French; but in addition to French, German and English, he masters a number of other languages. His huge wealth and his truly international family relations are going to stand him in good stead.

1: See Ref. Nos. 28-9, for extensive jottings on feelers of a similar but more definite nature. From the context, it would seem that "Baron X" was the North Italian industrialist and English-speaker, Baron Luigi PARRILLI (ref. nos. 30, note 1; 31, note 1). This then can be taken as the initial step by ZIMMER to put into action the decision ("Operation Wool") taken at the Abt VI meeting Verona on 26 October 1944, following the failure of "Operation Westwind." ZIMMER had suggested at this meeting, presided over by HUEGEL that PARRILLI be used as the channel for a renewed attempt to contact the Allies in Switzerland (see 6th HUEGEL interrogation, CSDIC/CMF/SD 25).

2: This unidentified character has the same rank and initials as that of Ref. No. 16, note 6.

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REF. NO.: 82

CERTIFICATE

278. This is to certify that Mr. Jak(?) OBRIST¹ is traveling to the TRENTO Province on official business.

279. The German and Italian authorities are requested not to cause any difficulties to Mr. OBRIST, but to grant him every necessary assistance. (25 August to 15 September 1944)

1: For other jottings on this untraced character, see Ref. Nos. 138-140, 143.

REF. NO.: 83

Subject: Aldo ~~GOLLA~~

Reference: F.S. Information 1662 of 12 June 1944.

280. The communication of the above F.S. is being recalled to your attention.

REF. NO.: 84

Subject: Lucio ~~MARINI~~, Milan, Porta NUOVA 16¹ (MILAN)

281. The above-named has been arrested by the Italian police because of black-market dealings in medicinals.² Because of the carrying out of a special mission (penetration net of agent ANDREAS), Standartenfuhrer RAUFF has ordered that the above-named be freed through us.³

282. AK Milan is to find out immediately which Italian authority has arrested MARINI, and is then to ask for the files. Should the Italian authority make any difficulties, it should be pointed out that the circumstances of the case are of a special nature.

1: On this friend of the pin. agent, ANDREAS ZOLYOMY, see Ref. No. 163, note 4.

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2: ZOLYOMY claims (op cit., par. 48) that MARINI and his brother Renzo had been aiding the local Partisans by supplying them with medicines and pharmaceuticals.

3: This fact also jibes with ZOLYOMY's statements (op. cit., par. 50).

REF. NO. 85

To: RSHA, VI/B4

Subject: Agent 338, cover-name: DRAGA¹

283. The above-named reported to VI in order to communicate the following information: The Spaniards are being transported through the French General Consulate. He is probably starting on his trip on 8 or 10 August 1944. He has also taken up contacts with the former Spanish Consul, who will probably obtain for him the Spanish Foreigner's passport for the entry into Spain.

284: As DRAGA has stayed in Milan with his wife for an unexpectedly long time, he has remained without funds and I would therefore, consider it adequate to hand him the sum of 90,000 lire.

1: "DRAGA" was one of the aliases of the Yugoslav, Miodrag JEVRELOVIC. See Ref. No. 4, notes 1 and 9.

REF. NO.: 86

To: Aussenkommando MILAN, (Hauptsturmfuhrer Theodor) SAEVECKE

Subject:(?) FANI (Venice)¹

285. We include an interrogation report and two notes for information and request that, according to directive of Standartenfuhrer RAUFF, FANI be sent for work to Germany.

1: another presumed reference to this untraced character is that of Ref. No. 69.

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REF. NO.: 87

F.S. to RSHA VI/B, Attention: Hauptsturmbannfuhrer NOZECK¹

Subject: Agent Alfred PALLERI (Willi BAUER), Jacqueline
~~PORTNER~~²

286. PALLERI and PORTNER have moved recently from their former address to an unknown destination. They were to be sent to a reception camp in Germany, but PALLERI refused that indignantly and gave his SD papers and his pistol back. Should they show up again, they are going to be asked to give us a means to reach them.

1: On Dr. Roland NOZECK (or NOSECK), see Ref. No. 144, note 2.

2: See Ref. No. 144, note 1.

REF. NO.: 88

Certificate

287. Captain F. CARENZI¹ is assigned to special tasks in the Italian area and works for the authorities of the Fascist Party and of the Italian agencies. The Italian and German authorities are requested to hand him letters of safe-conduct and to grant him, if necessary, aid and shelter.

1: On Capt Franco CARENZI, alias "GIORGIO", see Ref. Nos. 16, note 8; 112, note 1.

REF. NO.: 89

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To: Aussenkommando, MILAN, to Outpost P.EMA, to BERGAMO and
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288. For the IDA work,¹ addresses of persons (German, Italian and others) who will not leave the area at the departure of German troops, are needed. Only addresses of reliable persons should be given.

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For security reasons, it is not advisable to name addresses of persons who will probably be persecuted later on, on account of their present position in the party.

1: On the "IDA" p/o network, see Ref. No. 16 and notes.

REF. NO.: 90

To: B.d.S. and VI Verona

Subject: Swedish Consulate in Milan - Perl Hotel(?),
Magnus LYBECK ¹

289. At Milan there is a Swedish Consulate in Via Boccollo 2, where several former Swedish employoes are working. It is known that Mr. K. L. is not very active and that he has not been in Milan for the past two years because of arthritis.

290. It is recommended to collect information about him through SCHENDL in Verona, as contact between the two is probable. Obersturmfuehrer ZIMMER has proofs for the fact that LYBECK is in contact with both agents (sic)

1: No traces on this character. ZIMMER's extensive interest in another Consulate in Milan, the Spanish (see Ref. Nos. 14 et al.), would make it appear that such investigation formed a routine part of his spheres of interest.

REF. NO.: 91

Subject: Preparation of Identity-Cards

291. The procurement of small identity-cards, i.e., without stamp, etc., is probably without usefulness for the planned action. The preparation of identity-cards with false names could be carried out at the local.....(?) However, this can be done just as well in Verona or in another locality near Verona.

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If the cards are for agents who are to go south, cards of a northern and heavily destroyed town such as Treviso, should be used; should the agent be destined for northern Italy, the cards should come from a southern town, so as to avoid in both cases detection of the faked nature of the cards. The forgeries cannot be carried out here, however; and it is recommended to contact VI/S in order to place orders for cards and stamps with Professor B. (ENVEDTL).¹

292. As far as known here, such subjects can also be ordered at Amt IV/III-F.

1: On this Italian forged-documents expert, see Ref. Nos. 38, note 6; 154, note 3; 156, note 2. He was to co-operate with Dr. Otto BEGUS, head of Abt VI/S.

REF. NO.: 92

Subject: Hildegard MAAS¹

293.All this information from this person MAAS are lies; Her information about the three British officers is probably just the same sort of lies and inventions she generally puts out. The Obersturmbannfuhrer asked MAAS to tell him the name of the engineer in question and his remarks at(?) She obviously didn't like this request at all. Although she promised to bring this information on the following day, she never showed up again! In addition to that, it is strange that MAAS does not want to make her domicile known. The probable reason is that she wishes in this way to escape surveillance or control.

1: For an earlier reference to this otherwise untraced character, couched in the same vein of distrust, see Ref. No. 155.

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REF. NO.: 93

Subject: General Ezio GARIBALDI¹

294. There is considerable interest here to find out about the truth of the rumor according to which the above-named is under arrest in Verona. This fact has been intentionally withheld by the Italians, as it is feared that he would be arrested by the Germans for his work.

1: This character was known as a prominent Fascist and close personal friend of MUSSOLINI, whose private secretary he was before one CHIAVOLINI took the position. The General is the brother of Ricciotti and Sante GARIBALDI. See also Ref. Nos. 93; 113, par. 343.

REF. NO.: 94

Subject: Meeting with HOLZ¹

295. By order of RAUFF, I met today the above-named at 1930 hours in the Scala, in order to tell him that the Standartenfuehrer is prevented from meeting him and would call him at his next opportunity. HOLZ seemed very hurt and emphasized that his trip to Switzerland was

296. Then HOLZ started to talk about BENUZZI, saying that because of him they cannot go anymore to the Regina Hotel.. (this part could not be entirely deciphered.²

297. He said that he believed that the man was lying and that he wanted to find out more about him. He wanted to tell me at length about him; but I emphasized that I had come only to tell him about Standartenfuehrer RAUFF. The other matter he should talk over with RAUFF himself, and I added that I could not say definitely when the Standartenfuehrer could be reached!

298. HOLZ then started to talk about the lack of working zeal in Milan, whereupon I had to tell him once more that he as a civilian had no right at all to question the sense of duty of the leaders. I told him this in a very frank tone, whereupon he was very resentful. He said, "Now at least I know what the score is. I said previously in Verona that you do not have any interest in carrying out Verona's orders".

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299. I told him that this sentence of his also showed his lack of trust and dubious conduct, whereupon he denied to have intrigued against me in Verona and actually said that he had worked for me.

300. I reproached him on account of his double game, which I considered now as proven; and we took leave of each other.

301. HOLZ will call Standartenfuehrer RAUFF during the next few days.

1: Only trace is on one Viktor HOLTZ (sic), a civilian employee of the Dienststelle Col von ENGELMANN, of the Bolzano Abwehr (21 May '45).

2: For another mention of the OVRA informer, Valerio BENUZZI, and the Regina Hotel, Milan, see Ref. No. 104.

REF. NO.: 95

Subject: W/T Shop GIACOMELLO¹

302. As had been agreed previously with N.H., somebody who is acquainted with the former history of the case should accompany the....from Verona in the eventuality of my trip to Berlin. For this reason O.M.J. (?) was ordered by me to fly to (?). I started the trip on 3 December and was back as early as 4 December. The following can be reported about the conversation with SIEBER.²

303. The W/T set of GIACOMELLO is recognized in its efficiency. However, in Germany there exists already 170 models of such sets. The models used by VI/F are entirely sufficient and there is no reason to start production of a 171st model. It should be added that the model of GIACOMELLO is twice as large and many times as heavy as the model in use.

304. O.M.J. received at this occasion a radio-message from Sturm-fuehrer SIEBER to Obersturmbann-fuehrer KAPPLER. An order of 500 sets was not given, as the message contained only the beginning about the 500 sets.

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305. Although the set has, therefore, to be considered as unusable, it is reported that it has already been paid for here. JAEGER,³ who formerly bought it, will receive a message from SIEBER to contact Obersturmfuehrer ZILMER on this matter.

306. The tubes for the new invention of GIACOMELLO, which were given by WOLF⁴ to Amt VI at the beginning of August and from there supposedly to SIEBER, could not be located at VI/F and are completely unknown.

