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FROM : Chief of Mission

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Re: MSGA-213, etc.

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1. In view of [ ]'s imminent departure with the attendant pressure on him for time, source's stalling on his U.S. trip, and the divergence of views between the field and headquarters on the case, we decided that [ ] would take up the handling of source during, we hope, the remaining few weeks prior to his departure. Accordingly, on 12 October, [ ] and [ ] met with source at [ ] apartment in [ ]

2. Source stated that on the following day, 13 October, he was going to Basel to meet with GHANI, DOLLMANN, and BARBAVESCHI to discuss the HITLER story (See MSGA-213, diary entry for 20 September). Basel had been chosen to enable GHANI to take the early morning autorail from Paris and reach Basel by noon. BARBAVESCHI is bringing along the confession of the German general made to a Roman Catholic Bishop, prior to the General's departure for Argentina.

(NOTE: A further source discrepancy. In the diary entry cited above, the confession of the German general was made on his death bed. Now it is before a departure for Argentina.)

3. Source had received a half-hour phone call from ABRAHMI in Paris in which ABRAHMI had said he must see source. ABRAHMI had had difficulties with the Swiss during his last visit and also trouble securing a French reentry visa. Therefore, he hoped source could meet him in Paris. Source told ABRAHMI that he would be in Paris within the next weeks (on his way to the U.S.) and would get in touch with the latter then.

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(NOTE: We find it peculiar that an officially accredited member of the Israeli Embassy in Paris, equipped with an Israeli Service Passport, should have difficulty obtaining a French reentry permit.)

4. We told source that Washington was most anxious to receive him and desired to know the exact date of his arrival so that a schedule could be arranged to fit in with plans of [ ] and [ ] Had source obtained his reservation yet? Source replied that he was planning to make his reservation at the main French Line office in Basel the following day. The "people" in Lugano (not Zurich this time) had told him that by the time they communicated with Basel and advised him of a reservation, it might be lost before source actually took it up.

(NOTE: A somewhat novel attitude and procedure on the part of a travel agency.)

Since source was going to Basel, he had decided to attend to the matter there himself and book on the Ile de France sailing 27 October.

5. Having brought along a copy of the Paris Herald, we remarked to source that we had just been looking over sailing dates and the French Line sailings about the time he intended to leave were the Ile de France on 23 October and the Liberte on 4 November. Source appeared somewhat uneasy but replied that the people in Lugano must have misinformed him. We then told source to book on the Liberte on 4 November and that if he had any difficulties to let us know, and we could arrange through secure means to make a reservation for him. (Source will travel Cabin Class). We added that he should have no difficulty as we understood bookings were not heavy at this time.

(NOTE: This situation has been made even easier as a result of the implementation of the McCarran Bill.)

6. We then asked source what would be his plans upon arrival. If he takes the Liberte on 4 November, he should be arriving in New York on 9 November. He intends to visit his friends the GHIKA's (former Hungarian Minister in Washington), on Long Island over the week-end and then go straight to Washington arriving there the 13 or 14 of November. The GHIKA's are trying to make arrangements for source and wife to stay in Hyattsville, Maryland during his stay. If this cannot be done, source will stay in Washington. He only plans to visit Wisconsin later during his trip, and his wife, whose son is stationed near Hyattsville, will not accompany him west.

7. We asked source what he required in the nature of an advance to cover his trip, rental of his Lugano house, etc., and he mentioned 5,000 Swiss francs. We told source to stop off in Bern on his way back from Basel on 14 October and we would meet him, give him the advance and confirm that he has his accommodations.

(NOTE: The 5,000 Swiss francs should be strictly accounted for in Washington.)

8. During the course of the meeting, when source was discussing SEALEY and quoting Mrs. SEALEY on her husband, source for the first time referred to SEALEY by the name of Leslie. [ ] asked what was SEALEY's first name, Leslie or Robin, and source indicated that both names were used. This may explain MSB-W-2363, paragraph 2. Source also added the following additional biographical note on SEALEY's wartime career, SEALEY was parachuted into Yugoslavia sometime before the German invasion of 1941 and managed to flee the country just ahead of the Germans.

9. Source, in a discussion of paragraph 14, Appendix B, commented on SEALEY's generally bungling behavior. Charles HOLLAND had told source that he had introduced SEALEY to some good communist connections which HOLLAND had in the Parma region and that SEALEY had completely messed up these contacts. SEALEY, according to source and HOLLAND, just does not know how to handle people.

10. SEALEY claims that London has identified BASSOVITZ as an anti-TITO communist Yugoslav whose interests in arms is not in behalf of Yugoslavia, but of Albania. SEALEY also reports that the British were able to suppress a coup d'etat planned against PERON by IRAGOYAN. As a result of this maneuver which failed, IRAGOYAN has fled to Brazil.

(NOTE: The above IRAGOYAN tale can certainly be checked out.)

11. The mysterious Mr. BASSOVITZ is now in contact with Jean DUFONT (See Appendix A, paragraph 22) to whom he had earlier been introduced by BULLO. DUFONT's address is Via Spiga 7, Milan. After the blow-up with BULLO, BASSOVITZ again met DUFONT and agreed to continue the negotiations for the hidden arms so long as DUFONT and ROCCHI would give their assurances. DUFONT knows ROCCHI through business connections.

12. Source mentioned a newspaper article which had appeared in a recent issue of a Lugano newspaper concerning (ex-Colonel) Charles POLETTI. POLETTI was accused of having arranged a false bankruptcy for a cheese company in Italy and a warrant for his arrest was issued in that country. POLETTI is now supposed to be in Lugano. (Source gave us a copy of the clipping on 14 October. See Attachment HH.)

13. We asked source if he could explain why DOLLMANN should have waited five years since the end of the war to come up with the HITLER story and a claim to know the whereabouts of Martin BORMANN. Surely, DOLLMANN was thoroughly debriefed at the end of the war. Source replied that DOLLMANN was only debriefed by the British in Italy on

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other matters, and the Americans never debriefed him.

