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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION.-

SUBJECT: Palmiro TOGLIATTI

1. During the opening session at the trial of the KOCH Band, the defendant Guglielmo BLASI made an interesting statement concerning Palmiro TOGLIATTI. BLASI, before entering the KOCH band, was a member of Partisan terroristic formations operating in Rome (GAP). He boasted that he was the author of the assassination of 32 German soldiers, killed by a bomb in Via Rasella, Rome. As an immediate reprisal, the Germans shot 320 hostages and the fact became known as "the slaughter of the Ardeatine Grottos". Blasi stated that he had received direct orders from Ercole ERCOLI.

2. Ercole ERCOLI was the undercover name of Palmiro TOGLIATTI when he came to Italy from the USSR.

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