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To : Colonel Earle B. Nichols (Personal)  
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Subject : Interrogation Report of LHOPELLIER Jean  
Francis • BIANCHI • BAZIN

1. Attached interrogation prepared by our Milan unit, of the a/n enemy agent who took part in the attack on our agent CAESAR.

2. The report admirably demonstrates the difficulties met by our Milan Unit in sealing-off Subject despite which, however, it is clear that the CAESAR project was not compromised.

3. Subject has since been brought to RCME where he is presently lodged in Regina Coeli prison under his alias 'BIANCHI'. Subject's fear of discovery by French authorities led him to request for continued use of his alias without prompting.

4. It is recommended that Subject's removal to an interment camp be facilitated and expedited as much as possible.

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Subject: Interrogation Report of LHOTELLIER, Jean Francis,  
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A. Preamble:

1. On 23 June 45 Subject was turned over to SCI/Unit/Z MILAN in agreement with IV Corps CIC, and IV Corps G-2. Subject was sealed off in the only place available, - the San Vittore jail in MILAN. This was done in accordance with cabled instructions received on 14 June 1945 from SCI Unit Z, Rome. As LHOTELLIER was put in jail by IV Corps CIC under the name of BIANCHI, it was felt that for the time being he was safe, as the prison authorities had him in isolation. At the time it was impossible to do any more, as there was not enough OSS personnel, and particularly American personnel in SCI Unit Z, Milan, to handle the affair properly. This lack of personnel was further and seriously aggravated by the curtailment of CIC activities in this area.

2. The matter of the leakage to the French will be taken up in greater detail in other communications. Here it will suffice to state that the French are causing a great deal of trouble in general. In this case, it developed that they, as regards the jail, spend their evenings interrogating prisoners of other agencies. Eventually they reached BIANCHI, as explained below.

B. Personal Details:

- 3. a) Name: *H* LHOTELLIER, Jean Francis, *B* BIANCHI, *B* BAZIN
- b) Born: *-DPB* 4/27/23 at ST. BRIAC sur MER, ILE et VILAINE, France
- c) Parents: di Francis and di Marie Emile DAGORNE
- d) Address: *B* 114 bis VAUGIRARD, PARIS Vieme:
- e) Languages: French, little English, German, Italian.
- f) Profession: Student
- g) Marital Status: Single
- h) Description: Tall; dark brown hair; brown eyes; oval face; rosy complexion; 76 kgs; medium.

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*Alleged German agent  
contains Interrogation report*

C. Early Activities:

4. Oct. 1939 to June 1940, Subject attended the Aviation OCS ST. CHARLES at ST. BRIEUC.

5. In July of 1940 Subject tried to reach the British Isles but was seen and stopped by the Germans and forced to return to ST. BRIEUC, where he remained until October of that year.

6. Early in October 1940 Subject went to RENNES to continue studies at the Aviation School.

7. In July 1941 Subject returned to ST. BRIAC for a vacation.

8. In October 1941 Subject entered the Merchant Marine OCS as the Aviation course was suppressed. The school was located at PAIMPOL and later in PARIS. Subject states that he attended this school until July 1943, after which time he attended the FACULTE des DROITS de PARIS.

D. Political Activities during the above Period:

9. Before 1942 Subject was of no particular political faith. In June of 1942 he joined the R.N.P. (Rassemblement National Populaire) of Marcel DEAT. In October of the same year he joined the M.S.R. (Mouvement Social Revolutionnaire) a party formed by a schism in the R.N.P.

10. In June of 1943 he was enrolled in the newspaper GERBE, with offices in Rue des Pyramides, PARIS, II or IIIeme.

E. Arrival in Germany:

11. After attempting to reach his parents in BRETAGNE and failing due to lack of transportation, Subject went to Germany in August 1944. One of the reasons for his leaving was fear of the F.T.P. (Francs Tireurs Partisans).

12. In September Subject found himself at STRASBOURG. Here he went to the SD for a residence permit. This was given to him as a political refugee. The Germans proposed that he enter a Sabotage and Espionage unit but Subject refused.

13. In STRASBOURG Subject met an Oblt. SCHNEIDER, of an unidentified unit, who made him a travel permit for BADEN BADEN under the protection of the Wehrmacht.

14. At BADEN BADEN Subject stayed at the Hotel NEST and the Hotel GOLLNEKREUZ.

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F. Subject joins the French Voluntary Corps:

15. About the end of Dec. 1944 Subject met a friend Gaetan DU BOT who was a Lt. in the French Voluntary Corps (anti-communist Section). This unit was formed in France by Maj. (now General) BESSONRAPP. This unit also carried out political functions. Subject was enrolled in this unit and, a short while later, was given the rank of Aspirante. He was assigned to the handling of propaganda of recruiting.