(NOTE: It seems odd that the British would not have been interested in such subjects as BORMANN's whereabouts or HITLER's existence)

14. Among the other interesting items to be uncovered in the Tyrolean arms caches, according to HOFER, are the originals of a correspondence between HITLER and STALIN and the original MS of "Mein Kampf". Source would receive the HITLER-STALIN correspondence ostensibly for the Chicago Daily News.

15. On 14 October we met source briefly in the Bahnhof Buffet at Bern. He stated that he had been to the French Line office in Basel and would have his accommodations in a few days. Owing to the general turmoil as a result of the McCarran Bill, the Basel office had to check with Paris. We told source that we had notified Washington of his departure on the Liberte on 4 November and arrival in Washington on 13 or 14 November. Consequently, it would make a very poor impression if he did not follow through with this schedule. We advanced him 5,000 Swiss francs and source stated he would leave Lugano about 31 October in order to have a few days in Paris before sailing. During this time he will see ABRAHMI.

16. The "Chicago Daily News" has given GHALI \$2,000 for investigation of the HITLER story. Source has advised GHALI to dole out the funds carefully. DOLLMANN is going back to Innsbruck to get back into "Nazi Party graces" and to see what the Party is doing. He will contact SKORZENY and RODEL, the real brains behind SKORZENY. DOLLMANN will also investigate Nazi circles in Spain. This will be done via DOLLMANN's cousin, an antique dealer for FRANCO, who has just moved to Spain and has received Spanish citizenship from FRANCO.

(NOTE: Source did not know the cousin's name. Twenty minutes later during our conversation, when discussing DOLLMANN's future, source remarked that he could always go to Spain where his uncle, an antique dealer for FRANCO, could procure Spanish citizenship for him.)

17. The Chicago Daily News is insisting on the utmost secrecy and caution in pursuing the HITLER story. GHALI has been told not to use the open mail, as the FBI is watching him.

(NOTE: Source could give no further explanation why GHALI has become a target of interest to the FBI. Nor did source know what secure channels GHALI would use in communicating with his paper. However, someone is being sent from Chicago in connection with the whole affair.)

18. Our old friend MEAZZA is now reported to be in Berlin on a deal for a Chiasso transport company. According to MEAZZA's henchmen,

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the police have been unable to locate him in Italy and his friends have not seen him in Switzerland.

19. Source was planning to see MOSS in Lugano on 15 October. He will not allow MOSS to come to his house, as he alleges MOSS suggested. On Monday or Tuesday he will go to Milan to pick up his Italian passport from ROCCHI and then they will proceed to the Bolzano area for the opening of the caches and on to Innsbruck. Source will travel to Austria on his new Italian passport since he will be accompanying ROCCHI and as the latter is known at the border, source does not wish to be identified with ROCCHI under his true name. Italians do not need Austrian visas. Source will phone us at the end of the week, and we plan one further final meeting in Zurich before his departure.

20. Our primary purpose now is to see that source gets off to the States as scheduled. He has been constantly treated in a most sympathetic fashion, and there was absolutely no show of antagonism on anyone's part at these recent meetings. We have laid it on with source that his trip to the U.S. is a recognition of the potential he has shown during the last two years and an opportunity for us now to direct that potential towards the most useful channels. We could detect no feeling on source's part that there exists any doubts as to his "accurate reporting". It will not be an easy job to unscramble fact from fiction since we believe that these have become so confused in source's own mind, he himself will not be able to distinguish. Our own personal feeling, on the basis of re-contact with source after a considerable lapse, is that he is less pathological than deliberately dishonest, and not particularly clever in his dishonesty. The essential is that we check out every statement possible that source makes, and that he be confronted with the compilation of his discrepancies. His confused mentality is well indicated in the manner in which he writes his diaries. These, which are now being forwarded unedited, indicate an ignorance and misuse of the English language which is most astonishing coming from a supposedly educated and literate individual.

CBR/ V. J.

Attachments:

Appendix A

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Attachments AA to EH

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APPENDIX A

27 September

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1. After my meeting with you I went to meet Eugen DOLLMANN (MSGGA-213, etc.) who arrived from Lugano, and we had dinner together with ROCCHI (MSGGA-213, etc.) who was still waiting for him in Zurich. After dinner DOLLMANN went off to meet Camille DUVE (previously spelled as DOUVE - traces:      ; MSGGA-213) who gave him the attached slip which he had found in his letter box with a note asking if DUVE would not speak personally to STRAMACCHIO, and not just refer him to his lawyer. I interpret the slip as a kind of bait to DOLLMANN to show DOLLMANN that STRAMACCHIO worked with the Germans during the war, and is therefore a reliable person for a Nazi to talk with. From enclosed slip he seems to have held a fairly important job with German railways during the war. Thus he probably learned German, and is now of use to CP for work among this class in Germany.

2. DUVE is still without a lawyer, for all of them want a deposit to undertake the case, and he, poor chap, now without a job, cannot produce the necessary cash. As the case must be pleaded in Italy, I am going to look around and see if I can find one in Italy who might be disposed to do it on credit pending the settlement of the case.

28 September

3. Saw ROCCHI off to Innsbruck this morning. As a measure of precaution I urged DOLLMANN not to travel with him in the train, but to separate, etc.

4. I rang up ~~(Mr.)~~ SCHMIDT, of the first batch of letters, but he was absent for two days, so I left a message for him, and said I would also write him from Lugano.

5. I then got in touch with ~~(Mr.)~~ LIPPER who spoke only German Swiss and who asked me to phone again after lunch, and he would see if his friend could be present, as we were having considerable language difficulty, as he spoke nothing else. A second appointment was made for the afternoon, but when I called he could not obtain his friend for a translator, and he suggested that if I were coming again he would rather put it off, as what he had to suggest was very delicate and he was afraid we could not get very far in this way.

6. I have thought to get over this obstacle to take my friend, George de MEREY (MSGGA-182, etc.) with whom I have worked together in business, and who would act as translator, if you are in agreement. I will simply tell him that I hoped to pick up some business in this way, and I would share results with him. Returned to Lugano.

