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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION.-

SUBJECT: Propaganda methods of the P.C.I.

The Valdese Church is a religious creed of Italian origin, which established itself primarily in the Aosta Valley (Piemonte) and is closely connected with the Lutheran Reform. Its most important centers of activity are located in Rome, Milan and Turin and scattered in many towns in Northern Italy. It has been reported by a reliable confidential source that the PCI is trying to find followers among the members of this Church in order to fight the Catholic Church itself, which has always maintained an anti-communist attitude. This trend can be observed from the weekly broadcasts of the Valdese Evangelical Church (every Sunday), from 1400 to 1600, on the wave length of Milan. It can be especially observed in Mantova, where the Valdese colony is relatively numerous, in the two political papers of that province ("Il Progresso", of the PCI and "Mantova Libera" of the CLN). These papers have started a vigorous campaign in favor of the Valdese Church.

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