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MILAN DETACHMENT, ZONE 3  
APO 512, U.S. ARMY

6 September 1946

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE.-

SUBJECT : Communist Propaganda Agents.

Re : Identification of Subjects.

1. Pursuant to instructions from Supervising Agent, CIC, Milan, Zone 3, to investigate Subject, these Agents have compiled the following information on Subject. The information comes from previous confirmed reports and from reliable confidential sources and informants. The list of personalities includes those operating in Northern Italy, but especially Milan and Lombardia Province.

2. The actual complicity of these personalities in incidents mentioned in letter of 7 August 1946, CIC, AFHQ, Subject: Same as above, has not been ascertained. Although most informants claim that Subjects are responsible, factual proof is lacking.

3. The personalities are listed in the order of their importance, not in the Party itself, but according to their importance as propaganda Agents.

a. Luigi LONGO, di Giuseppe and Lucia GOTTA, born in FUBINE MONFERRATO, Prov. Alessandria, 15 March 1900, a professional writer, living in Milan, Piazza Leonardo da Vinci 9. His official residence, however, is Rome, where he goes very often because of his political functions. Subject is well known in Italian political circles. He is an old, extremely ardent communist, intelligent, clever, very well-learned, ruthless and, after so many years of political struggle, an old hand at conspirative tactics. Subject came to Milan in 1925, from Turin, Piemonte, and settled at Via Padova # 177. He stayed in Milan until 1931. During this period he was an active member of the Milanese Federation of Young Communists with directoral functions. A short time later he fled to France and then Spain, as he was being sought by the Fascist Police. During the Spanish Civil War he was general political Commissar of several Red International Brigades and became

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famous for his extremely intense anti-Franco propoganda, and for his strong connections with the chiefs of the Spanish Communist Movement, among whom were noted Santiago ALVAREZ and Sebastiano ZAVIRAIN, recently arrested by the Government of General FRANCO. Longo came back to Italy after the fascist regime fell, and immediately resumed his communist activities. After 8 September 1943 he took part in the clandestine struggle against the Fascists and Nazis, under the cover name of "Gallo". He became Vice-President of the C.V.L. with Ferruccio PARRI, under General Raffaele CADORNA. He is now a member of the Executive Council and of the Central Board of Directors of the PCI. He is also a national representative of the Party itself.

Subject lived for some time in Russia, accumulating further indoctrination in communist theories. His methods are therefore typical of the Soviet COMSOVKOL (Russian Communist Party). This can explain then the minor losses suffered by the Communist Party during the clandestine period, in comparison with those suffered by other parties. It is understood that LONGO has been heading for some time a para-military organization of the Communist Party after the armed insurrection of April, in view of his practical experience on the battlefields of Spain and in Italy during the clandestine period.

b. Teresa LONGO nee NOCE, di Pietro and Rosa BILETTA, born in Turin, 31 July 1900, officially residing with her husband in Piazza Leonardo da Vinci 9, Milan. Subject is a well-known communist extremist, famous for her long and intense political activity. In 1917, when she was still a youngster, she was already in the first lines of this movement, spreading active propoganda against the continuation of the war. In 1920-1921 she was a member of the anti-fascist squads of Turin. Later on she participated in illegal organizations of the Communist Party operating undercover during the fascist period. When Subject was compelled to leave Italy, she became a representative of the "PROFINTERN" and she clandestinely returned several times to Italy performing important communist missions. She was in Spain during the Civil War, representing the Red Press, under the assumed name of "ESTELLA". She is still known under this name. While living in France, she published a book ("Youth Without Sun") in which she describes proletarian life in Turin during the period 1900-1919. In 1940 Subject was interned by the Germans in the vicinity of Paris, but