29 September

7. My wife had arranged a luncheon party for the British Consul, Angelo ANASTASI (MSBA-3187, etc.), which       had suggested I do to sort of keep along with these people. Present were the ANASTASIS, ~~(Mrs.)~~ ARCHER (MSBA-2987, etc.), and ~~(Colonel)~~ Vivian CLERKE (MSGGA-213). All very proper and consular, and dull beyond words.

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8. Reception at the Louis ~~DOLLFUSS~~ (MSBA-2987, etc.) villa on the lake. Mr. DOLLFUSS is president of the Von Wyler Bank in Milano, the most important private banking concern in Italy, and a good friend, and always useful as a source of information. Event was the christening of his newly born daughter--present mostly family and bank people from Milano.

30 September

9. Telephone call from Innsbruck to say that all was going well and they think they can leave there with HOFER's (MSG-213, etc.) man for the South Tyrol at the end of the week to open the first deposits. ROCCHI said he had sent my photo to Milano, and he hoped it (the Italian passport) would be along during the course of the week. His partner would get in touch with me when it was ready.

10. Have gone over second batch of letters and answered those checked asking them to fix an appointment in Zurich. Letters dispatched this evening.

1 October - Sunday

2 October

11. Visit from Tito ~~BULLO~~ (MSG-213, etc.) this morning, who tells me that he has now fifteen thousand arms collected, but that AGNESINA (MSG-213, etc.) is making him difficulties through jealousy that he, BULLO, has arrived at collecting this quantity, and not the police. In any case BULLO says he has sent ROCCHI to Rome to talk to SCELBA (MSG-182, etc.) is backing BULLO, and no doubt AGNESINA will be replaced by someone more favorable to BULLO. In the face of this story, I no longer know what to think. There are no arms, and ROCCHI, who has been in touch with me for over a week is now in Innsbruck. It now seems to me that BULLO has gone off his nut completely, for if he were working for another service I think he would play his cards in another way, not quite so stupidly.

12. In any case he stayed nearly three hours, and I had chapters on the Great BULLO who could move governments, etc. He wants very much to see Robin SEALEY (MSG-213, etc.) and report on all this to him. I said I preferred to stay out of it all, but he could see him if he wished, but personally I thought he was wasting his time with SEALEY, as we had never gotten anything out of him.

13. Sent off a telegram to Mr. MOSS ( [ ] , etc.) saying I would meet him on Tuesday in Milano.

3 October

14. Milano, and turned up at eleven thirty, bar of Principe e Savoia, according to letter to meet Mr. MOSS who turned out to be an American of about fifty years, rather distinguished looking. He said

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that he had read my announcement in the *Zuricher Zeitung* as he lived in Rome with a Swiss lady who took it regularly. He thought he would reply, as he had something in hand that needed some help in Washington. He then took me from the bar into a corner of the lounge, and he said this was all very confidential and we had better not have any neighbors. He started out by saying that he would have to rely completely on my discretion, and he hoped he could have confidence. He first asked me what kind of connections I had in Washington, and I said that I had been in the State Department service during the war, and various of my Swiss colleagues were now in Washington (referring to Mr. SCHCALES, former Consul General from Basel, and a very good friend, who now retired has set up an office to obtain permits, etc.) and I thought I might be able to swing certain things, etc. He then said he was in touch with an important Italian group who wanted certain things for Italy which were difficult to get, such as special steel, ball bearings, etc. I said I understood perfectly--things on the famous list which were difficult to obtain export permits for they might and would probably be re-exported. "Exactly", he said. I then said I had no objections to this, but he must arrange a cover story for this material that could go down in Washington. That is the firms must be bonafide, be able to explain use of this material, and necessity, etc. He said he understood perfectly what I meant--that he had up to a short time ago been a State Department man, having been for many years in Genova until the war. From Genova to Ireland, then to Port au Prince, Haiti, and had returned to Italy after the war, under SCHNARE in Genova, and then for a short time in Geneva, and then he left the service to return to Italy in private business. He was now established in Rome.

15. I said I found it surprising that he should, with this background, have to ask me, and he replied that he had been for so long out of Washington and America that his contacts were not very good there.

16. He talked a bit about how interesting Switzerland must have been during the war, and I said I had worked with OSS. He seemed a bit alarmed and asked me if I had severed all connections with this kind of service, and I said I had completely, and certainly never wanted to return in this form of work.

17. I said I would undertake his job under these following conditions:

- A. That his list of material have a covering story absolutely sure fire, with bonafide firms, etc.
- B. That I have a complete dossier to take with me, etc. and an agreement on my commission if this came through. I would not consider less than ten percent of the gross, in view of the kind of business it was, and that he personally guarantee this in some way.

18. He said that naturally he must talk again with his friends, but

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he thought they would accept his decision to turn this over to me, and as soon as he had this agreement he would turn over to me the full details, and an agreement on the commission, etc. He would contact them as soon as possible and get in touch with me and meet me in Lugano or in Milano, having fixed an appointment by phone.

19. He then asked for my full name and address which had not been given in the telegram. He wrote down [ ] and then said, "What is your other name?" and before I could reply he had started to write " [ ] second name as listed in telephone directory" which I sometimes use. Now I had signed my telegram only [ ] and had introduced myself only by the name of [ ] Had he heard of me before, or how come that he started to write "[ ]' second name as described above", almost as if it were a slip. I said my name is [ ] first name, and he crossed out the first two letters of source's second name (as above) that he had already written. I definitely felt this was a slip on his part--but what it means I don't know.

20. We then went back to the bar and talked about general topics for a bit, until I had to go off to lunch with my friend, Charles HOLLAND (MSG-174, etc.) who reports that most everybody is fed up with SEALEY and his very strange conduct. Mrs. SEALEY reports that he has terrible dreams at night and believes he is a dog. She had to beat him up the other night to get him loose, as he got her arms in his teeth and was shaking it and biting it and growling for all he was worth. I only wonder what Mr. Freud would say to all this.

