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MGF-591. SOURCE CAMISE. INFO DATE 25 FEB. EVAL B-3 LOCAL DIZZY.

1. IN OFF-RECORD CONVERSATION WITH SOURCE ITALIAN FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER LOMBARDO, ALTHOUGH GENERALLY PRO-AMERICAN, HIGHLY CRITICAL AMERICAN PROPAGANDA EFFORTS EUROPE. SPECIFICALLY, HE CLAIMED AMERICAN MEDIA, INCL VOA AND "SECRET" ACTIVITIES MISUNDERSTAND NATURE OF COMMUNIST THREAT, CONFUSE RUSSIAN IMPERIALIST MENACE WITH IDEOLOGICAL THREAT. GENERALLY THEY PAINT ALL BLACK OR WHITE WITH RESULT PROPAGANDA FEAR PSYCHOSIS AND COMPLETELY DIFFERENT EMOTIONAL APPROACH OF EUROPEANS. AS RESULT HE POINTED TO UNDENIABLE GAINS MADE BY STOCKHOLM PEACE APPEAL, NEUTRALITY DRIVE IN GERMANY.

2. LOMBARDO APPALLED BY AMERICAN PROPAGANDA TREATMENT OF RECENT RESIGNATION ITALIAN COMMUNISTS. HE WELL ACQUAINTED WITH MOST OF THEM AND CLAIMS THERE HAS NOT BEEN SLIGHTEST IDEOLOGICAL CHANGE. HE HAS NO EVIDENCE BUT BELIEVES POSSIBLE RESIGNATIONS MIGHT EVEN HAVE BEEN MOSCOW-ORDERED TACTICAL MOVE TO CONFUSE DEMOCRATIC FORCES AND FURTHER SPLIT ANTI-COMMUNIST VOET IN COMING MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS. IN ANY CASE, LOMBARDO BELIEVES DISSIDENT COMMUNISTS WILL ENTER OWN TICKET IN COMING ELECTIONS AND DRAW MORE VOTES FROM THEIR RIGHT THAN LEFT. RESULT WILL BE TWO STRONG COMMUNIST PARTIES IN ITALY ONE OF WHICH

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WILL HAVE SOME NATIONALISTIC COLORING. PLAYING UP DISSIDENTS, AS HEROES COMPLETELY FALSE. TO DEMOCRATIC IDEALS THEY REPRESENT MENACE AS HERETOFORE.

3. LOMBARDO EXPECTS TO GO WASHINGTON NEAR FUTURE FOR TRADE TALKS. HIS VISIT THERE WILL COINCIDE WITH TRIP OF GERMAN ECONOMICS MINISTER ERHARD.

4. FOB COMMENT: CAMISE HAD DINNER WITH LOMBARDO. MET HIM AT ITALIAN RECEPTION IN BONN AND AS ONLY ITALIAN-SPEAKING JOURNALIST PRESENT SHE WAS ABLE TO MONOPOLIZE HIS TIME.

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