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The following directives were issued to a section of the pro-Cominform Communist Party of Trieste during the week 16-23 February 1953.

Togliatti Birthday Greetings

1. The signatures of Party members, sympathizers and all democrats will be collected in an album and sent to Palmiro Togliatti, Secretary of the Partito Comunista Italiano (PCI; Italian Communist Party) in honor of his sixtieth birthday.
2. The birthday greeting will contain the following salutation:
 - a. "To you, Comrade Togliatti, beloved chief of the Italian working class, in honor of your sixtieth birthday, our dearest and most sincere wishes for a long life and new victories in the struggle for peace, liberty, and the well-being and independence of Italy."
3. Togliatti is recognized as the head of the Italian working class and a supporter of Marxist-Leninist ideology on an international level. Gifts from cells and sections will be sent to Togliatti as a sign of affectionate gratitude.

Rosenberg Petitions²

4. Every cell should do more to save the Rosenbergs. This section plans to organize delegations to plead for clemency.
5. It is suggested that this pressing problem be discussed in every factory and enterprise.

6. Petitions and telegrams should be sent to the American authorities in Trieste, Rome and Washington.

Washington Comments

1. According to the anonymous letter received by Party members before the Party Congress, this album is of leather, decorated with effigies of Communist martyrs Luigi Frassin and Pino Tomasi, and a gold medal. The letter is reported in CS-5463.
2. For previous information on the Party's line on the Rosenbergs see:

CS-5265, paragraph 9 - a Vidali speech on 27 January 1953;
CS-3636 - section directives on the campaign to save the Rosenbergs;
CS-2730 - Party protests of Rosenberg case;
CS-1710 - refusal of many Party members to sign the clemency petition;
SD-106736* - collection of signatures for the clemency petition; and
SD-101767* - planning a letter of protest.