21. I went around to Publicitas in Milano, but no replies have come in as yet. They say that Corriera and Sole are very slow in sending on replies.

22. I then went around to see Mr. Jean DUPONT, Belgian friend of mine, and who represents the Dupont Arms people in Italy to see if I can get him interested in the Innsbruck business, and can get us a purchaser now that the Jugs have given up in disgust after the BULLO story. I explained in detail, and he is interested and would control with me the first deposits if Innsbruck permits.

23. I have telephoned again tonight to Innsbruck to ask if they would allow me to take this expert with me for the first control, and they will reply in a few days.

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6 October

1. Meeting with Hans George SCHKEL (SCHENKEL), Gartenstrasse 17, Zurich, in reply to my ad. All this very much above board. They are an import firm of good standing, and they were looking for a representative in Washington, for they find themselves more and more up against government regulations, permits, etc. and wanted to find a permanent correspondent in Washington. I said I thought I could tie them up with my friend, Walter SCHOALS, in Washington who could probably do all that was necessary for them in this line. I took down notes, etc. and will look into this for them in Washington. (See Attachment AA).

(NOTE: Source obviously refers not to SCHOALS but to Walter H. SHOLES, former Consul General in Basel now retired.)

2. Second meeting (Dr) Hans WALDKIRCH, Reidsannal (source's spelling of Rechtsanwalt), Schitzergasse 19, Zurich, who is a lawyer. He said he had been asked by clients of his to interview me and find out what were my possibilities, and for what reason I had put this ad in the Zurichischer Zeitung. I went through my routine of former State Department, free business lance, returning to Washington for a period to pick up contacts, excellent contacts in government agencies, good business connections, etc. in general. He took copious notes on all this, but was very closed mouth on his clients, except they represented interests not in Switzerland. He said he was not in a position to discuss things with me, but would have to refer all this to his clients, and they would have to decide. However, he thought this might interest them.

3. He talked a bit about himself, saying he administered many foreign firms, administered from either the Grisons or Liechtenstein for tax reasons, and I might sort of look around in the States to see if any firms would like, for fiscal reasons, and he was a specialist in this kind of business, to establish fictive societies in Switzerland he could organize it for them. I said I might look into this, as it was very interesting. He said that he had avoided terrific taxation for some American firms that he administered. He seems to be well connected, for he knew Breganzona through a large property, that the Bally (shoe) family have near us, who is his uncle by marriage.

4. This seemed interesting, but I must wait for further developments from his side, and he has promised to communicate with me in the next week.

(NOTE: Source considers the WALDKIRCH proposition as one which he might legitimately discuss with his friend SCHOALS in Washington.)

5. I had an appointment with Mr. T. BACHOFER, Dreikönigstrasse 55, Zurich, who turned out to be a group of German Jews, speaking

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nothing but good German, who represent a German factory of gas masks in the British Zone of Berlin, and who wish to place their goods on the American market. I promised to look into things for them, and they will within the week send me all the necessary information. I asked if they dealt in any arms, and there was general embarrassment, and they replied that they could, but had not yet dealt from Zurich in this field, and I said I perhaps would be more interested in that branch than anything else. They said they would let me know on this as well.

6. My impression was of a rather "louche" set up, quite new-- one of those companies that are here today and gone tomorrow. Also three persons, of whom BACHOFER was the only one introduced by name gave this same impression. Might be interesting.

7. I had rung up Mr. SCHMIDT of the Orient Teppich Import, who had made me a rendezvous at his warehouse, Giesshubelstrasse 62, which was at the end of Zurich, in a kind of back alley. When I arrived I was met by Mr. SCHMIDT, a German Swiss of good middle class. He told me he was an importer of oriental rugs for many years and well known in Zurich. However, what he had to offer was a bit out of the general run of things. He had in the warehouse, twenty-eight magnificent rugs, former property of one Adolf HITLER, which Adolf had ordered for the Reich Chancellory in Berlin in the thirties from a firm in Teheran. Nine years had been spent weaving them, and they were all enormous (several running to twenty meters in length). At the Allied occupation of Iran, the Shah had taken them in his palace, and there they had remained during the war. At this point the story was a bit confused, but I gathered that the Swiss Minister, my old pal Mr. de BAVIER, had managed to get them out with the approval of the Shah and they were now in Zurich, where there was absolutely no sale for them.

(NOTE: Charles Edouard de BAVIER, Swiss Minister to Iran (see GAX-140 and 157 of 1945). Source states that de BAVIER's daughter married a close friend of his which explains how he knows the family. Source describes de BAVIER as a notorious homosexual whose scandalous conduct has often brought him to the brink of dismissal, but who has been saved because his wife is the mistress of Minister of Justice von STEIGER. Jean-Cyrille de BAVIER, former Attache, Swiss Legation, Rome (PIR-1047, PIRA-1008), now on duty with the Political Department, Bern, is a son.)

He would not tell me if he had a clear title to them, and that they were not German state property, or at least Allied property. This I was told to gloss over when dealing with them. The point of his contact with me was to see if I could dispose of them in the States, to a hotel or something large of that order. I asked him for complete details and photos which he has promised to send me within a week, which you can have.

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8. Mr. LIPPER, Mullerstrasse 77, could not be found at home for my interview, though I had written to him saying I could see him that day.

(NOTE: LIPPER allegedly has three Titian paintings from Berlin for sale.)

7 October

9. Charles HOLLAND and wife here for the weekend. He reports that there are nasty rumors and insinuations in the British Consulate colony Milano on SEALEY and his money now that he has moved into this very luxurious flat in Milano. Insinuations are that he has been using service funds for his own comfort and luxury, and that an investigation might be forthcoming. Consulate sources who should know report that he has no private fortune, nor has Mrs. SEALEY. He got away with much more when up on the Lake of Como for he saw little of the British Consulate people, but now they are in Milano and inviting the crowd there and there is considerable talk about all this.

