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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION.-

SUBJECT: Giacomo PELLEGRINI.

The following information has been received by these Agents from a reliable, confidential source:

1. In 1937-38, several reports were sent to the Komintern from clandestine communist organs in Italy, criticizing the operations of the PCI Headquarters in Paris. At that time, the following officials were in charge of the Paris section, Prof. Ruggiero GRIECO, Aladino DA BIBOLLOTTI, Emilio SERENI, Cesare MASSINI (alias Silverio) and u/n others. In 1938 the well known neapolitan communist Bruno BERTI was sent from Moscow to Paris to conduct an investigation. Following this investigation, a certain LUCARELLI, originally from GENOVA-RIVAROLO, was expelled. Towards the end of 1938 the Komintern ordered one section of the PCI in Paris to transfer its offices in Italy, in order to operate in direct contact with local clandestine organizations. A certain Giuseppe TOMBETTI, born in CESENA, 1903, (alias ROMEO) was sent to Genoa with a forged Swiss passport. As soon as Tombetti arrived in Italy, police agents were informed of his presence and they let him operate for about a month. In February 1938 Tombetti informed Paris that everything was set to receive the members of the direction. The same month Giacomo PELLEGRINI, a PCI official born in Cornino, Udine, arrived in Genoa, flying from Paris; several other couriers and officials arrived immediately thereafter for liaison purposes. While every Italian police agency had been alerted and special investigators were following all this activity, and official of the Communist Party was arrested in Milan following a political incident. Pubblica Sicurezza Headquarters, fearing a sudden flight of all communist officials just arrived in Italy, had everybody immediately arrested. Tombetti and Pellegrini, the two main officials, gave indications that led to the immediate arrest of other communist members. A total of 56 people were put in jail: among them several officials and couriers operating in Naples, Ancona, Venice, Milan, Turin, Reggio Emilia etc. - Pellegrini was held for about three months in Genoa, before the Paris offices got an inkling of his arrest and that the whole organization had failed.

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The Fascist Police succeeded in eliminating completely the whole movement following the information received from several communist emissaries. An important espionage cell was subsequently eliminated in La Spezia, in connection with these arrests. This cell was operating for the 2eme Bureau and the Communist Party. Among the main espionage agents and saboteurs there was a certain ROSSINI ( Chief Drawer in the Royal Naval Arsenal of La Spezia), ing. MURATORI, from Chiavari, PAVINELLI, an industrialist, and a certain MELODIA, airplane worker. When their houses were searched, very important caches of explosives were found, and it was ascertained that it had been sent to these agents by the Headquarters of the Deuxieme Bureau. It was also proved that ROSSINI and MURATORI had given to the French important documents and plans on pocket-submarines and other secret accessories for submarines. PELLEGRINI and TOMBETTI gave some very important information to the Italian Police. Following their written statements, a Green Book was published and it must still be in the files of the Department of the Interior and the the Questura of Genoa. Both PELLEGRINI and TOMBETTI offered immediately to collaborate with the Italian Police and PELLEGRINI even offered to become a double agent in Paris. It seems that he did this for a woman with whom he was very much in love and from whom he had had a baby. When the operation was closed, PELLEGRINI was informed that his services could not be accepted. Subject asked then to be brought to trial, to avoid being branded by the Communists as a traitor. To help him out, Dr. Carmelo SBEZZI, Chief of the Political Squad in Genoa (in accord with the general direction of the PS in Rome) signed a statement defining PELLEGRINI as an ardent communist. The originals, from which resulted that PELLEGRINI had squealed (sic!) were not sent to the Special Tribunal and were filed in the PS Headquarters Files and Questura Files of Genoa.

2. Subject is now the Chief of a Special Section of the Communist Party, with liaison functions between the POLITBUERO (Komintern) and the PCI, on the subject of italo-jugoslav questions. It seems that Subject was in Moscow in 1931, where he followed special classes in the School of Political Specialization.

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