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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION.-

SUBJECT: Recovery of MUSSOLINI's corpse.

1. On 12 August 1946, Mussolini's corpse was recovered at Certosa di Pavia about 26 miles south of Milan and taken to the Questura of Milan, (Ufficio Spedizioni). It was contained in a travelling trunk, wrapped up in two rubberized sacks. There is no doubt on the identity of the corpse.

2. The recovery was accomplished on information from Padre A. PARINI, brother at the San Angelo Convent of Milan. The trunk was brought to Certosa di Pavia on 11 August 1946 by persons whose identity Padre Lamberte (Superior of the Convent) refuses to divulge.

3. The theft of the corpse from the Musocco Cemetery in Milan was accomplished on the night of 21-22 April 1946 and not on night of 22-23 as it was previously believed. The authors were Antonio PARROZZI and Fausto GASPERINI, led by a certain "Franco" whose real identity is not yet known and who has not as yet been located.

4. The corpse was first transported to Madesimo (Prov, of Sondrio) and from there to Milan, to the Convent of San Angelo (Angelicum), in Piazza San Angelo. When suspicion fell upon the convent, the corpse was transported to Certosa di Pavia.

5. It is certain that:

a. Neither Padre PARINI nor Padre ZUCCA were involved in the theft of the corpse.

b. Only later on did the two clergymen (especially ZUCCA) intervene in the matter, receiving the corpse to eventually bury it according to Catholic rite.

c. Both PARINI and ZUCCA are known. Parini is a person of little importance while ZUCCA is a man of noted qualities, a fanatic

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and an adventurer who during the clandestine period distinguished himself in aiding anti-fascists and political refugees who sought his aid and shelter. Among many he aided were Ferruccio PARRI, General CADORNA and Allied Agents working for OSS and IS.

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