

DADONE, Ugo Antonio Emanuele

dob: 3 June 1886

pob: Agropoli (Salerno), Italy

son of: Andrea & Ernesta (Ester) De Benedetti

Married, Margherita KASPAROVA VACLAVA, in Prague 1911. Two daughter, Margherita & Vittoria

speaks: French, German, Arabic, Russian, Czech, Spanish

Formerly head of the Italian Propaganda office, Cairo, Egypt and an important I.S. officer. Before the fall of Mussolini he commanded the Arab camp in Rome which was subsequently taken over by the Germans.

Subject went to Egypt in the summer of 1934 as a special correspondent for Il Popolo d'Italia of Milan, and set up semi-official news agency. He engaged in pro-Italy propaganda until he was interned in 1941. Was considered a strong Fascist.

OSS made contact with him in March 1946, owing to his mastery in all aspects of Near Eastern matters. He was considered a person of superior political espionage qualities, and the basis for his collaboration was described as "mutuality of Italian & American interests." He is a Scottish Rite Mason; anti-Jewish.

Contacts with Subject continued from the time of recruitment until end of 1959 when he was terminated, although these contacts were not "regular". He was paid salary most of time; however, and submitted reports on M.E. matters, particularly own personal contacts with Arab leaders and personalities, as well as reports on the Italian Political situation.

Given his age, the fact that he was ill and could no longer engage in his professional activity, Subject was given a final liquidation payment and the operation closed officially in the summer of 1961.

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