16. At the end of March, Subject went to NIEDERHALFINGEN (Wurtemberg). As a result of the Allied advance, the unit moved to WEIDEN, on the Czech border. After ten or fifteen days, the unit moved toward Italy. Subject went with a detachment to Italy.

17. At BOLZANO, BESSONRAPP decided to disband the detachment. Subject joined the Italian Partisans with the following six friends:

DU BOT, Gaetan  
HARCAUT, Jean  
GUIHARD, Pierre  
BRICARD, Alain  
SOULIER, Rene  
TAMBOURIN, Claude

G. Activities in Italy:

18. Early in May Subject met in BOLZANO Henri TURRO, whom he had known in BADEN BADEN in October, 1944. With TURRO he met a Jacques MARTI. Subject was able to get both of them furnished with a Partisan identity card. Subject remained at BOLZANO for some time with the persons above-mentioned in para. 17. About 9 May Subject and DU BOT, HARCAUT, GUIHARD, TURRO, and MARTI, went to MILAN with a travel permit issued by the Partisan commander of BOLZANO.

19. TURRO remained at BERGAMO, as he was afflicted with tuberculosis, and was put in a sanitarium.

H. The GARRETTE Affair:

20. TURRO was a member of the PPF (French Popular Party of Dorriot). He had been a member of the SS but had deserted. As a result he was put in a concentration camp near BERLIN, where he contracted tuberculosis. He managed to escape and join the PPF. Later he joined with MARTI a unit of the SD, led by Jose GARRETTE. MARTI and TURRO accused GARRETTE of having abandoned them in France, and of having abandoned them to their fate before the approaching French forces near MERZBURG.

MARTI and TURRO had decided to seek vengeance on GARRETTE.

21. Subject knew that GARRETTE was in contact with Americans, something he was anxious to do himself. MARTI stated that he did not care if GARRETTE was in contact with the Americans, as GARRETTE was an individual who had abandoned his friends when they had served their purpose. He also stated that he doubted that GARRETTE would do anything worth while with the Americans, and that he, MARTI, would seek to have contact with the Americans in South Italy, as the father of his girl friend was President of the International Red Cross. MARTI, who was a vindictive person, had firmly decided to teach GARRETTE a lesson.

I. Plans for the Attack on GARRETTE:

22. Subject and MARTI would see GARRETTE from time to time in MILAN. (Subject met GARRETTE in MILAN for the first time.) One day MARTI asked Subject to go with him to beat up GARRETTE and his friend JACQUES. Subject said he did not want to be mixed up in the affair, so MARTI went to HARCAUT. HARCAUT agreed to go with him instead of Subject. (In MILAN, HARCAUT used the cover name MARGUET.) In this attack on GARRETTE, MARTI had the approval of other former members of GARRETTE's SD Unit who had also been abandoned by the latter. These people would instigate MARTI to seek vengeance but did not want to take part in the attack themselves. HARCAUT and MARTI both bought themselves a club (matraque).

23. Subject agreed to go along with them as he was their friend, but stated that he did not wish to take part in the affair.

J. The Attack:

24. On the 31st of May at about 2100 hours, Subject and HARCAUT went to the Albergo Commercio to find GARRETTE. They had a friendly chat with GARRETTE for about a half an hour in his room. Suddenly Subject, who was standing by the window looking out, heard scuffling and shouts behind him. He turned and saw JACQUES, his face all bloody, kneeling on his bed and being beaten by HARCAUT. At the same time MARTI attacked GARRETTE. GARRETTE resisted and a struggle ensued.

25. Subject, panic-stricken, and in great fear of being arrested in the room, fled. GARRETTE, with blood all over his face, screamed from the window. A crowd in the street below, saw Subject run and gave chase. Subject pretended to be armed, menacingly holding his hand in his pocket, but to no avail, as he was quickly seized and arrested. Shortly after he was seized he saw MARTI and HARCAUT humbly walk out of the hotel.

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K. Units through which LHOTELLIER Passed after his Arrest:

26. Interrogated by the Questura of MILAN, 31 May, 1945. (Commisario del Duomo).
27. Transferred to the Military Police, 2 June 1945.
28. Transferred to San Vittore jail and interrogated by two Americans in civilian clothes, 3 June 1945. (CIC).
29. 4 June interrogated by same two Americans.
30. Again interrogated on 6 June by same Americans.

L. Contact with the DSM:

31. Subject was placed in the San Vittore jail under the name of BIANCHI. BIANCHI, who was not informed of this new name, told the jail staff his real name.