(NOTE: How a British IS officer with no private fortune could live as high, wide and handsome as has SEALEY without either being legitimately so supported by his service or without being investigated is most peculiar. We also presume that the BIS asks its officers to account for service funds.)

9 October

10. DOLLMANN returned from Innsbruck and came up this afternoon. He said he had received a letter from someone in Rome who is in a position to know as he is very highly placed (he will ask the person in question if he can tell me who he is) that the whole UNITA attack was engineered by Major PAGNOTTA, American, in company with Jean Paolo TESTA (MSGA-213), after reports which we assume to be BULLO that DOLLMANN was in Lugano and had recently been in Innsbruck meeting high ranking Nazis. This seems to tie PAGNOTTA up with the CP crowd.

(NOTE: Source states PAGNOTTA formerly worked for CIC. After the war he joined the N.Y. Herald Tribune, but has since left this newspaper. Attachment GG is a memorandum prepared by an Italian police officer for DOLLMANN who will give a copy to GHALI. Attachment GG is a memorandum on the UNITA story.)

11. Certain indications have come from Paul HOFER, and his man has already crossed clandestinely to Bolzano to see about getting at these deposits. HOFER asked that I be the only person present at the first opening, and on the basis of what I am shown can

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discuss further details with the Italian group. ROCCHI has gone to Bolzano to await the man, and to give him some kind of police protection to get along with his work, and will come here on Wednesday to confer with me. By telephone I said I could not move without the Italian papers promised by him, which he says he will procure at once when he returns to Milano.

(NOTE: The Italian passport will allegedly be ready for source by 14 October and he will pick it up in Milan early the following week. Source does not know in what name it will be issued, but it will indicate his birthplace as New York.)

12. ROCCHI is bringing a sealed envelope for DOLLMANN who did not wish to carry it himself with considerable information for Paul GHALI (MSG-213, etc.).

(NOTE: The sealed envelope contained the following:  
A. Photos and personal data of Paul HOFER to be turned over to ROCCHI for an Italian passport for HOFER. (See Attachment BB for photos. Personal data was as follows: born 27 November 1902, son of Francesco and Rosa (HEINZLE) HOFER; height: 1.83cm; grey-green eyes; brown hair).  
B. List of arms cached, in handwriting (German script) of HOFER, although signed GORDIAN (presumably a code name--Attachment CC).  
C. Typewritten letter dated 29 September 1950, signed FUERST, from Dr. STETNER to HOFER. (Attachment DD).  
D. Typewritten memorandum (Attachment EE) dated Innsbruck, 30 September 1950, by Otto LASSNER concerning the Brandenburg Regiment arms cache. (Originals all to Washington. No copies here.)

HOFER has been named Nazi Party as their chief in Europe.

13. We telephoned Paul GHALI in Paris and made an appointment with him in Basel for Friday to get along with the HITLER story, which DOLLMANN is more than ever convinced is alive--particularly so after this trip and contacts made.

14. We were just at this point in the discussion when suddenly SEALEY burst in, ringing the door bell once and walking in. My wife was in the library with DOLLMANN and myself, and I simply met him at the door and took him up to the living room, without introductions. He said he had come to Lugano on business and just run up a moment, as London wanted a lot of questions to ask BULLO. I said you can see him, but my last news was that everything that BULLO had told him was false, and there was perhaps evidence that BULLO was in the service of X.

(NOTE: When asked what he meant by Service X, source stated that he had been told by ALBISETTI that BULLO was working for "Servizio X". ALBISETTI claimed that

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the Swiss did not know for precisely which intelligence service BULLO was working, but because of the latter's unaccounted for revenues, they were sure that he was working for someone.)

I gave him a brief outline of the story, and he was very much excited, and said he would have to control all this from Questura, and then perhaps see BULLO as a possible double agent, etc. I said I would leave him to the mess, but for the moment I was out of it and wished to remain out of it. I then said as I had a guest I could not spend any more time with him, and firmly led him to the door. I do think he has nerve bursting in this way.

15. As I was off to the opera, I had no further time to talk with DOLLMANN.

10 October

16. Received attached letter from MOSS and have telegraphed asking him for appointment at the end of the week. He evidently is going to come across with details now. (See Attachment FF).

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ATT. AA

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s/s

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October 2<sup>nd</sup> 1950

Dear Sir,

In receipt of your letter of the 30<sup>th</sup> post,

I am glad to let you know, that I shall be at your disposal on the afternoon of the 5<sup>th</sup> inst.

In case I don't get an negative answer from you, I suppose you to agree with this appointment.

I am

dear Sir

Yours very truly

*Hans Georg Schenk*

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Paul  
Hofer

Lieber H.

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1.) Zn-Säure: Mir geringere Menge  
Kann mäßig sein.

att. CC

Gelte, ob neu nicht für bedient!

Mat. 12: Ist mir jetzt. Umfang yunnan bekommt.

Reinheitsgrad für, nicht bedient,  
da Refra. ulla, in der Größe, Mute  
von mir gegeben.

Ludwig. Kleine Refra. für ca  
35 x 800 g. + Refra. des Hüllens.

3.) Kisten: Jede Gegenstandung ist. erhalten.

Sie auf bel. Teil (notwend. Pagen)

links ist alles, verpackt.

Viber, den bel. Teil habe ich auf

keine gl. von einem Dokumenten

gefordert, wo er ist, nach dem 8.5.45

gelesen hat. (Aber, diesen selbst  
nicht, selbst!)

4.) Tag u. Nachtschicht:

Gelte diesen Punkt für Wickel!

Zur Mitwirkung bereit, über das "Gute"

wissen gut sein, werden.

Sie für Punkte verdient bekommen!

Grüß  
= = =

19.8.50.

N.B: Inz./Arms. material. Dr. ref. vom 25.7.50.

siehe bei den 3 Tempis!

