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COUNTER INTELLIGENCE CORPS
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

SUBJECT: Italian Air Force Personnel

RE : Recruitment in Yugoslav Air Force

1. Pursuant to instructions from Supervising Agent, Zone 3, CIC Milan, to further investigate Subject, this Agent has received additional information from a usually reliable source.

2. According to information:

a. Michele D'ANGELO, fu Pietro, born Palermo, 28 April 1911, residing in Pola, Via Degli Operai # 1, a master sergeant in the Italian Air Force, is another Italian Air Force non-com who enlisted in the Yugoslav Air Force (presumably through OZNA). He was formerly employed as a driver by the Italian Police in Pola. He is the brother-in-law of one of the leaders of a clandestine communist cell.

b. Gianni BASTIANI, at present residing in Trieste, Via Rivoltella # 32, is a pilot, former non-com of the Italian Air Force who recently enlisted in the Yugoslav Air Force. Before 8 Sept. 1943, he was stationed at the air base at Udine. After this date he went over to the Germans. However, after having crashed three planes when landing, the suspicion arose that he was a sabotage agent for the Partisans and was deported to Germany. Since his repatriation he has been reported to be an ardent supporter of TITO, and has been seen spitting on the Italian flag. BASTIANI enlisted in the Jug Air Force through a certain Mario PACOR, allegedly director of the Slovene Red Cross in Trieste. BASTIANI had orders to go to LJUBLJANA, but was turned back at the frontier. It is reported that in the meantime, while waiting to cross, he has been given an intelligence mission in the Trieste area. BASTIANI hopes to become chief of Civilian Airlines of the VG region if taken over by Yugoslavia. (Most of the above information has been supplied by his wife with whom he is not on good terms for their opposing political convictions.)

3. Investigation of Subject is continuing.

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