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she succeeded in escaping and became an active member of the underground movement, aiding patriots to expatriate. In 1943 she was again arrested by the Germans and sent to the concentration camp of Nolleischen. Subject was sentenced to forced labor by a German Military Court. Soon after the general insurrection of April, she escaped and came back to Italy, where she immediately resumed her political activity and founded the UDI (Union of Italian Women), of which she is still one of the leading members. Subject has been a member of the Communist Party since 1919. She is extremely intelligent, clever and well educated.

c. Giovanni NICOLA, di Giacomo and Costanza MAGGIORI, born at Caravaggio, Prov. of Bergamo, 2 August 1890, residing in Milan, Via Perugino 6. Subject is an old and fanatical communist. He became a member of the Communist Party when he was 21 and was nominated Secretary of the Restaurant Workers' Union. A year later he was a member of the executive commission of the Chamber of Labor of Milan., and of the Executive Staff of the Socialist Section. He fought in the 1st World War, and was wounded in action. In 1922 he was Secretary of the Federation for Restaurant Workers. In 1926, after having been convicted on charges of communist and anti-fascist activities by the Special Tribunal for the Defense of the Fascist State, he was sentenced to 15½ years in prison. He was involved in the well-known Grasci-Scoccimarro trial. Subject was released in 1934 following a general amnesty, but he immediately started his anti-fascist and communist activities. He went to France, and in 1940 he was arrested by the Germans who turned him over to Italian Authorities, who, in turn, sent him to the internment camp of Ustica Island. From here he was transferred to Ventotene Island, until in 1943 when he was released. He was nominated commissar for the Workers' Union of Milan. After 8 September 1943, he went underground once again and participated in the struggle against the Fascists. After the insurrection of April he was nominated Secretary General of the CGIL for Northern Italy.

d. Gian Carlo Maria PAJETTA, di Carlo and Elisa BERNINI, born in Turin, 24 June 1911, living in Milan, Viale Tunisia 38. He is secretary general of the provincial Communist Federation of Milan, and Chief of Staff of the Communist paper "L'Unita'", national representative of the PCI in the government and member of the CLNAI. Subject is very intelligent

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but he is affected by megalomania. He is also an ardent extremist. It is generally believed in Milanese well-informed political circles that Luigi Longo is the real brains of the Milanese Communist Party and that Pajetta is one of his best men in the field.

e. Dr. Piero MONTAGNANI di Giacinto and Norina BERTOLI, born in Borgo del Toro (Pavia), 3 May 1915, chemist, living in Milan, Via Bedoni 19, where he owns a drugstore. Subject is the Secretary of the Communist Federation of Milan. Fanatical Communist, extremist, intelligent, well-educated. He was in prison for a long time before 1943 and was once tried by the Special Tribunal for the Defense of the Fascist State. He was released in August 1943 and participated to the clandestine struggle against the Republican Fascists.

f. Giuseppe ALBERGANTI di Angelo and Maria RAVAZZOLI, born in Stradella, Prov. of Pavia, 24 July 1898, living in Milan, Via Cenisio 54 and Piazza Leonardo da Vinci 9, where Luigi and Teresa Longo live. Old, fanatical and very active member of the Communist Party. He was arrested in 1927 and tried by the Special Tribunal. He was released the following year. In 1930 he went to France and from there to Spain, where he fought in the Civil War with the Red Brigades. In 1939 he was arrested in France and taken to the Vernet Fortress. In 1941 he was arrested by the Germans and turned over to the Italian Authorities, who sentenced him to a 5-year internment period in Ventotene Island. He was eventually released on 1 August 1943. From 1943 till 1945 he was in Bologna and participated to the clandestine struggle against the Fascists.

g. Gaetano INVERNIZZI, di Isaia and Rosa VALSECONI, born in Acquate di Lecco, Prov. of Como, living in Milan, Via Plinio 4. Old and fanatical communist extremist. In 1937 he was tried and sentenced to 14 years in prison by a Fascist Tribunal for having plotted to overthrow the State. He was released in 1943 and actively participated in the clandestine struggle against the Fascist Republic. He is now one of the most important members of the Executive Commission of the Chamber of Labor of Milan and a member of the Syndacalistic movement.

h. Elio VITTORINI, di Sebastiano and Lucia SCANDURRA, born in Siracusa, 22 July 1908, living in Milan, Via Pacini 23. A member of the Communist Executive Staff of Milan. Subject is a fairly well known newspaperman, one of the founders of the "Milano Sera" and "L'Unita'".