I. (Turm-Sache) möglichst leicht möglich zur  
Aufstellung zu bringen sein! (Arms.  
Erfassung des J. Ref.)

II. Kassation beflamigen

Art. 39/II ungenügend, dann gibt das gleiche  
genügendsten Gesetz, (da 3/4 J. nicht schon  
gefakt)

III. Anbl. ist nur Sommer Gesetz für R.D.

schon im Gesetz, (WENN

Ami züht!)

sonst 1937-38 4 mal  
von Ami Anbl. abgeleitet!!!)

(bei II. Lebenszeitung T. - Patriot!)  
denn darüber später unklar  
Partizipationen möglich!)

Lieber L.

Die zu Mittwoch berit. Abend-  
sitzung ist Regelung der 3 Fänge!

Siehe besonders im Punkt 4  
größtes Interesse, da ich da berit  
für dingen galt, aber berit,  
das galt, so wie nicht nicht  
zeitig abkommt, nicht!

Josef  
Gordian

19. VII 90

September 1950

Lieber Paul !

Wenn wir beide all das, was wir seit 1933 jeder für sich allein und wir beide zusammen erlebt haben, ohne unsere Erinnerung genau lassen, dann sind wir uns klar, dass alle Vergangene abgestreift seiner Konsistenz gar nichts bedeutet im Vergleich zu dem Ungeheuerlichen, das sich jetzt abspielt und vorbereitet um in absehbarer Zeit als weltgeschichtliche Lawine über die Erde zu schütten und zu ergüssen wird. Es ist nicht nur schön sondern auch furchtbar, daran mitzuarbeiten. Und aus dem Geiste unserer unauffälligen aber oft bewunderten Kampfkraft heraus habe ich mich ehrlich darüber getrennt, dass sich Ihnen nunmehr einmal die leichteste Möglichkeit bietet, aus dem passiven Nichts wieder in die aktive Wirklichkeit des politischen Weltgeschehens zurückzukehren. Ich für meinen Teil habe keine solchen Ambitionen. Ich bin ein alter Mann und kann nur mehr im bisherigen Sinne bescheidene Familienangelegenheiten leisten, das genügt mir reichlich. Bei Ihnen ist es anders und richtig, sonst es Ihnen nur als ich, dass es Ihnen gefällt, wieder eine Ehrenfunktion zu wollen entsprechende Rolle im Weltgeschehen zu spielen. Es wird der Fall sein wird oder nicht, hängt nur von Ihnen allein ab. Es mehr als grosszügige Angebot, das Ihnen von einer sozusagen allmächtigen Stelle gemacht wurde und heute sogar noch erweitert wird, sagt Ihnen ja alles. Ich habe mich auch sehr getrennt zu sehen, dass bei den ausgeübten westlichen Beurteilern das Gesamtbild Ihrer bisherigen Persönlichkeit und Leistungen ein ganz ausnehmend günstiges ist und Ihnen alle Türen zum Wiederaufstieg weit öffnet. Ob Sie auch dadurch hinauswachsen werden, ist Ihre persönliche Sache. Ich mische mich da nicht ein, sondern betrachte es nur als meine Aufgabe, den Vermittler zwischen Ihnen und Ihren Vertragspartnern zu spielen: das heisst, den Kontakt zwischen Ihnen und den anderen herzustellen und solange aufrecht zu erhalten, bis eine positive oder negative Friedigung erfolgt ist. Ich bin nur das Sprachrohr zwischen zwei Kräften, die an gleichen Zielen arbeiten, aber nicht mehr. Allerdings müssen Sie mir schon wenigstens soviel Vertrauen schenken, dass diese andere Seite die richtige ist und nicht die von Ihnen beargwöhnte g gnerische, wofür ich die vollste Verantwortung übernehmen. Ich Imagoite bietet mir recht und Ihre Interessen vertritt ich so, als wenn es meine eigenen waren. Zu fürchten haben Sie nichts, ausser wenn Sie sich durch einen Irrtum oder Fehler selbst schaden. Sobald Sie die Namen und Persönlichkeiten der anderen Seite erfahren, werden Sie selbst keinen Zweifel mehr haben. Es sind nicht kleine Unterabteilungen, sondern die höchsten Spitzen der betreffenden Ressorts. Wir dürfen aber auch nicht vergessen, dass wir die Besiegten sind und wir daher die begründeten Ansprüche der anderen respektieren müssen. Ich kann Ihnen versichern, dass man Ihnen keinerlei Misstrauen entgegenbringt; im Gegenteil hat gerade Ihre grosszügige, manchmal unverständliche materielle Freigebigkeit und Bescheidenheit den stärksten Eindruck gemacht. Andererseits hat aber Ihre Beigerung, auch mit ein einziges Depot nachhant zu machen, nur als beunruhigend gewirkt. In Gegenseite hat noch das Recht und die Macht, von Ihnen nicht nur eine bloss schöne Geste, sondern auch einen Beweis über die gegenseitigen Beweise der Loyalität und Erfüllungsgedlichkeit Ihrer Zusagen vorzulegen. Vertrauen Sie mir bitte, dass ich in Gedanken die Rollen auch in Würden, indes Sie beispielsweise nicht in Verhandlungen sondern in einem Kontext der Loyalität würdet, eine kleine Trope der Loyalität der Loyalität oder moralische Zusicherung vertragen. In der Tat ist Ihnen das entgegen weist, sind gerade die so vielen Klagen über die Loyalität, als dass ich, bildlich gesprochen, die Loyalität der Loyalität würdet, das ist nicht nur im Bereich der Kommerziellen sondern auch in der Politik so, sonst gerät man ins Versagen. Ich habe in der Tat der Loyalität die so oft die ausserordentliche Geschwindigkeit Ihrer Taktik in einzelnen Fällen schon gesehen und Ihre geistige Fertigkeit in der so vielen so vielen verschiedenen Situationen bewundern müssen; aber ich bitte Sie, dies gerne noch in gegenseitigen konkreten Fall tun dürfen.

