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SUBJECT: French Intelligence Activity in Northern Italy.

TO : GSI(b) 2 DISTRICT, CMF

The following information has been compiled over a period of time covering various reports on Subject and submitted to this office by confidential informants:

Subject above is composed of positive and negative organizations. The former was previously known as "Direction Generale des Etudes et Renseignements" (DGER) and now termed "Service de Documentation Exterieur et de Contre-Espionage" (SDEC); the latter is the well-known "Direction de Securite Militaire" (DSM) with the "Bureau de Securite Militaire" (BSM) in Milan.

A. "SECURITE MILITAIRE"

1. This organization is recognized by the Allied authorities and No. 2 DISTRICT, CMF. Its activity is supposedly limited to the security of the French forces (in the early days of the occupation of Northern Italy) and with the disposition of French renegades, French nationals in the pay of the GSI, and ex-members of Darnaud's "Milice" (French SS organization) who are still at large in Northern Italy. In reality though, the BSM tends to transgress its assignment and engages in counter-intelligence and even positive-intelligence activity.

2. BSM is located at 10 Via Telesio in Milan and is known as "SECURITE MILITAIRE FRANCAISE, DETACHMENT D'ITALIE" and is commanded by Capt. Luisetti (supposedly of Corsican or Nice origin; actually the name is an alias as is customary with all French intelligence officers. Real name is unknown). Luisetti enjoys a very good professional reputation, being a keen, intelligent and capable individual.

3. Agents and Collaborators of BSM:

a. The following people have at one time or another been collaborators of the BSM:

(1) Major Rene de BRISSAC, French, bearer of document issued in the name of Gen. Eisenhower. Personally assigned himself on special missions. Ex-French Maquis officer.

(2) Dante VANNUCCHI, Italian, originally from Luxembourg, noted international adventurer.

(3) ARNAUD or ARNEAUX (fnu), self-styled Captain.

(4) PAUL, Lt. (fnu), suspect.

Note: Luisetti, coming under the suspicion of the Allied authorities on 27 Aug. 1945, detained the above named individuals to render his activity wholesome. It is certain, however, that he freed his informants for future work. It is believed that the above are "cooling-off" at present.

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- (5) ANDREANI, fnu, precedents unknown.
- (6) SERIN, Maurice, French
- (7) MOURREAUX or MOUREAUX Jacques Henry, Dr.
- (8) CRINER Roger, French
- (9) WERNER, fnu, nationality unknown.

The following Italian citizens are agents of BSM or DGER:

(10) DE PACE, Luigi, notorious international intriguer, gambler and contrabandist. Ex-British agent (double agent). DE PACE is a dangerous man. Conducted large scale contraband deals during the German occupation between Italy and Switzerland. Suspected of stealing Allied Force Permits in Switzerland. Holds large interests in gambling houses at Varese and Stresa. Is a well-known French agent.

(11) BOTTELLI, Annibale, called "GIGI", proprietor of restaurant, suspected informant of German SS. His restaurant was the notorious meeting place of elements from the "Muti" and "Brigata Nera". Others employed by Luisetti in the early days, and who are presently believed to have been sent to Spain by DGER on mission to conduct anti-Franco activity are:

(12) RICCORD or RICAUD (fnu)

(13) GAMBINI Paul or Paolo

Luisetti has on many occasions employed ex-informants of the Germans with the threat of exposing them to the Allies. One of these was "Franca", identified as:

(14) ERKER, France, alias HOFFMANN, Marie France, who was signaled as having worked for the notorious VON BREITENBERG of the GIS in Verona. ERKER has been reported to have been arrested by the FSS in Genoa in Nov. 1945 and taken to Rome.

It is also reported that BSM activity includes the development of a separatist spirit in regions bordering France. A substantial money reserve is said to be at the disposal of Luisetti.

B. "DIRECTION GENERALE DES ETUDES et RENSEIGNEMENTS"

(DGER) Positive Intelligence, also known as "Service de Documentation Exterieur et de Contrespionage (SDEC).

1. It is reported to be the secret exterior intelligence organ created by Gen. De Gaulle. It has been typically nationalistic with clear Rightist tendencies. Its aspect is to operate exclusively away from French national territory and is a positive organization. It is further reported that the DGER has been placed under the control of an inter-ministerial committee of twelve persons. The reorganization of the organ (SDEC) would have the purpose of detaching itself from the direct influence of the president of the council. The DGER, influenced by military ambients, performs in an offensive sense in Italy, especially in Genoa, Turin, Milan, Rome, Sicily, the central Tyrol, and in the Aosta Valley.

2. It is alleged that the DGER has a branch established in Geneva, Switzerland, with a positive objective towards Italy. Col. GROUSSARD is reported as chief of this branch.

3. It is further reported that GROUSSARD's chief agent in Italy is one known only as "MONCALVO". The latter is supposedly the head of the Trotskyist elements working for the French. "MONCALVO" is reported to have repeatedly crossed the frontier clandestinely in Sept. and Oct. 1945 to receive instructions and funds (circa 5,000,000 lire) to unfold

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his activity in Italy for Col. GROUSSARD.

(4) It is rumored that "MONCALVO":

(a) Planned an attempt on the life of the Italian Minister of Justice, TOGLIATTI.

(b) Helped in the attempt to sabotage the rebuilding of the port of Genoa. Head of the saboteurs is rumored as being one Libero BODIO, French citizen, born in Bastia, Corsica, 1902, and presently residing in Genoa. The attempt was supposedly engineered by Lt. Francisque GAY BONET (Fr.), agent of the DGER.

(5) Besides "MONCALVO" and GAY BONET other DGER agents are identified as:

(a) Enzo MONTAPARTE, via dell'Orte 5, Marassi, Genoa; employed as a customs official in the port of Genoa and works under GAY BONET and teamed with DE PACE.

(b) MASSON, Swiss, ex-British Intelligence agent. It is reported that he receives 2,000 Swiss francs monthly from the DGER for activity in Italy. MASSON is reportedly still in the employ of an Allied Political Information Service in Switzerland.

(c) The DGER is reported to be active in creating political unrest in Italy. One Italian, CANNAVALLI, of the Tricolor Movement, is reported to be in contact with the DGER.

(d) Although material proof is lacking, one Ing. ANGELINI, fnu, whose alias is "BONOMI" is reputedly an agent of the DGER covering his activity with that of the "Societa Cinematografica Importazioni", (SCI) which operates in Milano as a distributor of French films produced by the Pathe Freres and Jan BOREAU firm. He has been reported to have visited Algeria and France on missions for the French since the liberation.

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