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ITALIAN FRONTIER CONTROL DETACHMENT  
COUNTER INTELLIGENCE CORPS  
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
APO 304 U. S. ARMY

13 June 1945

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY

TO : A. C. of S., G-2, IV Corps

1. Reference is made to AFHQ instruction for information relative to Russian sponsored communist activity in the frontier area.

2. The following information has been relayed by wire from Chiasso by Special Agent Philip Vitiello who is investigating Subject.

3. Unconfirmed but reliable reports from confidential informants reveal that the communist party in the Como area is receiving orders from the Russian military mission.

4. Special Agent Vitiello has in his possession propaganda leaflets disseminated by the Communist party which in effect state that, "which is better, communism or to sacrifice ourselves to English democracy".

5. It is reported that this group is responsible for concealing arms and refusing to surrender same to Allied Military Government.

6. Funds for this organization have been collected from various sources one of which is extortion.

7. On 25 April 1945, one named Comm. FARABELLI or FARAVELLI was forced to pay 10,000,000 lire for a "laissez-passer" and "sauf-conduit" from Imperia to Como. For another pass to return to Imperia, FARABELLI was asked to contribute another 10,000,000 lire which he refused to do. Final settlement was made for 1,500,000 lire, which sum was paid to four individuals of the Communist Party of Como, namely CIAPPINA (alleged leader of the communist party in Como who is reported to be receiving orders from the Russian military mission); GEMENTI; TINTO; and the confidential informant who is volunteering this information. FARABELLI is at present located at Imperia and this office requests that CIC, 92nd Division attempt to secure a signed affidavit from the above-named individuals if it becomes necessary.

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8. Six people who are apparently involved in concealing arms and who are responsible for general subversive activity in the frontier area took a vehicle (Alfa-Romeo) illegally from Como and it is at present located in the Alfa-Romeo garage in Corso Sempione, Milan. It is reported that these six persons are on their way to Rome.

9. A detailed report on same Subject is being compiled by Special Agent Vitiello of Chiasso.

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