Jedoch ist das Ihre Sache und geht mich nichts an. Es, was den Ausschlag geben sollte, ist jedoch die Tatsache, dass es sich nicht etwa um eine kleine Privatangelegenheit, sondern um eine nahezu weltgeschichtliche Aktion handelt, die niemals an kleinen Besenken oder persönlichen Sympathien scheitern darf. Ich will Ihnen gewiss nicht opponieren, lieber Paul, und von unserem früheren abendlichen, sentimental-heroischen Standpunkte aus gesehen, finde ich auch Ihre Auffassung durchaus einleuchtend; aber durch unsere einseitig idealistischen Grundansätze haben wir uns das ganze deutsche Volk ja immer nur klaglichen Schiffsbruch erlitten. Heute ist ein ganz neuer, turmhoher überlegener, eisig kalt nüchterner und trocken sachlicher Standpunkt massgebend, den man sich wird anpassen müssen, wenn man noch ernst genommen und nicht untergehen will. Es ist eine einmalige, nie mehr wiederkehrende Chance, die sich Ihnen bietet. Das hier steht für Sie bereit, Sie brauchen nur aufzusteigen, die Sägel zu nehmen und zu reiten. Das betrachtet Sie nicht als bezahlten Agenten, sondern als vollwertigen Partner, als freiwilligen Verbündeten und Mitarbeiter an einer weltgeschichtlichen Aufgabe, als Mann ohne pur von Eigennutz oder Spekulation. Sie wollen als Idealist handeln, gut; aber mischen Sie bitte auch jenen Teil Tatsachenerkenntnis bei, ohne den es nun einmal nicht geht. Und ich wünsche Ihnen nur jenen Entschluss, der nicht nur der gemeinsamen grossen Sache, sondern auch für Sie und Ihre Familie der beste ist. Das ist es, was ich Ihnen von meinem bescheidenen Gesichtswinkel als Ihr alter illegaler Kampf- und Genicksackkamerad unbedingt sagen musste.

Nun zu jenen Teil, den ich Ihnen offiziell mitzuteilen bevollmächtigt bin. Die Gegenseite hält nicht nur alle bisherigen Angebote aufrecht, sondern verspricht Ihnen überdies nach Bekanntgabe und positiver Prüfung eines einzigen Depots die Aufhebung des Kartellgesetzes sowie ~~die~~ Übermittlung eines echten Passes einer westlichen Grossmacht und lädt Sie als Gast dieser Grossmacht über einen geeigneten südlichen Ort Europas auf beliebige Zeit ein, wo Sie nach Ihrem Gutdünken arbeiten und reisen können. Unbedingte Diskretion ist nur nach Osten hin erforderlich. Alles weitere können Sie dann persönlich oder durch Benjamin oder wer Sie wollen im einzelnen vereinbaren. Die Gegenseite befristet jedoch dieses allerletzte Angebot und hält sich nur bis zum Sonntag den 8. Oktober daran gebunden. Das heisst also: falls bis zum achten Oktober Ihrerseits kein Depot bekanntgegeben worden sein sollte, gilt das Angebot unwiderruflich als nicht gestellt und endgültig gescheitert. Jede weitere Diskussion ist dann ausgeschlossen; man wäre nicht mehr in der Lage, Sie ernst zu nehmen und die ausschliessliche historische Verantwortung für das Scheitern der Aktion und die eventuellen sonstigen nachteiligen Folgen hatten Sie allein zu tragen.

Ein längeres Zuarbeiten ist schon mit Rücksicht auf die sich täglich verschärfende internationale Lage unmöglich, um ein weiteres Papierkrieg lächerlich. Ich bitte Sie daher dringend, dafür zu sorgen, dass durch rechtzeitiges Einlangen der Nachricht an Benjamin Ihr endgültiger Entschluss kurz spätestens am genannten Tage hier eintrifft, wogegen ich andernfalls auch meine Mission als beendet betrachten müsste.

Mit den besten Wünschen für Ihre vollkommene Gesundheit  
Ihr alter Kamerad Ernst Reizienst Ihr

Fürst.

+ in den zeitlich möglichen Tagen

Unter Bezugnahme auf die gestrige mündliche Unterredung halten wir nachstehende Grundlagen fuer einen ordnungsgemaess abzuschliessenden Vertrag schriftlich fest:

- 1: Unter der Voraussetzung; dass die Uebernahme und der Abtransport der in Suedtirol lagernden Warenbestaende mit Wissen und Billigung der zustændigen italienischen Behoerden erfolgt, verpflichten sich die Vermittler nach bestem Wissen und Koennen fuer die Uebergabe saemtlicher ihnen zugaenglichen Lager zu sorgen:
- 2: Die Uebernehmer der Ware hingegen verpflichten sich saemtliche ihnen von den Vermittlern bekanntgegebenen Waren, soweit sie auf gesondertem Liste aufscheinen, zu den auf der Liste festgesetzten Praemiensaetze, zu uebernehmen und garantieren, dass keinem der Beteiligten irgendwelche persoenlichen Nachteile entstehen.
- 3: Die Praemien werden nach erfolgter Uebernahme der Lagerbestaende zwischen Uebernehmer und Vermittler abgerechnet und ausbezahlt. Jedoch hinterlegen die Uebernehmer jedesmal vor Bekanntgabe der genauen Oertlichkeiten der Lagerbestaende, bei der Spar- und Darlehenskasse in Seefeld einen dem Wert der bekanntgegebenen Bestaende entsprechenden Betrag, der von der Spar- und Darlehenskasse Seefeld bei ordnungsgemaess abgewickelter Uebernahme der Bestaende durch die Uebernehmer nur gegen vorher vereinbarte gemeinsame Unterschriften von Seite eines Vertreters der Uebernehmer und Vermittler wieder ausgefolgt wird.
- 4/: Fuer den Fall, dass den Vermittlern aus der Angelegenheit irgendwelche persoenlichen Nachteile entstehen oder die Uebernahme ohne Verschulden der Vermittler nicht in der obengenannten Weise erfolgt (Bekanntgabe der Oertlichkeiten-Uebernahme durch die Uebernehmer - Abrechnung und Bezahlung) ist eine Vertrauensperson der Vermittler berechtigt den gesamten Betrag allein und ohne Unterschrift der Uebernehmer zu beheben und verzichten die Uebernehmer in diesem Falle ausdruecklich darauf, die Spar- und Darlehenskasse fuer die erfolgte Herausgabe der deponierten Werte haftbar zu machen.
- 5: Die fuer die Vermittler bis zur erstmaligen Ausbazzahlung der Praemien entstehenden Barspesen, werden vorlaeuefig von den Uebernehmern ausgelegt, die selbstverstaendlich fuer die eigenen Spesen und die Spesen des Abtransportes aufzukommen haben.