During the Fascist Regime he was protected by former minister Giuseppe BOTTAI.

i. Italo BUBETTO, a lawyer, member of the executive staff in Milan and one of its most active members, vice-director of the daily "L'Unita".

j. Giorgio VIGEVANI, di Enea ed Enrichetta FIUZZI, born in Milan, 23 July 1912, living in the same city, Via Settembrini 45. A member of the executive Staff of the Communist Party in Milan, active radio propagandist, known under the name of "Fabrizi". Subject is a lawyer and is regarded as one of the most brilliant radio propagandist of the Communist Party.

k. Prof. Dr. Antonio BANFI, di Enrico and Maria FRATTINI, born in Vimercate, Prov. of Milan, 30 September 1886, living in Milan, Corso 50 Milan, teaching aesthetics at the University of Milan. He is one of the most influential members of the Party and he is suspected of being one of the channels through which the PCI is receiving funds from Switzerland for propaganda purposes and for financing a big propaganda network of the Communist Party in Northern Italy.

l. Giuliano PAJETTA, di Carlo and Elvira BERNINI, born in Turin, 1 October 1915, newspaperman, living in Milan, Viale Tunisia 38. He is Gia Carlo Pajetta's brother (see above) and one of his collaborators. He is also one of the members of the Executive Staff of the Communist Party in Milan and one of its most active and intelligent propagandists. During the Spanish War he was political Commissar in the Red Brigades and during World War II was interned by the Germans in the concentration camp of Mauthausen. Subject is a fanatical extremist and one of the leaders of the Communist Party in this zone.

m. Luciano RAIMONDI, di Carlo and Santina PERPETTI, born in Milan, 29 June 1916, residing in Milan, Via Vigano' 4. Subject is Doctor of Philosophy and is going to take a degree in Medicine. He is now the director of a "School for Ex-Partisans" and of the local section of the ANPI (National Association of Italian Partisans). One of his collaborators is his brother-in-law:

n. Prof. Luigi PELLEGGATTA, fu Carlo and fu Gentolia

BOLZEDI, born in Milan, Sept. 8, 1897, living in Via Vagno 4. Subject is a teacher at the "Schiapparelli" and "Paolo Friuli" professional Schools. He is an active propagandist, operating especially with the "Fronte della Gioventu'" (Youth Front), Via Conservatorie 9, Milan.

p. Avv. Renato GIGARINI di Pietro e di Ada GIRARDI, born in Novara, 26 April 1901, living in Milan, Via Pietro Galvi 21. He is a member of the Executive Staff of the Communist Party in Milan, representative of the Party in the CLNAI and his is suspected of being the chief of a communist military organization in this zone.

q. Gontrano GARITO di Guido and Ida TORRETTA, a medicine Student, living in Milan, Piazzale Grandi 19. Former president of the "Purge Commission" in the "Fronte della Gioventu'" and an active organizer of communist cells.

r. Francesca INVERNIZZI, nee CICERI, di Vincenzo and Salvina SALVINI, born in Rancio di Lecco, 23 August 1904, living in Milan, Via Plinio 4. Subject is a very active and fanatical member of the PCI. She is also a radio propagandist and she is suspected of being involved in illegal activities of the Communist Party.