32. About 10 June, a certain LULLU of the Deuxieme Bureau (later sent to France to accompany a load of prisoners), told Subject that the prison authorities had told his headquarters of his real identity. He brought Subject cigarettes.

33. As Subject remembers, LULLU asked the following questions:

- How long have you know GARRETTE?
- What contact does GARRETTE have with the Americans?
- Where is GARRETTE?
- With whom were you when you came to Italy?
- Which Americans are interrogating you?
- What have you done in Germany?

The above questions were asked over a period of two or three days. Subject states he gave negative answers to all.

34. On 13 June a French second lieutenant (believed identified by SCI/Z/Milan as a member of DSM) interrogated Subject again with the following questions:

- What is your real identity?
- What have you done in Germany?
- What relations have you had with GARRETTE?
- Where is he?
- Do you know the members of his group who are in jail here? (San Vittore jail, Milan).
- With what American service is GARRETTE in contact?

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Do you know BURTON, Bernard and TREMBLAY,  
both Frenchmen, who were in contact  
with GARRETTE?

(These two, members of the SD, were arrested  
in MILAN at the beginning of May).

In conclusion the French lieutenant stated that he was going to  
have LHOTELLIER transferred to French disposition, and that if  
Subject would enable them to find GARRETTE, he would be freed.  
Subject states that he again gave negative answers.

35. On 22 June, the same French officer and another, Le  
CABOSSEUR, aka BOSSELEUR aka BATTANT, aka JOE, spoke to Subject  
from the cell window, and asked the following questions:

What is your name?

LHOTELLIER

Liar! Liar!

If you say so.

Your name is GEORGES. I am the only one who knows  
your identity. Your chief is D'ARCANGE. I  
have sent your description to France and they  
are sending me your photo tomorrow. If it is  
you I will have you put in isolation.

Anything you say, chum!

36. A few days later the same officer asked the following  
questions:

Come, come, here is an occasion for you to clear  
yourself. Who is your chief? He is here,  
under what name is he hiding?

I don't know anyone here.

Of course he is here, upstairs. Upstairs is  
WERNER, under what name?

I don't know to whom you are referring.

You are doing wrong in not taking this chance  
to get yourself out of here.

M. Comments:

37. Arrangements are being made to send Subject to ROME.  
It is not believed that he has told the full truth in regard to  
his past activities.

38. Subject does not know where GARRETTE is at present.

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39. According to him he is in great fear of falling into French hands.

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APPENDIX "A"

Personalities:

1. LEHOTELLIER, Jean-Francis  
    © BLANCHI © BAZIN

Born 4/27/23 in ST. BRIAC s/Mer -  
Ile et Vilaine, France; father,  
Francis; mother, Marie Emilie DAGORNE;  
French; residing no 114 bis, Vaugirard,  
PARIS Vieme. Student; bachelor;  
speaks a little English and German.  
Brown eyes; brown-black hair; 22 years  
old; oval face; rosy complexion;  
regular build; ht.: 1.79 m; wt.: 86 kgs.  
Military preparation in St. Briaud  
(Côte-du-Nord, France); 71eme Regt.  
Infantry, district of St. Briauc.

2. GARRETTE, José

Born in Nimes (?); French; residing  
in Nimes (?); married; speaks Spanish;  
black eyes; black varnished hair; 30-35  
years; oval face; brown-red complexion;  
regular build; 1.80 m; black moustache  
(Clark Gable type). During the  
German occupation of France he was  
in one unit of the SD. MARTY and  
TURRO were with him in this unit.

3. AVRON (?) Jacques

Born in Nimes or Montpellier (?).  
Black eyes; black hair; 28-30 years  
old; round face; brown complexion;  
strong build; ht.: 1.81 m; Clark  
Gable moustache. Intimate friend  
of GARRETTE and MERCADIER.

4. MERCADIER

Alias (?); speaks English; blue eyes;  
fair hair; 25 years; oval face; clear  
complexion; regular build; ht.: 1.75m;  
intimate friend of GARRETTE and  
AVRON.

5. MARTY, Jacques  
    © PIERRE

CIT. FRANCE  
Born in TUNISIA. French. Speaks  
Arabic, black eyes; black hair;  
24 years; oval face; dull complexion;  
slight build; ht.: 1.74 m.