Innsbruck, am 30. September 1950.

O. H. KASSNER

Frankfurt am Main

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Att. FF.

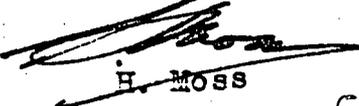
Rome, October 5th.

I have been working on the matter which we discussed a few days ago and trust that I may be in a position to place something concrete before you in the near future.

At the beginning of next week I expect again to be in the north and after having seen the people interested, I thought it might be a good idea, if convenient to you, for us to meet again. I would suggest Thursday the 12th at the same time and place as last time. I order that I may be sure to have your reply before I leave Rome, would you shoot me a short wire upon receipt of this?

I look forward to seeing you again and do hope that I shall have definite word from my friends here to pass on to you.

Very truly yours,

  
H. Moss

17 Piazza Trinita dei Monti,  
Rome.

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Persone die prima importanza nella faccenda \*\*\*:

1. Signor Giorgio Rossi ,Roma ,giornalista ,secondo le sue stesse dichiarazioni nipote del Signor Guglielmo Emanuel ,Direttore del Corriere della Sera.
2. Questo Rossi venne qua secondo le sue dichiarazioni su mandato e nel nome del Maggiore Pagnotta ,Americano e nel 1946 /47 nel servizio attivo americano a Roma . Dopo poi venne assunto nel ufficio romano del "New York Herald " e le sue relazioni colia parte ufficiale americana furono completamente stroncate. In questo ufficio lavora anche il ex caporale tedesco e fiduciario del generale Maltzer , un certo Hofmann , che fu prima una spia della Gestapo a Roma , tradì poi il 4 Giugno 1944 i suoi e si costituì coi documenti del comando della città aperta agli Anglosassoni.

3. Le Fotografie furono messe a disposizione da parte del Signor Giampaolo Testa , figlio del Prefetto Temistocle Testa , suicidato nel estate 1949. Il giovane Testa é persona pericolosissima , parlando perfettamente il tedesco e vantandosi del passato fascista del suo padre. Traversa con e senza documenti le frontiere ed é adesso uno dei capi piu' in vista del gruppo d'azione comunista di Roma. Quando venne a Lugano nel 1948 per trattare collo scrittore di questo nel nome di suo padre e del generale Giuseppe Castellano (Casillibe ! ) per il libro , fece queste fotografie , rilasciate adesso al giornale Unita.

Come lo scrittore di questo conobbe da tantissimi anni la famiglia Testa , non poteva naturalmente allora immaginarsi che il figlio del fascistissimo Prefetto Padre , poteva diventare capocellula comunista.

4. Il Signor Pietro Stramacchia , che si presentava al Signor \*\*\* a Zurigo , lasciando lettere e documenti. Il suo passaporto é regolare e pieno di visti internazionali. Dichiarava di viaggiare continuamente al estero ed anzitutto in Austria , Svizzera e Germania. Diceva inoltre di essere di Sesto San Giovanni , di aver parlato col Signor Rossi , ma non di appartenere alla gente della Unita.

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## Una denuncia contro Poletti di un industriale milanese

(Nostra corrispondenza particolare)

CHIASSO, 9

Un quotidiano italiano riferisce in merito alle vicende giudiziarie della Ditta Cademartori e della Ditta Marittima Mercantile con sede a Chiasso. La notizia tocca, inoltre l'attività del colonnello americano Poletti, persona nota anche nel Ticino, e di Remo Cademartori il quale intratteneva a Lugano notevoli rapporti d'affari commerciali. I fatti nuovi sono i seguenti.

Nel periodo dell'occupazione alleata, avendo le industrie casaresi ricevuto un fiero colpo, Remo Cademartori costituì diverse società commerciali, con finalità diverse, che portarono al noto fallimento.

A quel tempo si parlava del binomio Cademartori-Poletti, il colonnello dell'A.M.G. nominato Governatore dell'Italia del nord. Tuttavia non si sapeva nulla di preciso.

Ed ecco il fatto nuovo, un atto di citazione è stato presentato dagli avvocati di Remo Cademartori, ed in esso si cita Charles Poletti, e di lui si parla come di colui il quale sarebbe stato il protagonista e il responsabile della vicenda fallimentare, e che, come tale, deve essere chiamato a rispondere.

Così ad esempio si dice che il Charles Poletti aveva costituito con Remo Cademartori e la « Marittima Mercantile » una vera e propria società, tanto che uno dei due contraenti poteva agire in nome e per conto dell'altro. Secondo la denuncia, di tale prerogativa avrebbe fatto uso e abuso il Poletti il quale « trovandosi a dover operare in U.S.A., Germania, Inghilterra, Portogallo, Francia, aveva la massima autonomia finanziaria e indipendenza, con relativa difficoltà però per il socio Cademartori e la « Marittima Mercantile » di controllo, tanto che non effettuò mai i periodici rendiconti come era stato invece pattuito inizialmente ».

Tra l'altro si addebita al Poletti di non aver mai consegnato per quanto ne fosse richiesto i resoconti relativi al conto corrente presso la « Marine Midland Bank », intestato al nome di Cademartori.

L'ex colonnello americano viene anche accusato di aver trattenuto per pretesi accantonamenti delle somme notevoli.

Da parte sua naturalmente il Charles Poletti nega ogni addebito; egli sembra che attualmente dimori in Lugano dove esercita « consulenza tecnica di affari ».

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