s. Count Ernesto DEGLI ALFIERI-TRECCANI, the son of Count Giovanni TRECCANI and Giulia QUARTARA, born in Binasco, 26 August 1920, living in Milan, Via Carlo Porta 2. Subject is the son of the well-known Milanese industrialist and former senator of the kingdom of Italy, Giovanni TRECCANI, who became a count during the Fascist Regime on personal orders of the late Mussolini. Subject is considered one of the leaders of the Communist movement in Italy. He recently made a speech in Milan, commemorating the 28th Anniversary of the Russian Revolution.

t. Pietro SECCIA fu Giovanni, living in Rome, address unknown. An old, fanatical and extremely influent member of the Communist Party, and a member of the central executive Staff. He is closely connected with important official of the Communist Party in Russia and Spain.

u. Alessandro VAJA, no other information available. Former commander of the Red International Brigade "Garibaldi". Subject's activities are being investigated.

- v. Ilio BARONTINI di Turildo and Emilia MARRUCCI, not better identified, living in Rome. Subject is an old and ardent communist. During the Spanish War he was Political Commissar of the Red International Brigade "Garibaldi". During the period of the Nazi-Fascist occupation he was commander of the Emilian Zone for the C.V.L. His brother Italo lives in Milan, Corso Buenos Ayres 64, and it seems that Ilio BARONTINI is planning to live with him.
- w. Dr. Emilio SERENI, President of the CLN for Lombardia and national representative of the P.C.I.; he is a moderate element and he is not involved with any illegal dealings of the Communist Party.
- x. Italo NICOLETTO di Napoleone and Regina CONTI, born in Oberhausen-Buschhausen, Prussia, 15 July 1909, living in Brescia, Vicolo dell'Inganno 10. Subject is a Secretary of the Communist Federation. He is a former student of the Liceo Scientifico (College, preparatory for Engineers, Doctors, Architects etc. ). He left this school after two years to dedicate all his efforts to the communist ideals. Between 1930 and 1937 he was sent twice to an internment camp for communist activities, until he finally succeeded in escaping to France. He was tried in absentia by the Special Tribunal and condemned to a three year prison term for communist activities. He fought in the Spanish War in one of the Red Brigades of the "Garibaldi". 22 April 1943 he was tried by a Military Court of the 4th Italian Army and sentenced to a 6 month prison term for subversive activities. Subject is intelligent, clever, a good speaker and a born leader. He is particularly violent and sarcastic against his adversaries.
- y. Giuseppe GHETTI, fu Stefano and fu Angela SAVINI, born in Terra del Sole, Forlì, 25 March 1892, living in Brescia, Via L. Lana 17. Subject is Vice-Secretary of the Communist Federation and a member of the CLN of Brescia, as a representative of the PCI. Former streetcar worker and shoemaker, he subsequently became a member of the Chamber of Labor of Brescia (Workers' Union). Subject has grammar school education, but he studied at home and has now a remarkable culture. He was a republican in 1919, but he subsequently

became a follower of the social-communist movement. In 1928 he was put under arrest (Island of Lipari) for communist activities. 21 June 1928 Subject was sentenced to one year and 15 days in prison for subversive activities and for having tried to start a civil war.

z. Giorgio SOLA, from Bologna, has recently arrived in Brescia to become a vice-secretary of the local Communist Federation. No other information is available.

aa. Beniamino ZUCHELLA, fu Francesco and fu Angela MIETTA, born in Cervesina, Pavia, 20 January 1903, living in the same town, Via Principale 10. Secretary of the Communist Federation. Subject has followed special courses of political preparation in Russia and Spain, having lived in both countries for a long time. He is not very well-educated and he does not have great ascendancy on the workers' masses, but he is remarkably well-prepared in the field of the so-called technique of the communism.

bb. Prof. Giulio PRETI, fu Roberto and fu Alberta Giulietta MARIANI, born in Pavia, 9 October 1911, living in Milan, Corso di Porta Nuova 19 and Pavia, Via Palestro 8, where he usually resides. Subject is vice-secretary of the Communist Federation, an intellectual leader and official propagandist of the party for that province. Prof. Preti is teaching philosophy at the Liceo Scientifico of Pavia.