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*allegedly joined a SD unit  
led by José Garrette employed by a W.I.S.  
as a O/A. Cited in Hotelier's, your interrogation  
report*

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3) Allegedly German agent cited in Jean Hotelliers  
interrogation report

6. ~~TURRO, Henri~~

~~CIT: France~~

~~DOB - c. 1922~~

<sup>POB</sup>  
Born in North Africa (?) perhaps Tunisia. French. Speaks Arabic. Blue eyes; black-brown hair; 23 years old; round face; clear complexion; slight build; ht.: 1.74 m.

7. ~~TAMBOURIN, Claude~~

~~CIT: France? DOB - c. 1926~~

<sup>POB</sup>  
Born in Paris (?). Eyes, brown-black; black hair; 19 yrs old; oval face; clear complexion; slight build; ht.: 1.82 m.

8. ~~SOURIER, René~~

~~CIT: France DOB - c. 1926~~

<sup>POB</sup>  
Born in Paris (?). Blue eyes; fair-red hair; 19-20 years; oval face; clear complexion; regular build; ht.: 1.70 m.

9. ~~BRICARD, Alain~~

~~DOB - c. 1926~~

~~CIT: France?~~

Blue eyes; hair, fair; 19 years; oval face; dull complexion; regular build; ht.: 1.80 m.

10. ~~DU BOT, Gaston~~

~~CIT: France~~

<sup>DOB</sup> <sup>CIT</sup> <sup>POB</sup> <sup>France</sup>  
Born 1921 (?) in RENNES (Ile et Vilains). French. Residing D'Antrin (street) (?), Rennes, France. Student, bachelor. Speaks very good French and English and German. Brown eyes; black hair; 24 (?) years; oval face; rosy complexion; slight build; ht.: 1.75 m (?). Voluntary in French Army in 1940 - Artillerie Coloniale de Campagne - Field Colonial Artillery, District of Rennes.

11. ~~GUTHARD, Pierre~~

~~CIT: France~~

~~DOB - c. 1924~~

<sup>POB</sup>  
Born in the Ile et Vilaine (France). French. Residing in the Ile et Vilaine. Brown eyes (?); brown hair; 20-21 years; oval face; clear complexion; slight build; height 1.74 m; in the Légion Française Contre le Bolchevisme - French Legation Against Bolshevism.

12. ~~MARCAUT, Jean~~

~~ARCOT & MARGUET~~

~~CIT: France~~

~~DOB - c. 1921~~

<sup>POB</sup>  
Born in the Landes (?) South France. French. Residing in Landes (?). Adjutant-Master (Sgt) Bachelor. Speaks German. Brown eyes; black hair; 24 years; round face; brown complexion; regular build; 1.75 m.

Subject: Interrogation Report of LHOPELLIER, Jean Francis,  
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1. Following is interrogation report on above  
Subject, as conducted and written by CIC, IV Corps:

LHOPELLIER, Jean Francis di Francis. Born 27 April 1923  
at St. Briac-sur-Mer (Brittany). Alias BAZIN, Paul.

"Was arrested on 31 May 1945 by Italian police after  
he, MARTI, Jacques or Pierre, and MARGAIT, Jean, had gone to  
the residence of three other Frenchmen and assaulted GARRETTE.  
The latter three Frenchmen, names unknown, were flown to ROME,  
escorted by Mr. M.G. Natirbov, OSS, SI, on 3 June 1945.

"Subject spent most of his life as a student, his  
studies including naval studies. In September 1944, he left  
STRASBOURG and went to BADEN-BADEN, where he claims to have  
lived as a political refugee because of his anti-Communism  
feelings. At the end of December 1944, he joined a French  
formation in Germany which was part of the C.V.F. (Corps of  
French Volunteers). Subject claims this unit was never in  
the lines and stayed in an old castle at NIEDERHOFFENGEN  
until March 1945, when the unit went to PLEYSTEIN. At PLEY-  
STEIN, General BESSONRAPP, the commander of the C.V.F., told  
them they were going to Italy. They went through WEIDEN,  
REGENSBURG, INGOLSTADT, AUGSBURG and INNSBRUCK. In early  
April, the unit passed through the Brenner on the way to  
BOLZANO, and it was here that BESSONRAPP dismissed them all  
and told them to go back to France by any means possible.

"Subject, with several others, left BOLZANO for  
TURIN, from where they hoped to go to France. However,  
they stopped several times in order to visit towns along the  
way. Only two others of the group, MARTI and MARGAIT, stayed  
in MILAN, and those two left town immediately after the incident  
mentioned above. Subject claims that he figured in no organiza-  
tion of any sort here in Italy and was simply trying to get back  
to France. He also denies any knowledge of why the other three  
Frenchmen were assaulted. Subject admits being there at the time,  
but claims that he did not participate.

"Subject is presently in custody at San Vittore  
prison, MILAN."

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