307. SIEBER offered GIACOMELLO to come to Med, as a technician on the condition that Amt VI authorizes the work of a foreigner on secret technical matters. However, as Mrs. GIACOMELLO would not be able to come along, GIACOMELLO is not going to accept the offer.

1: Giacomo GIACOMELLO. For another discussion of this subject, see Ref. No. 152.

2: This would be the Sturmfuehrer SIEBER cited in Ref. No. 152, note 4.

3: Alias of JCUTZ, FAK 150.

4: On Sturmbannfuhrer Reinhardt WOLFF see Ref. No. 16, note 1; 152, note 3.

REF. NO.: 96

Subject: Miss CAPRANO¹

308. Miss CAPRANO has talked to me in the meantime and lets me know that she was already presented to this former acquaintance of hers, who, however, did not recognize her. Theshe did not find so far. We agreed that she should report nightly about NO....Z.

1: This surname was a pseudonym of Katrina WEILBACHER, a secretary and confidential interpreter for Aht IV, Verona. An IR in Italian by the Italian Ministry of War, for 23 Feb '46, is cited. See also Ref. No. 16, note 10.

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REF. NO.: 97

Subject: Restaurant GRILLO (Milan, Corso Littorio 2)

309. The above-named restaurant has been used regularly by the local Abt. VI, for meetings and appointments. As the owner has already suffered by this situation and as good gasoline-supply possibilities are given in the proximity of a large Organization TODT agency, it was agreed that ration-coupons should be given to all those who would be authorized by ZIMMER.

310. It is asked, a) that the restaurant should not be closed, and b) that the foodstuffs be immediately unblocked. (Telephone call to Major BELLI¹ should be entirely sufficient).

1: Perhaps the Italian Major BELLI of Milan who had contact with an "Ettore LUTI" Legion member named de WOLF. See the C.L.N. Bulletin No. 20 (10-20 March '45).

REF. NO.: 98

To Verona VI

Subject: Funds for "IDA", "TRE STELLE", "GIORGIO"¹

Reference: Conversation of 5 September 1944 between Sturmabannfuhrer HUEGEL and ZIMMER.

311. Payment of 15,000 (marks ?) equals 120,000 lire for Agent "TRE STELLE" and of 10,000 (marks ?) equals 80,000 lire for Agent "GIORGIO." For the first four months the amount was paid in lire by the cashier of the Group Oberkommando der Wehrmacht.

1: On the "IDA" p/o network see Ref. No. 16, note 1. On Giuseppe ZARBELLI, alias "TRE STELLE" see Ref. No. 113. On Capt Franco CARENZI, alias "GIORGIO," see Ref. No. 16, note 8.

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REF. NO.: 99

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Subject: POSS¹ - Count s. WERLEN (?)

312. According to a directive of Amt VI, contact should be taken up cautiously with Countess JOSS². In addition, the question should be thought over whether the personal acquaintance between.....(?) and Count Ed POSS and(?) is not disagreeable for Countess JOSS.

313. Countess JOSS-POSS is not personally acquainted with me. Count Eduardo POSS is known to me through Baron PARRILLI, who is married to the sister of Count POSS; I have met him a few times. I do not know his political attitude. He speaks German and is greatly interested in our cause.¹

314. Two days ago, he told me the following story, with Professor PARI(sic)³ and Mr. de POHL⁴ present: Heavily armed rebels came to his house in Tatra and asked for foodstuffs from him. He could do nothing but give the rebels what they asked for. He asked me whether I would see another possibility and whether, according to my opinion, he has committed thereby a punishable offense.

315. As he thought my question after...(?) to be political and answered accordingly, it seemed that he never takes definite sides. If one needs him, I could make him believe that behind these methods there is nobody but(?), to please the wishes of(?).

316. Before I contact Count POSS, I believe it, therefore, necessary to meet him a few more times in order to work myself into the case slowly.

317. Countess JOSS POSS lives at present in the small village of Boltiere at Osio, near Bergamo. In order not to start suspicion, I shall need a pretext, as I have to count with the probability that a visit will not remain hidden from the husband. The rest of the POSS family, cuts Countess JOSS, as she has not been forgiven for having brought the 27-year-old Count POSS to marry her, a commoner of 40 years with two sons at the ages of 19 and 20. According to the conception of these people, a marriage with a divorced woman is absolutely below any discussion. The only family member who has protected this marriage is Baroness PARRILLI⁵ nee POSS, whom I do not see very frequently. I shall try to establish contact through her with Countess JOSS in a discreet fashion.

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REF. NO.: 99 (contd)

Distribution: Standartenfuehrer RAUFF for information:
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- 1: On Count Edward POSS, see Ref. No. 79. It is clear that this memorandum is the immediate predecessor of Ref. No. 79. It is clear that in para. 315 ZIMMER is asking for approval to make the statement on para. 265, above, and to request aid in securing false Italian documents. ZIMMER's characterization at para. 315, is not without interest.
 - 2: On Countess JOSS POSS, see Ref. No. 77, par. 260.
 - 3: On Professor Ferruccio PARRI, former (1945) Premier of Italy, see Ref. No. 18, note 1.
 - 4: On Galiardo de POHL, see Ref. Nos. 79 and 165.
 - 5: On Baroness Luisa PARRILLI, see Ref. Nos. 3, note 4; 77, pars. 260-261.

REF. NO.: 100

FS, BdS, Verona; VI

Attention of Sturmbannfuehrer HUEGEL

Subject: Agent BASILIUS¹

318. BASILIUS is going to call shortly at your office. Please pay him 100,000 Lire, which he needs for the carrying out of several missions.

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- 1: See Ref. No. 101. This was the alias of Basilius SADATHERASHVILI, a Georgian journalist, who, during the Spring and Summer of '44, was employed as an agent of the SD in Rome and who later became a Sonderbeauftragter and recruiter for Kommando 211 in Milan.

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REF. NO.: 101

FS, RSM, VI.: SS Hauptsturmfuehrer PEISNER(?)

Subject: Agent BASILIUS ¹

319. BASILIUS communicated that he has taken up contact with Cardinal SCHUSTER in Milan, and explained to me today how he intended to transmit 300,000 lire through Cardinal SCHUSTER to the well-known(?) in Rome. This amount was destined already by.....(?) for STENNLE and was to be paid by BOLS in Verona to BASILIUS. Should this be right, I ask for an immediate order from Verona to pay BASILIUS this amount. I am not able to do this from here.

1: The alias of Basilius SADATHLER, SHVILI. See Ref. No. 100.

REF. NO.: 102

Subject: Funds for "IDA" Preparations ¹

320. During the conversation of 5 September 1944 in Verona, I received the directive to ask for twelve monthly salaries for agent "TRE STELLE";² four monthly salaries to be requested in lire notes at the and eight monthly salaries in(?). According to this directive, the included payment requests asks for four monthly salaries at 15,000 (60,000) for "TRE STELLE", and four monthly salaries at 10,000 lire (40,000) for "GIORGIO".³

1: For another jotting on the funds for the "IDA" p/o network, see Ref. No. 98.

2: Giuseppe ZAMBELLI. See Ref. No. 113.

3: Capt Franco CARENZI. See Ref. No. 16, note 8.

REF. NO.: 103

To: Sturmabannfuehrer Dr. HUEGEL

Subject: REGOLI

Reference: Conversation of 3 May 1944

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REF. NO.: 103 (contd)

321. On the basis of a W/T message of 17 April 1944 of Untersturmfuehrer KARNATZ,¹ which was found when he left the service, a meeting with REGOLI was arranged for 2 May 1944.

322. In the meantime, technical matters could be taken up already with Hauptsturmfuehrer VOETTERL.² The communication of intelligence through letters is probably not going to make any difficulty. V. does not believe it dangerous to send him to Switzerland if REGOLI can obtain beforehand a Hungarian passport. I now ask to request funds from Amt V; I believe that 15,000 Swiss francs are absolutely necessary for living expenses and for expenses connected with the intelligence work. In addition, I request a sum for replacement of his wardrobe, which was lost, as already reported orally, during his departure from Rome (17 suits).

323. A detailed conversation about REGOLI's mission is going to take place between Hauptsturmfuehrer VOETTERL, Mr. PRAGER³ and myself. I request an early reply so that I can inform REGOLI.

1: This German merchant and businessman had a home in Como which was taken over by the SD as an agent's hqs., under the charge of VOTTERL. Employed by the SD for economic intelligence, Fritz KARNATZ was also a courier for Abt VI and currency-smuggler between Milan and Lugano.

2: See also Ref. Nos. 118 and 139 for other mention of Capt Josef VOTTERL, C.O. of Grenzbefehlstelle WEST, at Cernobbio (near Como). IR on is CSDIC/CMF/SD 4. VOTTERL, whose unit controlled the border from the Brenner to Ventimiglia worked closely with.....

3: "The King of the (Italo-Franco-Swiss) Border," Sonderfuhrer Johann PRAGER, a Viennese Jew who, nominally an agent of the Grenzbefehlstelle, was stated to be actually the "Grey Eminence" behind its activity. See Ref. No. 118; SCI/Z, JRX-648 (1 Nov '45) and -648-A for IRs on PRAGER.

REF. NO.: 104

Subject: (Valerio) BENUZZI¹

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REF. NO.: 104 (contd)

324. On 4 April I had a conversation with Dr. WODTKE,² who told me that he met in the Regina Hotel (Milan), where he wanted to call on me, a certain BENUZZI, who moved freely in the hotel and even used the telephone. WODTKE said that he did not like this at all, and he believed it to be his duty to warn us against the man, who has a very bad reputation. He told me more about it, but I cannot remember it.

Distribution: Hauptsturmfuehrer (Theodor) SAEVECKE

1: On this important OVRA informer, see IR on — CSDIC/CMF/Z/165; also Ref. No. 49, note 4; 94, note 2.

2: Dr. Klaus WODTKE, German civilian lawyer, and so-called Kriegs-assessor, was at first allegedly a liaison between the German and Italian Ministries of Justice, later allegedly directly under Amt VI, Berlin, to prepare stay-behind nets in Italy. See also other mentions in Ref. No.s 120, note 2; 154, note 1.

REF. NO.: 105

To: B.d.S. for Stabaf HUEGEL¹

Subject: Information Service in Switzerland.

325. Enclosed is a report of the A.K.M. (Aussen-Kommando, Milan) to be forwarded to the VI office.

1: On Sturmbannfuhrer Dr. Klaus HUEGEL, the Leiter, Abt. VI, B.d.S., ITALIEN, and ZIMMER's immediate superior, see Ref. No. 37, note 1.

