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GABRIELE (NIN) MORELLO

Mrs. RUTH PERRY, Assistant to the librarian, HOOVER Institute and Library, Stanford University, Palo Alto, California, on September 9, 1955, stated there has not been in the past five years a librarian or employee of the library at HOOVER Institute who has the last name MORELLO. RUTH PERRY recalled that in about 1952 or 1953 there was an employee of HOOVER Institute whose name was GABRIELE MORELLO. She stated he had been employed doing research on some phase of Communist activity in Italy. She had no information regarding MORELLO other than that he was a scholar who utilized the facilities of the library in his research.

A confidential source, who is a prominent scholar employed in an administrative and research capacity at HOOVER Institute and Library, and who has furnished reliable information in the past, on September 13, 1955, furnished the following:

GABRIELE MORELLO, an Italian National, who was a graduate student at Stanford University, was employed from July 15, 1952 to November 15, 1952 as a research assistant under WITOLD SWORAKOWSKI at the HOOVER Institute and Library. This source stated the research was conducted as a part of a study of the Communist underground in Italy during World War II. This source is very well acquainted with Communist Party history and tactics and ideology and has spoken and written against Communism frequently in the past. The source stated that MORELLO gave no indication of sympathy with Communism and in fact his remarks on the subject indicated definite anti-Communist feelings.

(This source) stated that it was easy to understand, however, how MORELLO might have been reported as a Communist suspect. This source stated that MORELLO was extremely anti-fascist but was certain that his anti-fascism had never lead him into Communist sympathies. According to the source MORELLO had an LL.B., University of Rome. He had come to Stanford University to obtain a M.A. in economics after having taught in the University in Italy. He was in the United States on a student visa and was recommended to SWORAKOWSKI by another Italian

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student. He obtained his M. A. Degree from Stanford in about 1953 and was called back to Italy to perform his one year of military service, but after his return to Italy was rejected by the military service for physical reasons. As of July, 1954, MORELLO was employed at IPSOA (source thought this was an institution of learning) and his address was Piazza Marena 19, Palermo, Italy as of that time. Source also stated that ELENA MARIA DELLA NEVE BORGHESI was a student at Stanford University in 1952 and was an acquaintance of MORELLO's. Source noted that MORELLO was friendly with BORGHESI, but treated her in a rather condescending manner. Source stated that BORGHESI was the wealthy daughter of the leader of the Neo-Fascist Party in Italy and was a princess. Source stated she very consciously played the role of princess while at Stanford and was entertained frequently by the wealthy people of Palo Alto, Atherton, and Menlo Park, California. MORELLO was opposed to her father's politics and contemptuous of her pretensions to royalty. He, however, was courteous to her.

The source stated that while BORGHESI was at Stanford her father was released from prison where he had served five years as a war criminal. ELENA BORGHESI at the time stated that her father was "a fool - fascism is discredited - Italians are ready for new political ideas." Source stated that as of 1952 BORGHESI was not sympathetic to Communism, but thought that possibly in her search for new political ideas she might subsequently have embraced Communism. Source was certain that as of that time MORELLO was not a Communist. Source knew of no individual named MORELLI, who was a student at Stanford University or connected with the HOOP F Library.

Records (of the Registrar) at Stanford University, reflect that ELENA BORGHESI was born in Rome, Italy, July 28, 1932. She matriculated at Stanford, September 29, 1952, majoring in International Relations and received an A.B., June 16, 1953. Her father was listed as JUNIO V. BORGHESI, Via Lovania 11, Rome, Italy. Miss BORGHESI presented credentials from the University of Rome.

Records (of the Registrar) at Stanford University, reflect GABRIELE MORELLO was born in Palermo, Italy, March 18, 1928. His address in Palo Alto was 637 Alvarado Road, Stanford University. He graduated from Collegio Gonzago, Palermo, Italy in 1945. He received a law degree from University of Palermo in 1949. He was thereafter employed as Assistant Professor at the University of Palermo until September, 1951 when he came to the United States.

In 1950, he spent one year on a scholarship at Balliol College, Oxford, England. In 1951, he received a scholarship to Stanford from the American Committee for Cultural Exchange and thereafter

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came to the United States to study at Stanford. He received a A.M. in Economics on June 11, 1953 and thereafter his credits were mailed to him June 23, 1953 in Italy.

The above source furnished the following physical description:

Age:	Appears 21
Height:	5' 9"
Weight:	140-15 pounds
Build:	Thin, wiry
Hair:	Blond
Eyes:	Unknown, probably blue
Complexion:	Fair
Teeth:	Good
Appearance:	Good
Nationality:	Italian
Marital Status:	Single
Speech:	Speaks perfect English, slight accent, speaks Italian
Occupation:	Lawyer

Two confidential sources familiar with Communist Party activity in the Palo Alto area and at Stanford University, stated on September 4, 1955 and September 6, 1955, that neither W.F. LEO nor BORGHESI is familiar to them.

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