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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES

Subject: (Captain) Alfredo RIZZO  
(OSS Operative) (3)(3)

On 9 January 1944, Colonel Rudersham (?), Officer in Charge of the OSS, 5th Army, located at San Leuceo (near Caserta) asked this agent if the CIC had means of ~~getting~~ putting a man incommunicado, later referring to one Captain ALFREDO RIZZO, an operative sent to Rome 2 November 1943 on an OSS mission. According to Captain Pacatte, also OSS, RIZZO was a double agent but that there was a very, very strong possibility he was actually acting as a triple agent to the benefit of the Germans. RIZZO had returned to OSS on 7 January, leaving Rome on 5 January. He was sent across the Garigliano River by the Germans in a rubber boat by the Germans, spent a while in S. Andrea di Vallefr, then crossed over into 10 Corps Territory from which he was brought to the OSS at San Leuceo. He left San Leuceo for Naples to visit the OSS office at 106 Via Crispi. While there, he asked Captain Peter Tompkins for an automobile to return to Caserta. Tompkins told him that there was no automobile he could put at his disposition, suggesting that RIZZO wait since he, Tompkins, was returning to Caserta and would take RIZZO with him. RIZZO, however, talked someone out of a car and two chauffeurs, leaving Tompkins office at 1700 on 9 January, some 45 minutes before this agent's conversation with Col Rudersham. A fear was expressed that RIZZO, an extremely intelligent man, had got wind of OSS suspicions of his good faith and then was heading for the front. This agent was asked to wait a half an hour to see if Subject arrived. Subject did arrive and it was decided by Col. Rudersham to handle the matter differently, turning it over to Captain BOURGOIN, OSS, on the following day. Major Spingarn was informed of the above, spoke with Major ROLLER about whether CIC was needed, and on a negative reply Major Spingarn said he would take no further action unless requested by the OSS.

RIZZO was described as a man of 35 years of age, 5'6", dark complexion, thin mustache, black hair, round face and round forehead, has scars on high point of each cheek, the one of the left cheek being more pronounced and about the size of a pea; speaks with many gestures; his English is characterized by strong accent; speaks French German and Italian well; formerly in an Italian Parachute battalion but is wearing GI clothes with the Italian Parachute insignia, a pair of wings in gold with a parachute superimposed, pinned on the left breast pocket; carries a pass from the OSS authorizing him to wear the uniform.

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