REF. NO.: 106

To B.d.S. HUEGEL

326. Enclosed as agreed with S.S. St....., is a report on the SENI¹ incident. Obersturmfuehrer Z(ILMER) has admonished S. for talking too much. He has also advised him to be seen publicly in Verona as little as possible.

1: This character may be either Count Livio SENNI of Rome, or his son, Count SENNI, since both were agents of the B.d.S. Verona.

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REF. NO.: 107

Subject: SARDI ¹

Reference: Your VI No. 1/Ly 120- Sto/GR of 6 Apr. 44.

327. S. has arrived and has been supplied with new documents.

328. Enclosed is statement made by us. We request you to send us very detailed report on the work S. has done for you to date. I have learned that when S. requested permission to cross the frontier, he stated on the form he filled out that he was a German citizen; besides the C.D. registration, D.K.W. (?) is missing. Please explain.

1: This is probably the Frenchman, Max Guiseppe SARDI @ DISSAR an agent of Abt VI, Milan, and before that an SD agent in Marseilles and Nice. He became an agent-recruiter for Abt. VI, Venice, and subsequently a recruiter for Abt. VI/S at Verona and Ortisei. This character was apprehended by SCI/Z, Genoa, at Allassio on 18 Mar '46, interrogation, SCI/Z, JRX-707.

REF. NO.: 108

To: Sturmabannfuhrer HUEGEL

Subject: M.C.:MONTE (?)

329. The a/m, age 20, has fought for two years in Greece. He can write and speak perfectly both Greek and Italian. He knows several places in Greece where Partisans are in hiding. He would like to work for the Germans in Greece.

330. He turned to the German police in Monte, who in turn sent him here. Please ask the R.S.H.A. whether it will be impossible to employ him. (I urge you to answer me soon, because at present he is unemployed and in case of an unfavorable reply would report for work in Germany.)

REF. NO.: 109

Subject: FERRARO, Italian citizen born 30 June 1887 in SALLIANO MICCA.

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331. Following the strike of March '44, the a/m, who had been kept in protective custody, was sent to Germany by Aussenkommando, Turin (SS Scharfuhrer HORNGACHER).¹

332. While I was working in Turin, I was asked by.....(?) to bring F. back; because he had been taken to Germany despite the fact that he was innocent. I went over his case and found this to be true.

333. I would like to have F. come to(?) for amt VI for the three following reasons:

1. F. and his family live in Biella near the Swiss frontier. He also has business interests to protect.
2. As president of the FIUME GIOVANNI VOIELLO firm of Naples, he has connections in southern Italy.
3. I was offered 250,000 lire for his liberation, payable in gold or foreign currency.

334. It is possible that these people think that I will accept and use this money personally, so that later they can place me under their thumb. I hope that in this manner I can contact a group of informers.

335. During the course of the meeting in Florence, I spoke to Sturmbanfuhrer HUEGEL and Obersturmfuhrer SCHMIED. S. knew the case well and stressed that he would feel relieved when the F. case was closed. He knew that Obersturmfuhrer F.H. would be very(?) because of the transfer of F. to Germany.

336. Sturmbannfuhrer HUEGEL contacted HARSTER² and told me that he was trying to have F. returned.

337. In the meantime I tried to learn where F. was.

338. The transport on which he was, was headed for Lauthausen near Linz on 17 March '44, but it is not likely that the workers were interned in that concentration-camp.³

1: Oberscharfuhrer Kaspar HORNGACHER, of the SD, Aussenkommando Turin, was in charge of an anti-Partisan bureau and is scored as having been a most neglectful jailer of his prisoners.

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2: Gruppenfuhrer and Generalleutnant (equals Maj. Gen.) Dr. Wilhelm ~~HARSTER~~ was the CG, B.d.S., ITALIEN, W. his hqs at Verona (Summer '44). See Ref. No. 76, note 1, for another mention of him.

3: For the follow-through on this matter, see Ref. No. 110.

REF. NO.: 110

FS, re: FERRARO¹

To: STAPO, LINZ

339. On 17 March 1944 at 1400 train No. 7869 left Bergamo with transport No. 6395035 containing 307 prisoners, including 18 strikers. The train was destined for Mauthausen via Villach.

340. The prisoners were to work in Germany. They had been arrested during the strike in Turin. There was no intention to intern them in the Mauthausen concentration-camp. Could you please find out what the ultimate destination of the transport was. At the same time, please find out where FERRARO is. He was placed aboard this transport by mistake. A prompt reply will be appreciated. FS

1: On the occasion for this jotting, see Ref. No. 109.

REF NO.: 111

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To: Sturmbannfuhrer HUEGEL

Subject: Dr. PROFILI¹

Reference: Your FS 6068 of 6 May

341. P. has accepted employment in a Roman newspaper, so that the project planned must fail.

1: Only trace is on a Dr. PROFILI, of the Viale delle Milizie 140, Rome, who had formerly been a Gestapo agent at their Via Tasso Hqs (report dated 10 June '44).

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REF. NO.: 112

Subject: CARENZI, @ "GIORGIO"

342. Contact with Franco CARENZI was established today through S. Fuehrer-WIDENHAUS. C. was active in the(?) S of the SIL transport until the(?) for M. (Milan?) and Lombardy was dissolved. He has a group of collaborators and many agents. His most important duties were explained to him; he will soon get to work. The financial question was settled as follows: He cannot receive a fixed salary because he receives a pension, admittedly small, as a captain. His expenses will be reimbursed. He will receive an advance of 5,000 lire for which he will have to account to me. @ "GIORGIO" Tel. 574956.

1: On Capt Franco CARENZI, a bona-fide CLNAI pin agent whom ZIMMER himself cover-named "GIORGIO", see Ref. Nos. 16, note 8; 88; 123, note 2; 147-8; 154, note 6.

REF. NO.: 113

Subject: Giuseppe ZAMBELLI, @ "TRE STELLE"¹

343. Contact was established today with the a/m whose curriculum vitae we are giving you. He was formerly the adjutant of Gen. Ezio GARIBALDI.² He is, consequently, accepted in enemy circles. He lives in Cocquio Trevisago, near the Swiss frontier and is in touch with various persons who keep in constant contact with Switzerland.

344. He has also clerical contacts through a Jesuit(?).

345. Z has been informed of his duties and will immediately start working. @ "TRE STELLE", Tel. - none.

346. He lives in Cocquio Trevisago on Via Provinciale. In order to work without interference, Z. will ask for a travel permit and for a document needed for the German control.³

347. Finances: Z. is married and has a son. He has no fixed income. In order to enable him to maintain his customary living standard with the present cost of living he will receive 5,000 lire for food, besides his salary. In addition he will receive as an N. item 4 10,000 lire for which he will have to account.

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1: See Ref. No. 16, note 3, on agent "WALLE", supposed the same man.

2: Though th may have been a cover-story; see Ref. No. 150, note 3. On General GARIBALDI the Fascist see Ref. Nos. 93 and 132.

3: For this document see Ref. No. 114.

4: N-Zwecke (perhaps an abbreviation for Not-Zwecke: "emergency purposes") was a GIS term for agent's bribes of any nature.

REF. NO.: 114

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348. H. G. Z. (Herr Giuseppe ZAMBELLI)¹ is officially employed by the O.J.W. group of the B.d.S. and of the S.D. in Italy. He is authorized to travel freely in the zones of Lombardy, Piedmont, and Liguria..

349. All authorities concerned and all German and Italian offices are requested to give their assistance whenever necessary and to place at his disposal in urgent cases the means to telephone the S.D.

1: See Ref. No. 113 for more data and notes on this agent.

REF. NO.: 115

Subject: Kurt de VREISE
of the OLOP firm (Telefunken)¹
Piazza - Leonardo da Vinci, 5
Tel. 293041 - 46

350. V is the director of a plant of the above-named firm belonging to the Telefunken group.

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351. The firm produces wireless communication materials. V., as a German citizen, naturally declares that he is ready to give any information requested.

352. He does not know about technical discoveries which are still in the experimental stage. He deals only with technical inventions which have been perfected and are being put into production. He has promised, however, that he will try to contact engineers from the research department and will pay particular attention to new discoveries.

1: For other ZILMER interests in industrial espionage, see Ref. Nos. 116-118, 126-130.

REF. NO.: 116

Subject: Engineer DREIBER of the firm "CARBURATORI MEMINI",¹
Via Rondo, SESTO SAN GIOVANNI; Tel.-289216.

353. The a/m firm is at present engaged exclusively in the production of carburetor-pumps for new motors using(?) fuel oil. Production has just begun. Subject declared he was ready to collaborate with the technical intelligence section of the S.D.. The MEMINI firm is in reality a German firm camouflaged to appear as an Italian firm. The personnel, however, is exclusively Italian.

354. DREIBER is the manager of the plant. Any questions regarding the motor industry may be referred to him. He will pay particular attention to new inventions and will duly inform the S.D. thereof.

1: For other ZILMER activities in the field of technical-intelligence agents, see Ref. Nos. 118 and 126-130. For another reference to this firm, see Ref. No. 117.

REF. NO.: 117

Subject: Gen. Engineer HIEBSCH, owner of the firm "MEMINI"¹

355. HIEBSCH is the owner of the a/m firm. He is also a specialist in the carburetor field.

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He has placed himself completely at the disposal of the S.D. for all matters regarding the technical intelligence. In the course of his business he comes into frequent contact with Italian industrialists in the motor industry, such as Fiat, Lancia, Caproni.

1: See Ref. No. 116, note 1.

REF. NO.: 118

To: 1. HUEGEL
2. AK MILAN
3. COMO, SS-Hauptsturmfuehrer VOETTERL¹
4. ~~TURIN~~

Subject: Engineer MUZZOLI of RIV Works, Turin²

356. A collaborator of Amt VI, during a conversation on the subject of explosives and sabotage, mentioned that he had been told that MUZZOLI of the RIV plant in Turin had been seen a long time ago with the British consul in Lugano.

357. As you know, the RIV plant in Turin was destroyed by aerial bombardments. I think that MUZZOLI's trips should be checked.

358. Addendum for Turin:

Verify the number of times MUZZOLI went to Switzerland. Also please inform us on what day the RIV plant was destroyed by aerial bombardment.

359. Addendum for Milan

Ask Pruefstelle IX (at Bolzano: contro of closed frontiers) of the O.K.W. (Oberkommando der Wehrmacht) to stop MUZZOLI's trips abroad.