cc. Avv. Italo Giovanni Luigi SINFONIANI fu Giuseppe and fu Abigaille CHIESA, born in Pavia, 3 February 1893, resident of the same town, Viale Gorizia 57. Subject is a well-known lawyer, a leader of the communist party and an active propagandist. He was a member of the PNF before 25 July 1943. After Badoglio's coup d'etat he apparently became an ardent antifascist, a member of the Partito d'azione (Action Party) and subsequently a communist. He is regarded as one of the leading exponents of the communist movement, and it is a known fact that he has been heavily financing the propaganda network of the PCI with his own funds. It is believed that he left the Partito d'Azione and that he became an ardent communist because he did not succeed in being appointed to the office of Sindaco (Mayor). Subject is ambitious, ruthless and a well-known opportunist.

dd. Emilio Alessandro SUARDI, fu Carlo e di Giacomina CARMINATI,



born in Romano Lombardo, 1 April 1905, residing in Bergamo, Via Crispi 2, 4th Floor, and Via Lambruschi 13, Milan. Subject is a Secretary of the Communist Federation. A former factory worker, he has poor education and mediocre intelligence, but he has always been an active and violent member of the Party. He is particularly skilled in underground techniques. He went to France in 1930 as a liaison Agent for the Social-Communist group "Sacco & Vanzetti". He was expelled from France in 1931 for subversive activities. He fought in Spain in 1936 as a militiaman and then as a political commissar of the international Red Brigade "Garibaldi". After 8 September 1943 he clandestinely arrived in Northern Italy and took active part to the partisan movement, becoming a member of a communist garibaldine brigade in Emilia.

ee. Emilio DUCCOLI, di Abramo and Carolina GRITTI, born in Bergamo, 7 March 1915, mechanic, residing in Via Carrozzai 4, Bergamo. Subject is the former Vice-Questore of the town and is now a member of the executive council on the PCI in Bergamo. He is ruthless, uncouth and poorly educated.

ff. Giovanni DUCCOLI, brother of Emilio DUCCOLI (ee), born in Bergamo, 29 January 1909, taxi driver, residing in Bergamo, Via IV Novembre 4, now auxiliary Police Commissar and an employee of the Ufficio Politico at the Questura of Bergamo. He is a member of the Executive Council of the Communist Party in Bergamo.

gg. Giacomo RADAELLI, fu Antonio and di Maria TESTA, born in Bagnatica, 17 March 1912, residing in Bergamo, Via Gavazzoni 2. Subject is a lathe machine worker, was employed by the transportation office of the AMG in Bergamo.

hh. Luigi RADAELLI, brother of Giacomo RADAELLI(gg), born in Bagnatica, 17 March 1918, residing in Bergamo, Via Don Bosco 76, an employee of the CLN in Bergamo. He is a member of the Executive Council of the PCI for Bergamo.

ii. Avv. Giovanni GRAFF di Alessandro and Virginia MORETTI, born in Bergamo, 26 November 1903, residing in Via Borgo Palazzo 37. Subject is a lawyer, political vice-questore of Bergamo, especially appointed to this office by the PCI, and a member of the executive council of the PCI.

jj. Giuseppe GAETA, fu Antonio and fu Ersolina SANNAZZARO, born in Canelli, 18 June 1903, residing in Cremona, Via 11 Febbraio 46. Subject is a very ardent communist and subversive element; he is considered as dangerous in democratic circles and has a very bad

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reputation. He is a communist leader, at present unemployed; the source of his income is still unknown.

11. Renzo BERNARDI, di Erminio and Irene MONTAGNA, born in Quiglia, residing in Cremona, and a former member of the PNF from 1927 till 25 July 1943. He is Gaeta's collaborator and has a bad reputation in the town of Cremona. Although unemployed, he is leading a very expensive life, very much in contrast with his communist ideologies and propaganda. He is known as a ruthless and violent individual.

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