360. Addendum for Como

Could the information be checked through Signor FRAGER? ³

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REF. NO.: 118 (contd)

- 1: On SS Capt Josef VOTTEFL, C.O. Grenzbefehlstelle WEST, CERNOBBIO, see Ref. No. 103, note 2.
- 2: For other ZIMMER interests in Italian industry, see Ref. No. 116, note 1.
- 3: On Johann PRAGER, agent of Grenzbefehlstelle WEST, see Ref. No. 103, note 3. This is another indication of Abt VI Milan's dependence upon PRAGER's services.

REF. NO.: 119

Subject: Query from the DUCE¹ on the establishment of an SS concentration-camp in the Province of PAVIA.

361. Through an agent (highly trusted), I recently met in Novara the local P. representative who was establishing his residence at the time at(?) where he has been staying since 15 May.

362. Today agent telephoned and told me that yesterday the DUCE had telephoned Pr(INZING ?) and had asked him whether he had heard that the SS intended to establish a concentration camp in the province of PAVIA. Pr. asked me for information on the subject. After talking with H(auptmann Theodor) SAEV(ECKE) I learned that the rumor was incorrect. Perhaps it was due to an error of the DK in PAVIA. I informed Pr. accordingly.

1: On two references to Vittorio MUSSOLINI, see Ref. Nos. 53 and 57.

REF. NO.: 120

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Subject: Contact established with Col. BASSI¹

363. During his last trip to Turin, WODTKE,² in accordance with orders received from ALWENS,³ established contact with Col. BASSI of the Italian (Republican Air Force) Command at Turin.

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364. BASSI declared he was ready to collaborate in the following fields. B. was formerly at STA and had occasion to meet ALEXANDRINE. ALWENS, Turin, requests to establish contact with the proper offices as soon as possible, to start BASSI's collaboration immediately. He requests to be informed on the progress of the preparatory work of Dr. WODTKE.

365. BASSI believes that speed is essential, because later the use of these means may prove dangerous.

1: On Lt. Col. Maurizio BASSI, see Ref. No. 1. A definitive history of the Italian Republican (Fascist) Air Force, from its beginnings in North Africa, has been prepared by the POW Sect, G-2 War Dep't, under the direction of Maj Frederick J. HAAS, AC.

2: On Dr. Klaus WODTKE, see Ref. No. 104, note 2.

3: The lawyer Alberto SACCA, alias "Dr. ALWENS", an agent of the SD in Turin and pro-German double agent. Other mentions in Ref. Nos. 125, note 2; 135, note 1.

REF. NO.: 121

Subject: Signora STENGEL of the Italian RUK Establishment,¹
Abt. Luft-Hansa

366. Signora STENGEL prepares all official trips of the RUK establishment. The trips of Italians who travel to Switzerland for RUK are also prepared by her.

367. Signora STENGEL has agreed to inform me immediately of all trips to Switzerland so that I may take the proper measures when necessary.

368. Furthermore she will prepare for me personally memos on who has gone and what the purpose of the trip was. In compensation I will see to it that the revision by the S.D. Command in Milan be done as quickly as possible.

1: The Rüstung und Kriegsproduktion, under Gen. LEYERS, set up offices in Milan in late October 1943, with LEYERS' personal residence at Como. For more info on the General, see Ref. No. 28 note 4; SCI/Z, JRX-648 (1 Nov'45), on Johann PRAGER, paras, 19 and 28-9.

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REF. NO.: 122

To: SS Brigadefuhrer SCHELLENBERG,¹ personally
R.S.H.A., Amt VI, by courier.

Dear Brigade-Fuehrer.

369. After a long time I finally had the opportunity to speak with my brother, on the occasion of a visit of Dr. SCHIEBER, Councillor of State.

370. What he told me during this visit here seems of enough importance for me to report to you. My brother asked me why did the S.D. want to "close" (?) the Council of State. When I asked him what made him think so, he replied that the S.D. commander, Dr. SUDEK,² had told him that he was collecting information against SCHIEBER. I am in no position to judge how much truth there was in SUDEK's statement, but I think it is an error to inform the Flug-Kapitaen³ of the Councillor of State, who is his confidant.

371. Furthermore, from what I have learned, SUDEK has made a poor impression for two reasons. It has been stated that once he put out Hauptsturmfuehrer POLAK's family so that he could take over their apartment. POLAK, who is now at the front, has been the right-hand man of the general staff. Once he asked ZELLSOLLE (?) to give a job to one of his acquaintances. On this occasion he stated to the director in the presence of several persons that he should not worry about the new employee's intentions of taking his job away. All he wanted was a small job, because any job would be better than going to the front.

372. I hope I have done well in reporting the above to you. I want to emphasize that I do not know SUDEK and that I have no other ends in mind, Brigade-fuehrer, other than to keep you informed.

1: The CG of Amt VI, RSHA. For another probable reference to SCHELLENBERG, see Ref. No. 133. This memo is an excellent example of the behind-the-scenes knife-throwing in Abt VI.

2: Dr. SUDEK (or SUDECK) is also listed in a trace as an "agent" of the SD, probably for p/o work. He is stated to have had Vatican connections.

3: Flugkapitan is the German title (commercial aviation) for a senior test-pilot.

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REF. NO.: 123

To: B.d.S.; HUEGEL

Subject: AME ¹

373. Through an agent (highly trusted) I have learned the following: A. was not the top man in SIM, but the second in rank under CARBONI.¹ Both men are at the present out of Italy. AME has taken with him the SIM funds amounting to 60 million lire.

1. SCHMIDT
2. CIORGIO ²

1: General Cesare AME, one-time CG of the Servizio Informazione Militare, the intelligence service of the Italian Army. Since he was believed to be pro-Allied, and had declared his resentment at the presence of the Abwehr in Italy, he was replaced as the head of S.I.M. by General Giacomo CARBONI at the time (July 1943) the BADOGLIO Government took over the control of the country.

2: On Capt Franco CARENZI, alias "GIORGIO", see Ref. Nos. 16, note 8; 112, note 1.

REF. NO.: 124

Subject: Wilfredo RICCARD,¹ Spanish citizen, Chief Engineer of ALFA-ROMEIO

374. On 23 May 1944 Subject established contact with us in the city of Novara. RICCARD is one of the first Falangists (membership card No. 6) and is a pro-German Spaniard. He comes into professional contact with many foreigners, including members of the British and American embassies in Madrid and Lisbon.

375. Politically speaking, he knows his business. For a few years he was in the political service of his country.

376. I was told that shortly he was going abroad, so I got in touch with him. During our conversation I learned that he merely intended to take an automobile trip from Milan to Liguria.

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He stated that he was willing to prolong his trip and go to Lisbon, where he could easily learn things of interest. It was agreed to prepare for him a.....(?) (possibly woman). He will also receive a letter of introduction to the political department of the Embassy at Madrid, so that when necessary he may transmit important news rapidly.

377. Since RICCARD is known as an inventor in the motor industry, I have engaged him to collaborate in our technical information service. The only way we can work with him is to keep him always at our disposal for clarifications.

378. Contact with RICCARD is maintained through agent "GIORGIO".²

1: For a later reference, see Ref. No. 19

2: On Capt Franco CARENZI, alias "GIORGIO", see Ref. No. 16, sect. (2).

REF. NO.: 125

Subject: Col. Dr. Maurizio BASSI¹

379. On 25 May 1944 at ALWENS'² office in Turin there was a meeting with Col. BASSI. Present at the meeting were Obersturmfuehrer ZIMMER - HINES(?).

380. Col. BASSI explained his plans in regard to sabotage work for us. Besides the activities of his office, he believes there should be inaugurated an strong propaganda program, and activities should be undertaken in southern Italy and among the Italian troops in the Balkans.

381. At present, he does not have any agents available, nor men to put the plan in action; but he is sure to have the personnel when he is ready to begin these activities.

382. Obersturmfuehrer ZIML suggested to find someone from the existing Italian sabotage school who had attended radio school, who was trusted by the Colonel, and who reciprocated this trust. The first objective for the work should be southern Italy.

383. It was also mentioned that the Gino STEFANI and the BECOCCI groups of Florence³, which are being placed under Col. BASSI for greater efficiency, have already worked in southern Italy and know a good place for an aerial drop of personnel.

384. BASSI's plan is to undertake a persistent stream of propaganda through aerial drops can be combined with drops of agents. This will serve to camouflage the flight, because when the enemy sees the leaflets the next day, he will never suspect that agents were also dropped. In order to start this work, the following has been decided: Col. BASSI will go to SALSOMAGGIORE for 14 days (Bologna Section); then he will go to take charge of(?) from the 8th to the 10th of June, and finally we shall inform him of the exact date he is to go to Verona,⁴ where the final decision will be made on all questions regarding this matter. Meanwhile V. (Verona?) will request BASSI's transfer, through Col. HECKENREINER, from GRAZIANI's detachment.⁵ At the same time a meeting of the STEFANI and BECOCCI groups of Florence could be arranged with BASSI.

1: On Lt. Col. BASSI, of the Italian Republican Air Force, see also Ref. No. 120, note 1. On his co-operation with the "CYPRESS" sabotage network, see IR on Dr. Otto BEGUS, op cit., sect. 3(b), p. 9.

2: On Alberto SACCA, alias "Dr. ALWENS," see Ref. No. 120, note 3.

3: Gino STEFANI and Argante BECOCCI were leaders of the M.G.I.R.: and particularly during its Florence phase BECOCCI was outstanding. Both he and STEFANI, chief of the Movement, made a tour of North Italy (including Milan) around June '44. On the MGIR, see Ref. No. 16, note 14; the SCI/Z Rome, Key, op. cit., pars. 4 and 9.

4: Since it would seem from the context that Lt. Col. BASSI was planning to cooperate with the Germans in the sabotage field, then he would perforce go to Verona, since this was the Hqs of Dr. Otto BEGUS "CYPRESS" p/o sabotage network. See Ref. No. 37, note 4.

5: Marshal Rodolfo GRAZIANI, the Fascist Minister of War. The (presumably German) Col. HECKENREINER remains untraced.

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REF. NO.: 126

Subject: Wilhelm ROSENFELDER,¹ Turin. FIAT MIRAFIORE-MABO
(Marelli-Bosch), Via Amerigo Vespucci, 52.

385. The a/m has been assigned by the Reich to the FIAT automobile plants as technical manager. He has been collaborating with the S.D. for a long time. (He is completely Aryan).

386. On 1 June 44 a meeting was arranged with ROSENFELDER to take him into the technical intelligence service. He regretted that he had not been working with the IS all this time. For private reasons (and probably also in the interest of the BOSCH firm) he is informed on all new developments in the electrotechnical and motor-construction field. Consequently he has not only given us his worthy promise of collaboration, but he has made three denunciations in this field. Furthermore, he stated that he was ready to order the production manager of LANCIA to work exclusively for our interest (see SOLA proposal).²

387. The alias of "STAHL" has been adopted for ROSENFELDER.¹ Collaboration and transmittal of information at A.R.T. is rapidly developing.

1: For additional on this agent ("STAHL"), see Ref. Nos. 127 note 2; 128, note 1; 129, note 1.

2: On Giuseppe SOLA, see Ref. Nos. 127, note 1; 128, note 2.

REF. NO.: 127

Subject: Giuseppe SOLA,¹ Turin. CASTELLAMONTE construction-
chief of LANCIA firm.

388. SOLA is the construction-chief of LANCIA in Italy. He is known in this country as one of the ablest designers and inventors. He specializes in airplane motors. After Mr. LANCIA's death he had some difficulties with the firm. The children were still minors. His widow, took over the plant, and limited the activities of the firm exclusively to the manufacture of passenger-cars.

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389. At that time SOLA received many offers, particularly from FIAT. SOLA felt that if he went over to FIAT, which is the main competitor of LANCIA, he would have been betraying his dead employer. He decided to remain and try to do things his own way; he occasionally runs into difficulties.

390. Our agent (highly trusted) STAHL² has known him for a long time as representative of the Bosch firm. Besides this business relationship, a personal friendship has developed between the two. Our agent suggests the following:

We should pay 10,000 lire monthly; in return SOLA will give our agent immediately all information on new inventions and techniques.

Our agent will give SOLA any orders for production.

391. A meeting was held with Sturmbannfuhrer HUEGEL: the plan can be put into practice immediately. Our agent has been notified to approach SOLA to conclude the agreement.

1: See also Ref. Nos. 126, note 2; 128, note 2.

2: On Wilhelm ROSENFELDER, alias "STAHL", see Ref. No. 126.

REF. NO.: 128

VI/WI (Technical).

Subject: Construction of new airplane engines for high altitudes.

Reference: Conversation with SS Sturmbannfuhrer HUEGEL on 2 June 1944.

392. A collaborator in the technical intelligence branch¹ informs that SOLA,² chief constructor of LANCIA, is working on a new airplane engine which works on two movements and which can operate at altitudes which were previously impossible because the efficiency of the propeller was nullified by the lack of air. Another new feature of this motor is the carburetor pump, also invented by SOLA. This invention has been already given to the Bosch firm through our agent and is being manufactured by them.

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The local collaborator, following a conversation on 3 June 44 with KRAMPEN (?) of(?) wanted to turn the invention over to the JUNKERS plants. Obersturmfuehrer Z(IMMER) told him that all new inventions were to be forwarded to the special department of Amt VI, where they would be immediately examined and if suitable would be immediately exploited. Our collaborator, consequently, dropped his plan. Within the next few days he will forward to us sketches of the invention, accompanied by a written report.

393. It is now necessary to cover this error immediately:

The documents on the invention must be translated immediately by a specially qualified translator.

We must make sure that the invention is immediately utilized.

394. Sturmbannfuehrer H(EUGEL) has advised to give the document to FELICITAS to translate. V. should find in the meantime a good technical dictionary.

1. Copy of SOLA documents
2. Copy of STAHL¹ documents.

1: The reference is to the representative of the BOSCH firm, Wilhelm ROSENFELDER, alias "STAHL," on whom see Ref. Nos. 126; 127, note 2; 129, note 1.

2: On Giuseppe SOLA, see Ref. Nos. 126, note 2; 127 (esp.)

3. A reference to Frau Hildegarde ~~BEETZ~~, whose major assignment during this period was the recovery and translation of the CIANO documents.

REF. NO.: 129

Subject: Two inventions in the electro-technical and radio-technical field.

395. For a long time our agent STAHL,¹ representative of the BOSCH firm, has had personal contact with DE QUARTI,² owner of a large radio factory.

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D.Q. is a self-made man. He started out as a low paid employee and through his genius in the radio-technical field has become an important manufacturer.

396. Likely he has made two important inventions.

397. The usual transformer requires a ball-bearing and the use of a considerable amount of raw materials. D.Q. has developed a transformer based on an entirely new principle. He has already constructed it and is testing it. The main features are:

- 1) The absence of a ball-bearing
- 2) Decrease of raw materials required and of weight by 50%.
- 3) Increase in durability by 50%.

398. The agent will send us the sketches and descriptions this week. This invention has already been submitted for production. We do not know whether production has already started.

399. The other invention has not been put into production, but the experiments have been successful. It is a transmitting receiving apparatus for Morse wireless which enables the sender to change the wave-length of the transmitter while sending by merely moving a lever. Automatically, when the wave-length of the transmitter is changed, the receiver adapts itself to the new wave-length. This would make it impossible for an outsider to listen in. Furthermore it becomes unnecessary to inform the receiver of the message, when and on what wave-length the transmission will be.

400. The sketches will be sent this week. According to SS Sturmbannfuehrer A.'s instructions, the translations will be done by FELICITAS.³

401. D.Q.'s plant was recently completely destroyed by an air raid. It will be impossible for him to put his invention into production. We have promised our collaborator that the inventor's interests and rights will be fully protected.

402. D.Q. does not know to which German office his invention will be sent.

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REF. NO.: 129 (contd)

- 1: For other references on this informer on technical matters, see Ref. No. 126, note 1; 127, note 2, 128, note 1.
- 2: For another reference to this character, see Ref. No. 130.
- 3: See note 3, ref. no. 128.

REF. NO.: 130

Subject: DE QUARTI ¹

403. For the past three years DE QUARTI has been living with ALTMAN, a German woman, on Corso Italia, 122, Turin. He tells everyone she is his wife. They are planning to really marry soon. At present the Ak.T (Aussenkommando Turin) is engaged in an investigation of Miss ALTMAN's race.² Mr. and Mrs. ALTMAN are pure Aryans living in Berlin. Miss ALTMAN, however, was adopted by them shortly after her birth. She is aware of the fact that she is their daughter by adoption only. Of her true parents she knows only that she was the illegitimate child of a woman from Frankfurt who is now in a prison camp in Russia (Tartar). According to information received from the German Consul General, Miss ALTMAN must be of mixed breed in the first grade. The Reichssittenamt is continuing the investigation of her race to obtain proof that she is Aryan. Meanwhile the Ak.T. has ordered that Miss ALTMAN's citizenship be discontinued.

404. I would like to avoid irritating DE QUARTI at this time to insure his collaboration with the technical intelligence branch. Therefore the Ak.T. has decided to withdraw the order to discontinue her citizenship. Furthermore, the measure would be of little value, since he will shortly marry her. D.Q. is the inventor of the transformer without ball-bearing and of the device which changes the wave-lengths on transmitting and receiving radio apparatuses. Both inventions are of great interest to us.

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- 1: See Ref. No. 129 for more info on this character.
 - 2: For other ZIMMER references to persecution of Jews, see Ref. Nos. 57, note 4; 134, note 1; 137, note 2.

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REF. NO.: 131

To: Aussenkommando GENOA

Subject: Giovanni RIBERO,¹ flower-merchant of VENTIMIGLIA

405. Subject is from 40 to 45 years old, 1.76m high, has greying hair, often stays at the Hotel Plaza Oneil(?).

406. He has told the local agent that he is collecting information for the German Command at Savona. Please verify and inform us whether RIBERO is really working for that German office. If this is so, please inquire why RIBERO, who is a flower merchant in Ventimiglia, is working at M in IV. We suspect that he has merely offered to collaborate with some German office to be able to use his automobile for business trips.

1: Giovanni Battista RIBERO, one-time Political Secretary for the Fascist Party at Ventimiglia, described as an ardent Fascist and very pro-German collaborator of the Nazis. Gathered information on matters of Naval interest along the Riviera from Genoa to Marseille, under the direction of Kapitanleutnant George SESSLER of the Abwehr, I(M), and of one Werner (probably Karl WERNER, one-time Leiter, MK San Remo). RIBERO was arrested on 6 Jan. '46 by the Italian CS and has been interrogated by SCI/ Z. See JRX-701 (11 April '46.)

REF. NO.: 132

To: FS Florence - Rome, Urgent

Subject: Gen. Ezio GARIBALDI¹

407. Please inform Amt VI as to where the a/m resides.

1: For other jottings on this character, see Ref. Nos. 93;113, par. 343.

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REF. NO.: 133

To: VI, R.S.H.A.
To be handed personally to Obersturmfuehrer SCHELLENBERG¹
Berlin.

Subject: Simplifying radio communications with agents.

Dear Obersturmfuehrer:

408. A conversation I have had with a local radio-operator has made me ponder on several problems which have caused trouble until now. The recruitment of agents is especially difficult because we have to inform them that they have to receive their radio training for several weeks, and possibly years, in that part of Germany threatened by air raids. Aside from the fact that the local population does not go willingly to that part of Germany under danger of air raids, the thought of staying away from their families for many weeks is a great obstacle.

409. The first reaction of the experts to the below-mentioned innovation will be that by its applications it will be impossible to transmit messages from Berlin to the agents.

410. I have been working in Amt VI a long time, so you can rely on the accuracy of what I say. Once an agent has been instructed as to what we expect, he can work without receiving constant directives. The only information he needs from the office receiving his messages is the confirmation that they have been received. This can be done by a pre-arranged plan, whereby an announcer announces a musical selection over a public radio system at a fixed time and misses on one word, which he immediately corrects. The agent sets his receiver at the established time; and if he gets the signal, he knows that his message went through.

411. Let us now consider the agent's transmitter:

Externally it is constructed like a radio receiver. Behind the loud speaker is a telephone dial. The agent who is equipped with a code does not transmit letters, but numbers. He does not touch the numbers, but merely turns the dial. By this method any man can be trained in an hour. The transmission of the message will naturally take longer than by morse code. However, the contents of the message can be shortened by use of the code. For example, a form with 200 of the most important questions can be prepared.

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The agent chooses one of these 200 numbers so that we may know what the subject is. Another form could be prepared containing all the possible answers numbered. In addition, another code could be prepared similiar to that used in the commercial telegraph, whereby complete sentences can be relayed by a group of five numbers.

412. I am not a technician, nor am I specialized in radio; but I think that these suggestions could be useful. The dial could be constructed so that it returns to position much faster than a telephone dial. I am convinced that if this system has some technical disadvantages, the advantages would amply make up for them. There would not be any more need for long training in Germany. Furthermore, an agent would feel more secure when he would see how simple it is. I would be happy if my suggestions could aid the work of this office.

With highest esteem,

Obersturmfuehrer...

1: Both from the tone and context of this jotting, it would seem that Brigadefuehrer SCHELLENBERG, the CG of Amt VI, RSHA (see also Ref. No. 122), was indicated. Unless Obersturmfuehrer be a mere deciphering error, ZIMMER's saluation is esoteric.

REF. NO.: 134

To: VI/Wi (Technical)

Subject: GABBAI, Jewish radio-technician

413. In accordance with measures taken against Jews,¹ subject has been transferred to the SD Aussenkommando jail in Turin.

414. Since GABBAI is a well-known specialist in the radio-technical field, it is ordered that all technical publications and necessary equipment be placed at his disposal in his private cell, so that he may continue his work in jail. The results of his work will be transmitted to section VI of the OJW group.²

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415. You are requested to issue orders for the future treatment of GABBAI.

1: For other ZIMMER jottings on persecution of Jews, see Ref. Nos. 57, note 4; 130, note 2; 137, note 2.

2: For other ZIMMER interests in technical intelligence, see Ref. No.s 116-118, 126-130.

REF. NO.: 135

To: 1. F.S., TURIN
2. ALWENS¹

416. Either Wednesday or Thursday, Obersturmfuehrer MADER² and Mr. VIDAS will come to see you to speak of matters regarding the service.

ZIMMER
SS Obersturmfuehrer

1: On Alberto SACCA, alias "DR ALWENS," agent of the SD in Turin, see Ref. No. 120, note 3.

2: On this Abt V officer, see Ref. No. 58, note 1.

REF. NO.: 136

To: B.d.S., VERONA

Subject: Your proposal

Reference: Meeting on 2 June between HUEGEL and ZIMMER

417. Enclosed are notes requested by you regarding a plan received by ZIMMER on the establishment of a chain.¹ We urge you to examine these notes and send us your decision.

1: See Ref. No. 137, note 1.

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REF. NO.: 137

To: VI 1870/44 G
VERONA

Subject: Proposed plan for the establishment of a chain¹

418. Today there was a conference on the a/m plan between DI PAOLO and ZIMMER. ZIMMER asked for some guarantees which would enable him to remain in the country after the German withdrawal. DI PAOLO declared that he had enough funds for this purpose and was able to protect him at any time from the British and Americans. He has at his disposal a house in PINEROLO which is completely isolated and uninhabited. ZIMMER can stay there when the time comes, completely unobserved. With the help of his friends he could put the plan into practice even in the city of Turin. For example, there are today more than a hundred Jews hidden in Turin. DI PAOLO suggested acquiring now an Italian passport and identification-papers for ZIMMER. This should not be difficult because Jews are doing it too.²

1: For other references to the establishment of a p/o net, viz., IDA, see Ref. Nos. 16 (esp.) 57; 61; 63; 89; 98 and 102; 150-51.

2: For ZIMMER references to the persecution of Jews, see Ref. Nos. 57, note 4; 130, note 2; 134, note 1.

REF. NO.: 138

To: VERONA
VI/B-3

Subject: S. OBIRST¹

419. Enclosed is copy of a letter from subject who has since returned from his trip. From the letter it appears that OBIRST worked very intensely in the short period of 14 days. It is likely that his report will shortly result in useful information. Other information he has collected is of no special value, but reveals his capacity of observation. We are sending you these reports so that you may form your own opinion.

1: Other Ref. Nos. are 82, 139-140, 143.

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REF. NO.: 139

To: Hauptsturmfuehrer VOTTERL ¹

Subject: Agent for Switzerland.

Reference: Local F.S. No. 1227 of 20 May 44.

420. I have received the enclosed letter from subject on his return from Switzerland. It is essential that OBIRST² be provided with some names of persons in Switzerland to whom he can transmit information and denunciations.

421. OBIRST was instructed to give the address of the SD only to his most trusted collaborator, and to give this collaborator's address to the others so as to reduce the risk of leaks to the minimum.

1: On SS Capt Josef VOTTERL, C.O. of Grenzbefehlstelle WEST, CERNOBBIO (near Como), see Ref. No. 103, note 2.

2: Other Ref. Nos. are 82, 138, 140, 143.

REF. NO.: 140

Dear Mr. ~~OBIRST~~¹:

422. I thank you for your letter and your report. Your letter in particular has given me the hope that we shall receive a continuous stream of news from your friends. The addresses you furnished cannot be used at all, because soon the Italians as well as the Germans will become aware of these letters. This must be absolutely avoided. Please inform your friends that HUEGEL's address was an error. I will give you shortly some addresses in Switzerland to which letters can be sent. I hope to see you within a few days. Please accept my regards

Yours

1: Other Ref. Nos. are 82, 138-39, 143.

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REF. NO.: 141

To: Signor Franco COLNAGLI
Via Borgazzi 17, MONZA

423. Please come immediately. In any case you can turn to Miss WEDEKINA.

REF. NO.: 142

424. Signor CAVALLI, owner of the Albergo ROMA on Corso Vittorio Emanuele, is a dangerous defeatist. He is engaged in enemy propaganda and has allegedly aided persons sought by the Germans to go to Switzerland. He owns a villa on the Swiss frontier. He states that he brought to Switzerland only one woman, who had been beaten by the Germans and still bore the bruises. When he learned of the Allied landings in France, he was convinced that the Germans would be soon defeated. He has some Fascist relatives whom he uses to hide his true activities. I think it would be wise to take some precautionary measures.¹

1: For another specimen of this ancillary Intelligence interest of ZIMMER — petty informing — see Ref. No. 161.

REF. NO.: 143

To: B.d.S., VI

Subject: Summary of OBIRST's trip ¹

425. Enclosed is a summary of OBIRST's trip which I urge you to examine. The last part of the summary seems a little peculiar and might be an attempt to find out what the German viewpoint is on the development of the war. At a meeting today OBIRST was asked whether he would be willing to take over the local information-chain in case the territory were evacuated. OBIRST seemed very doubtful. A few hours later a copy of the enclosed letter was given to him.

426. This poor reaction on his part as well as the final section of his letter seem rather strange.

1: Other Ref. Nos. are 82, 138-140.

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REF. NO.: 144

To: FS Soonest
RSHA - VI/B-2

Subject: Jacqueline PORTNER, born in Paris 14 Aug 1918,
nationality French;

Alfred PALMERI, born in Naples 24 Mar. 1898,
nationality Italian;

William BAUER, citizen (forged German passport)¹

427. The a/m have reported to the local Abt VI and have asked to see SS Hauptsturmfuhrer NOZECK or SS Standartenfuhrer BICKLER for whom they worked in Paris as agents. They wish to receive instructions for the future. They would prefer to go to Switzerland (note: trip impossible). Please inform whether these persons should be furnished with new documents, or should be sent to Germany, or should be left to their own devices. If they are to be sent to Germany, please give me the addresses they have to contact there.

428. Their present address is Via Carlo Ravizza, 47,
Milan; tel. 495028.

1: For another jotting on these two characters, see Ref. No. 87. Alfredo PALMERI, half-French and half-Italian, was chief of the so-called "PALMERI Group" of thugs employed by Sachgebiet IV/N-1 of B.d.S., Paris, and for Abt VI, B.d.S., Paris.

2: Hauptsturmfuhrer Dr. Roland NOZECK (or NOSECK) was in charge of a special political section in Abt. VI, B.d.S. Paris, the Leiter of the Abt at that time being Standartenfuhrer Hermann BICKLER. On the latter, see Ref. No. 4, note 4. For both this note and note 1, above, the IR on Miodrag JEVREMOVIC (see Ref. No. 4, note 1) is a pertinent citation.

REF. NO.: 145

To: FS Milan, VI/S, staff BEGUS¹

429. Enclosed are means of communication for ANDREAS.²
A meeting between him and STEFANI³ is possible in Milan.
I urge you to inform me of the day set as soon as possible.

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- 1: On the p/o network sabotage chief, Sturmbannfuhrer Dr. Otto BEGUS, see Ref. Nos. 37, note 4; 163, note 1.
- 2: On the Hungarian pin. agent, Andrea ZOLYOMY, see Ref. Nos. 16, note 11; 162-163.
- 3: On Gino STEFANI, head of the Milan branch of the M.G.I.R., see Ref. Nos. 16, note 14; 74; 78; 125.

REF. NO.: 146

To: Consul C.G. MARINGOFF

Subject: Refurnishment of photographic material for secret service work.

Dear Consul:

430. I wish to thank you for your prompt handling of my official request. These four cases were packed so well that I did not open them. Since your letter of 19 August refers to a letter of 13 August, and since I have not yet received any bill of lading, I imagine both items are in one of those cases. I have made a note of your reference to colored film. If the FRARNIA(?)¹ colored film is still in an experimental stage, I think it is better to send back the supply, because I am aware of the purpose of these films, which require skillful reproduction, especially with deli-colors.

431. There must be a mistake, because it was assumed that the FRARNIA firm would produce a product of such a high level. I am not an expert in this field, so I will forward your statement to the office which gave me the order.

432. In the meantime, I thank you for your promptness in this matter. Please accept my greetings.

Yours

To the SAARE detachment, with request to forward to G. MARINGOFF.

1: Probably a garbling of the name of the large Italian photo-film concern of FERRANIA.

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REF. NO.: 147

433. A new address has been selected for the preparatory work for "IDA"/GIORGIO."¹ The address is Via Correggio 23/III.

1: On Capt Franco CARENZI, alias "GIORGIO" see Ref. Nos. 16, note 8; 112, note 1. On the "IDA" p/o network, see Ref. Nos. 16, and notes; 137, note 1.

CERTIFICATE

REF. NO.: 148

434. It is hereby certified that Guilio GASPARINI requires an automobile for the accomplishment of his duties.

- 1) Automobile for GASPARINI
- 2) The bicycle is for GIORGIO ¹

1: On Capt Franco CARENZI, alias "GIORGIO", see Ref. Nos. 16, note 8; 112, note 1.

REF. NO.: 149

To: B.d.S. VERONA, VI

For: (Sturmbannfuhrer Dr. Otto) BEGUS ¹

Reference: Conversation between BEGUS and ZIMMER on 16 Aug '44.

Subject: ZECR ..ITALIEN net and Agent ANDREAS ²

435. You are urged to give an order for the dynamite and arms to prepare for the above-mentioned ZECR chain.

- 1) 2 Italian automatic-pistols
- 2) 15 to 20 army rifles.
- 3) 10 pistols
- 4) sufficient ammunition for the a/m weapons
- 5) a few Army hand-grenades
- 6) 20 Italian helmets
- 7) 265 kgs of dynamite, with fuses.

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436. It does not matter if these arms are defective. They are required for the purpose of(?) and to satisfy our agent, In addition, to carry out the plan of SS Sturmbannfuehrer B. for an attempt, a German uniform is necessary, preferably an officers. We would like also to know whether it is possible to obtain in Verona suitable propaganda material to arouse the population.³ If there is some, please send it to us.

1: On this character, who had his hqs in Verona, see Ref. Nos. 37, nota 4; 163, note 1.

2: The original title of BECUS' p/o network, the Unternehmen "CYPRESSE," was "ZER ITALIEN": Zerstörung-Sabotage, Italien ("destruction-sabotage, Italy"). On Andreas ZOLYOMY, the Hungarian Jew who, through ZIMMER, was to head the Milan section of the network, see Ref. No. 16, note 11; 162-163.

3: In this connection, see IR on ZOLYOMY, op. cit. par. 49, p. 11.

REF. NO.: 150

To: B.d.S. VERONA, VI - "IDA" L- VI/Z

Subject: Preparation of "TRE STELLE" ² for "IDA" and demolition work.

437. Enclosed are two reports of agent "TRE STELLE" on meetings held with important enemies for the carrying out of demolition project "IDA".

438. As these reports show our enemies do not have clear objectives and points of view (rebels, monarchists, liberals, communist). "TRE STELLE" is posing as a ... (?) GARIBALDI ³, consequently we doubt whether later on he and his 2 V group can be utilized. It appears from discussions held between Giuseppe ZAMBELLI (@ TRE STELLE) and ZIMMER that the agent believes the main effort should be dedicated to the "IDA" plan.

439. To insure the success of this plan, "TRE STELLE" must establish contact now with skilled W/Ts, to guarantee later on the transmission of information. "TRE STELLE" will personally look after the installation and the camouflage.

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- 1: On the "IDA" p/o network, see Ref. No. 16, note 1.
- 2: On Guiseppè ZAMBELLI, alias "TRE STELLE," see Ref. No. 113.
- 3: "...as an Adjutant of General "Ezio" GARIBALDI? See Ref. No. 113, note 2.

REF. NO.: 151

F.T. to "IDA", VI 1

Subject: Order of telephone-equipment from GIACOMELLO 2

440. Since GIACOMELLO lacked the financial means, the sum of 100,000 lire was paid for the installation of the telephone-equipment ordered there. Reimbursement of this sum is requested.

Signed: RAUFF, Standartenfuehrer

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- 1: On the "IDA" p/o network, see Ref. No. 16 and notes
 - 2: On the engineer and W/T expert, GIACOMELLO, see Ref. Nos. 75 (esp.); 95; 152; 154; 164; 166.

REF. NO.: 152

Subject: GIACOMELLO radio-shop¹

441. GIACOMELLO told me orally that he must establish a shop to build radios in Milan by order of Standartenfuehrer von HASS² and requested greater financial assistance. HASS informs in a letter dated 27 June (1944) that the order to assist GIACOMELLO is based on a counter-order of HUEGEL. In regard to technical supplies, GIACOMELLO has been housed with Unterscharfuehrer TUM(?) who, being himself a W/T specialist and being very much interested in this matter, has been of great assistance to GIACOMELLO. On 18 June 1944, G. asked for the first time for a payment of 50,000 lire, which was reimbursed by von HASS to the local treasury.

442. On 12 August 44, G. received payment of a salary of 30,000 lire; and on 18 August another 30,000 lire.

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443. Following a request from Berlin, SS Sturmbannfuhrer (Reinhardt) WOLFF³ visited G.'s plant and requested to see some equipment of W/Ts GILLA and GANN. From conversations I learned as follows: G. Had been requested by HASS to build 500 radios. HASS had received the order from SS Obersturmbannfuhrer RUGGLAR who had in turn received it from SS Sturmfuhrer SIEBER⁴. SIEBER states that he never gave such an order. GIACOMELLO declares that he saw himself the telegram from SIEBER to RUGGLAR(?). The telegram was burned with other documents when Rome was evacuated. VI/F, Berlin (SS Sturmfuhrer SIEBER) wants to approve the order after the equipment is tested and approved. There is a possibility that the samples may be turned down in Berlin. Then the order would be withdrawn. In such a case the money advanced to G. should be reimbursed.

444. The group in Milan is protected by HASS's order (FS Florence). G. on the other hand has received the order from HASS and RUGGLAR(?) and has invested all his money in the business. In case the order is cancelled, the B.d.S. should make provisions for the damages suffered by G. Before any further payments are made to G. we must receive the decision of the B.d.S.

- 1) copy to B.d.S., VI, of Verona
- 2) GIACOMELLO papers

1: W/T expert and engineer Giacomo GIACOMELLO. For another jotting on this business see Ref. No. 95.

2: It is suggested that this character may be the Sturmbannfuhrer Karl HASS who headed the "Einheit IDA" on which see Ref. No. 16, note 1.

3: On this special representative from the RSHA, Berlin, to supervise the p/o network ("IDA") in Italy, see same citation as note 2, above.

4: There is no SS rank of Sturmfuhrer. It is suggested that this character is identical with radio-expert, Oberleutnant Alfred SIEBER, who until May-June 1944 headed a FAK 150 W/T school in Florence.

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REF. NO.: 153

To: B.d.S., V - VI

Subject: BACC M(?)

Reference: Yours BN 368/446 of 27 July - 24 August 44

445. The documents were unknown at Unit VI and were therefore transferred to Aussenkommando Milan.

REF. NO.: 154

Subject: Request for permission to go to Verona with DKW for the service.

446. For reasons which I am going to explain, I request permission to go to Verona with DKW for the service.

447. Col. FERRI received from von WODIKE instructions to build an IDA-2 net.¹ Col. FERRI in turn passed the order on to Capt. DEL MASSA,² who has informed us that he does not have the faintest idea as to what his work consists of and that he has not received any money. He wanted to send two agents to DESENZANO instead of to the Supreme Command in Verona. I have to go to Verona to straighten this out.

448. It is urgent that an agreement be reached with VI for the transportation of Prof. B.'s machines.³ The BRUNECK (?; BRUNICO) castle was suggested, but no decision has been made. Since the territory may be soon evacuated, this matter should be settled immediately.

449. The same applies to GIACCAMELLO's radio-shop.⁴ Transportation must be found.

450. In regard to ANDREAS,⁵ there are many matters to be discussed such as W/Ts, advisers, new paper, and transportation.

451. In regard to GIORGIO;⁶ GIORGIO was first of all a skilled W/T. It is essential to get him some equipment. Sturmabannfuhrer WOLFF⁷ receives unfailingly sets for his agents. There is no reason for him to have preference in this.

452. The question of finances must be cleared up for both GIORGIO and "TRE STELLE" in regard to their transfer.

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453. I have used up at least 80 litres of gasoline for VI/Z (Sturmbannfuhrer Dr. Otto) BEGUS told me that he would let me have some gasoline the next time I was in Verona.

454. For these reasons I wish to go to Verona with enough gas for just one way. I will take two empty cans along so that I may bring back some gas.

1: Col FERRI cannot be identified (probably alias for Col HELFERRICH, C.C. with SIM and SID) On Dr. Klaus WODTKE, see Ref. Nos. 104, note 2; 120, note 2.

2: On Capt Aniceto del MASSA, 2nd i/c of the RFIS (Republican Fascist Intelligence Service), based in Milan, see IR on -- CSDIC/CMF/SD 55 (14 Aug '45).

3: On Professor Polidoro G.F. BENVEDUTI, see Ref. Nos. 38, note 6; 91; 156. Abt VI finally established him and his laboratory not at BRUNICO but at Como. See his IR, op. cit., sect. 2(b), p. 4.

4: On W/T export Giacomo GIACOMELLO's shop see Ref. Nos. 95, 152.

5: On the Abt VI pin agent, Andreas ZOLYOMY, see Ref. No. 16, note 11.

6: On Capt Franco CARENZI, alias "GIORGIO," see Ref. No. 16, note 8.

7: On SS Maj Reinhardt WOLFF, specially sent from the Berlin hqs of the RSHA to initiate a p/o network, see Ref. No. 16, note 1.

8: On Guiseppe ZAMBELLI, alias "TRE STELL," see Ref. Nos. 113-14.

REF. NO.: 155

To: FS B.d.S., VERONA - VI

Subject: Hildgard MAAS ¹

Reference: Your FS 16231 of 23 Sept 44.

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455. On the morning of 23 Sept 44 Subject was at SS FZ to obtain an automobile permit for an Italian merchant. The permit was denied.

456. When asked how her work was proceeding, she replied that she found it very difficult to do much at the present time. She does not think it is important for her to ask for her papers back, because they have lapsed and the employee who had them has been transferred to an unknown destination.

457. I had the same impression that I had before, that this girl is lying. She finally asked me whether it was possible for her to go to the upper Adige with her own car. I think she was just trying to change the subject. Her local address is unknown.

1: For a later reference to this otherwise untraced character, couched in the same vein of distrust, see Ref. No. 92.

REF. NO.: 156

To: FS, VI/S, BEGUS ¹

Subject: Transfer - Work of Prof. B(BENVEDUTI).²

458. Please send a truck here before there is a local charge presented for said material. The material at present is elsewhere.

1: On Sturmbannfuhrer Otto BEGUS, in conjunction with whose p/o "CYPRESS" sabotage net BENVEDUTI was supposed to work, see Ref. No. 37, note 4.

2: On this Italian forged-documents expert, see Ref. Nos. 38, note 6; 91; 154, note 3.

REF. NO.: 157

To: VI/Z ¹ SS REIM(?)

459. It is urgently requested that a KraftPlacnom(?) be furnished for B.d.S., VI/Z.

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460. The most important material required could be obtained from the electrotechnical magazine from 1922 to 1944. A collection of this magazine may be found in the A.E.T. library at Trezzo (between Milan and Bergamo). The owner is an engineer by the name of RALNARI(?). Please take care of this matter because it is urgent.

1: Abt VI/Z was under the command of Maj Bonno von BRAITENBERG, on whom see Ref. No. 3, note 1. No characters in this jotting have been traced.

REF. NO.: 158

To: B.d.S., VI VERONA

Subject: Plan of action against the British leader of the Partisans in Italy.

Referenc: Local FT No. 182 of 29 Jul 44
Your FS No. 14618 of 26 Aug 44

461. The revised charges state that Col. STEVENS(?) did not stay at Bergamo. He remained for a few days in the vicinity. When we found out his presence, he had just left.

The action therefore ended there.

REF. NO.: 159

To: B.d.S. of VERONA, VI

Subject: Signora BATTAGLIA

462. Enclosed are papers on subject. We urge you to clarify as to what action is to be taken, as no one here knows about such matters.

REF. NO.: 160

To: FS, B.d.S., VERONA, VI

Subject: Seizure of enemy films in Milan.

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463. It has been ascertained that several hundred large-size rolls are at the local SD headquarters, unpacked. We do not think it is wise to ship them by railway for security reasons. We lack the time and the men to pack this material. It would be best to ship it by truck. (About 1 or 2 truck-loads.)

REF. NO.: 161

Subject: OTTO JACK (?), who resided in Milan at the Albergo Principe di Savoia and Albergo Nord.

464. Signora RICHOLZ(?), German, who lives on Via Panto(?) 21, Milan, came to me to report the following.

465. Signor J (or Z), who declares he is a Croat, has frequented her house for many years. He lives expensively, owns a car, but never speaks about any business or profession.

466. He frequently traveled to Germany and to Croatia. A few days ago he returned from Germany and suddenly started to speak ill of the Reich. He advised those present to abandon the Germans. Signora R. is living in concubinage with an Italian.

467. He stated that he was a British subject and that he had the documents to prove it. He added that because of his cleverness he had kept the fact hidden from the Germans and the Italians and had not been arrested. A short time ago he moved from the Hotel PRINCIPE DI PIEMONTE to the Hotel NORD. However, he is not staying at the NORD; but he gets his mail there.

468. Since only those who are connected with the former consulate or other German Commands usually stay at the PRINCIPE DI SAVICA, we have asked POLMA (or PCHNA) of the press department to investigate.

To: SS (Hauptsturmführer Theodor) SAEVECKE for forwarding.

1: See Ref. No. 142 for another specimen of this ancillary intelligence interest of ZILMER -- petty informing. None of the characters in the present jotting have been traced.

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REF. NO.: 162

Subject: Agent ANDREAS ZOLYOMY. 1
Jewish, born 14 June 1914 in Budapest.

469. He worked in Naples, but came to Milan after the evacuation of Naples. He worked for the SIM in Naples and was recommended by Standartenfuhrer RAUFF.

470. He was to be employed in the CIANO affair, but that was dropped. When Amt VI was established, he was transferred to it. ZOLYOMY is a well known sportsman. He is very capable and courageous. He found plain intelligence very irksome. As a way out, he planned a trip to Switzerland. BLU. did not approve the plan. Then he placed himself at the disposal of the military authorities.

471. For the above reasons we were trying to find for him another job in Amt VI. The local office approved the plan on 3 August 1944. Work was started, and now a good part of it has been completed.²

1: On this character see Ref. No. 16, note 11.
2: On "the plan" see Ref. No. 163. Other ZILMER mentions of agent "ANDREAS" will be found in Ref. Nos. 49; 84; 145; 149; 154.

REF. NO.: 163

To: (Sturmbannfuhrer Dr. Otto) BEGUS 1

Subject: Execution of plan, Agent ANDREAS 2

472. I am going to give you a report of results so far achieved. I am sending this sealed letter directly to you because I prefer not to send this through the various..(?)

473. We started the work by finding a secure lodging for ANDREAS. Enclosed are notices from 8 August 1944. Standartenfuhrer R(AUFF) approved the plan, which was carried out.

474. In response to the family wishes, I participated in a party. They think that I am a very wealthy officer. The family assures me that when I believe the time has come to hide, they will assist me.

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475. ANDREAS found the house, the collar and the garage he was looking for. The house is very suitable.

476. I received the money sent to me.³ Unfortunately it was all in Italian lira and the banknotes, which at present are almost worthless. It was essential to invest the money immediately for safekeeping. The MARI(NI) family helped us. ANDREAS told them that he was concerned over his savings. Just as we expected, the family gave him the opportunity to buy drugs and medicines for the amount.⁴ These never lose value.

477. We had no difficulty in storing ~~away~~ the arms you sent me and others which I obtained. ANDREAS's address is now Via Porta Nuova No. 16, Apt III, Milan.

478. ANDREAS's Communist group at present numbers 26 members, among whom is a big shot who fought in Spain and is a member of the Red. faculty.⁵ His external appearance is frightful. We do not want too many members. For the same reason we have reduced the 2nd leaflet to about 100 pieces in the vicinity of CORSO SEMPIONE. The purpose is not to increase the number of Communists, but to have an alibi for playing a role in the Communist Party, tomorrow.

479. He is slowly preparing his men by saying that the ideology of the Italian Communists is too Christian. A true representative of Communist ideology, as himself, should have another creed. He wants to prepare them for future propaganda work and sabotage.

480. The arms so far furnished, and the hand-grenades, are not adequate for this end. One can work more quickly with hand-grenades, but they are not good for serious sabotage work. For this work I urge you to send soon the necessary dynamite and fuses. Another important question is getting a supply of radio transmitters.

481. This last point is very important, because I have in mind a plan whereby we could plant a perfectly camouflaged wireless operator. Then we should find a channel of communications between ANDREAS and the W/T. This all requires time. I don't know how much time we have left.

482. In conclusion, ANDREAS is taking his job very seriously.

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He has collected material in libraries and encyclopedias, to be thoroughly informed on Communist theories. It is to be hoped that he will receive a rubber seal, shaped like comot....(?), because he stresses continuously the program of his movement. He constantly reminds his companions that he expects loyalty to his country even though he is a Communist.

483. I hope to get something important from you soon.

With German greetings,

1: See Ref. No. 37, note 4; head of the GIS p/o sabotage net in Italy known as the Unternahmen "CYPRESSE."

2: Andreas ZOLYOMY: see Ref. Nos. 16, note 11; 162. The plan was the formation of a GIS p/o sabotage network, working under the cover of Communist agitation with ZOLYOMY as its chief; this faction, with ZIMMER as the liaison between it and Dr. BEGUS, would be only a portion of the large-scale "CYPRESS" network of BEGUS. See 1st IR on BEGUS, op. cit., sect. 3(c)(1), p. 10; SCI/Z, JRX-646 on ZOLYOMY, op. cit. sect. M. pp 10 ff.

3: Probably the million lire BEGUS declares he contributed to the Milan group. See citation in note 2, above.

4: ZOLYOMY's friends, the brothers Renzo and Lucio MARINI (see also Ref. No. 84), owned the so-called "BEATI" firm, Via Porta Nuova 16, Milan, and had been helping the local Partisans by supplying them with medicines, according to ZOLYOMY (op. cit., par. 48, 53) During Sept '44 ZOLYOMY began transporting sabotage material for his "Communist" movement to the Porta Nuova address.

5: This character might be Agostino CASATI, alias "RAINOLDI", on whom see Ref. No. 39, note 4.

REF. NO.: 164

To: RSHA
Standartenfuhrer NEUMANN 1

Subject: GIACCHIELLO's invention 2

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484. SS Standartenfuhrer W. has sent us the sketches of GIACOMELLO's new invention. This invention should be examined immediately. Since we have not yet heard of the decision regarding the invention, GIACOMELLO requests that either his sketches be returned, or that an offer be made for their purchase by return mail.

1: This is probably Dr Lothar NEUMANN, the C.O. of Abt III, Aussenkommando GENOA until Dec '44, when he was re-assigned to Berlin.

2: On the W/T expert Giacomo GIACOMELLO see Ref. No. 75 for his career, Ref. No. 95, par. 306, for another mention of the invention.

REF. NO. 165

To: Hon. Galiardo DE POHL, GALLIATE (Province of NOVARA)¹

485. I wish to inform you that we have examined your application and that we have ordered the payment of 200,000 lire to your account.

486. Several days ago, following the arrest, the competent office asked to be advised as to how to proceed. They cannot be reprimanded because they were very correct in their action.

1: On this character, see Ref. Nos. 79 and 99.

REF. NO.: 166

FS to NEULANN¹

Subject: GIACOMELLI²

487. To complete the necessary formalities, GIACOMELLI, at the request of V. will come on 3 October from Milan by air with the equipment.³ You are requested to receive him at TEMPELHOF. He will return on Friday 6 October.

488. Please inform Miss HEHL, Potsdam 188.

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- 1: The Standartenfuhrer NEUMANN of Ref. No. 164 and, as such, probably identical with Dr. Lothar NEUMANN.
- 2: The W/T export, Giacomo GIACOMELLO's name is also sometimes spelled GIACOMELLI in other traces.
- 3: An independent mention of the fact that the Germans valued GIACOMELLO so highly they summoned him to Berlin may be found in the IR on Attilio GROSSI, CSDIC/CMF/SI/38 I (28 June '44), Appendix -- s.v. GIACOMELLI.

REF. NO. 167

Subject: Securing a visa for HOHLBERGER¹

489. Subject came to Hotel R(EGINI) on either 27 or 28 September and turned in his passport, requesting that I give him a document which would enable him to cross the Swiss frontier. I told him that I could not do it without applying to Verona. He understood this and sent a written request, which was refused by H. St. B.F./MORIZFLIG.²

1: Possibly the chocolate manufacturer HOHLBERGER (sic), a personal agent of Brigadefuhrer SCHELLENBERG in Rome; owner of a motor-launch that plied between the Italian and Swiss shores of Lake MAGGIORE, perhaps on a currency-smuggling operation. See SCI/Z, Rome, JZX-5016 (21 Sept '45), par. 18, on Hildegard BEETZ.

2: No trace on this orthographically suspect Sturmbannfuhrer.

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8th Dec. 1944

- 1.) Telegram to Group Upper Italy West
VI - for SS-Obersturmführer ZIMMER - Milan

Please inform Brückner as follows:

"We need instantly large quantities of leather for shoes and
(horse) strings. Kindly wire if successes reached.

(signed) WENDIG."

- 2.) Send to SD Bozen for further mailing.
- 3.) Return to Wendig - Meran.

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Letter from "GUIDO (? ZIMMER) " to "SANDRA"

He apologizes he cannot come because hindered by duty; he had to remain in Vercelli and will come to Turin only Monday (19th February 1945) where he has an appointment with Captain SCHL. to go with the letter to SUSA. ~~(Mueller, Dr.) Genovese~~

She should believe him and wait with full trust for the day - which cannot be so far - on which they both will live together and be happy.

= Dr. Mueller - female - Genovese - last living in Milan where she has her "spoliated" mother.