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DETAILED INTERROGATION REPORT ON SS STURMBANNFUEHRER HUEGEL Dr Klaus and SS UNTERSTURMFUEHRER SEGNA Dr Walter.

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This report, which is in response to a memorandum from SCI/Unit Z/FLORENCE, contains information on Countess Novella di SAVORGNANI, nee CECHET, alias PETROVIC.

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1. SOURCES

A. HUEGEL

(a) Personal Details

Name	:	HUEGEL (Dr) Klaus	<i>Dr Klaus Huegel</i>
Alias	:	None (map)	
Rank	:	(SS) Sturmabfuhrer	<i>POB Austria</i>
Unit	:	Abt VI B.d.S. ITALIEN	<i>cit Austria</i>
Id No.	:	Not known	
F.P. No.	:	13563	
SS No.	:	111815	
Party No.	:	3,407,445	
Home address	:	BREGENZ, Schloss Wolfurt, Austria	
Secret No.	:	M.45/546	
Interrogated	:	CSDIC, CMF 30 May 45.	

(b) History and Career to include *GIS activities also*  
*GIS agent from reliable info.*

of CSDIC/CMF/SD 2 and 3, para. 1 b

(c) Assessment

of CSDIC/CMF/SD 2 para 1 c.

Reliability : Good

(Interrogated by H.H.)

*re Counters novelle di Savognani*  
*an alleged GIS agent on*  
*CSDIC/CMF/SD 2 + 3 for*  
*History and Career,*

B. SEGNA

(a) Personal Details

Name	:	SEGNA, Dr Walter	<i>cit Germany (Nationalized)</i>
Alias	:	None (map)	
Rank	:	(SS) Untersturmfuehrer	
Unit	:	B.d.S. ITALIEN (L.O. to Fascist Party)	
Id. No.	:	SS Ausb. Alt KONITZ 11991	
F.P. No.	:	13563	
S.S. No.	:	None	
Party No.	:	None	
Home address	:	COLLELBO RENON, BOLZANO, Italy	
Captured	:	28 Apr 45, MILAN	
Secret No.	:	M.45/605	
Interrogated	:	CSDIC, CMF, 30 May 45.	

(b) History and Career

Source was born on 10 Nov 08 at MEZZO LOMBARDO (South TYROL). *Italy*  
After secondary education up to the age of 17 at STEINACH and BOLZANO he  
studied law for four years at PAVIA and TURIN universities. From Nov 31  
to May 32 he did military training as an officer cadet at MONCAGLIERI  
(nr TURIN), and from Feb 33 to Sep 33 served as 2/Lt with 91 Inf Regt in  
TURIN.

From end 1933 to 1938 he practised as a solicitor at BOLZANO and  
in 1938 - 39 at SILVADRO (SCHLONDERS). In Oct 39 he opted for German  
nationality and was employed in 1940 as a civilian with the A.D.E.R.S.T.  
(S. TYROL Resettlement Bureau). This placed him in a reserved  
occupation.

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In Apr 42 Source was ordered to report to 102/103 Wilhelmstrasse, BERLIN, and was enrolled in Abt III of the SD, after a fortnight in BERLIN he was posted to The HAGUE.

In HOLLAND Source served under HERSTER, B.d.S. HOLLAND, chiefly in Referat IIIA (Legal affairs). On 3 Sep 43 HERSTER received orders to proceed to ITALY and PW accompanied him as adjutant and interpreter. In ITALY he organized the C.BLANCA training school for Italian recruits who were to be used as SD guards.

Up to Feb 43 Source was a civilian, but on that date he was given the rank of SS Untersturmfuehrer.

From 1 Jan 45 until his capture Source was L.O. to the Fascist Party in MILAN.

*gave reliable info re Countess Novella di Savorgnan*  
(c) Assessment *an alleged G.I.S agent and in East 1 zone*

PW is a South Tyrolean who has been cured by events of his leanings towards the Reich. He is intelligent and observant and gave information willingly.

Reliability : Good  
(cf : CSDIC/SC/15.G/SD 1)

*info on Fascist groups & G.I.S agents in Northern Italy*

(Interrogated by H.H.)

2. COUNTESS NOVELLA DI SAVORGNANI

(a) Career

SAVORGNANI is believed by Sources to be of Italian birth but Slovene race. She was an illegitimate child and was brought up by her half-brother, who was much older than herself, as his "daughter". She married the Count di SAVORGNANI when seventeen years old, but the marriage was an unhappy one. Her half-brother and her only child were killed in an allied air attack on TRIESTE in about Apr 44.

(b) Contact with G.I.S.

Neither Source know in what circumstances SAVORGNANI had first contacted the G.I.S. Her name was first mentioned to HUEGEL as a possible agent for an "IDA" mission by Sturmbannfuehrer WOLF, the special RSIL representative sent to ITALY to organize post-occupational networks (cf CSDIC/C.F/SD 3 para 2), but Sources did not know how WOLF had met her.

(c) Visit to VERONA in Jan 45.

(Ref CSDIC/SC/15.G/SD 1 para 34)

HUEGEL stated that SAVORGNANI undertook this visit on her own initiative. She presented herself at HUEGEL's private rooms one evening, introduced herself, and offered her services to the G.I.S., stating that she did not believe that she was sufficiently trusted by the SD at TRIESTE. On the following day HUEGEL referred her to SEGNI, and when the latter left shortly afterwards for CERNOBBIO HUEGEL suggested that he should take her with him, SEGNI states that he subsequently kept her at CERNOBBIO less because he had any intention of employing her as an agent than because he was attracted by her and she had become his mistress.

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(d) Other connections

(Information provided by SEGNA)

SEGNA believed, from conversations held with SAVORGNANI, that her true allegiance was to the Yugoslav Royalist cause, and that she was working directly for DJUJIC (spelt GIJIUJC in CSDIC/SC/15AG/SD 1), leader of the Serb CHETNIKS in Northern JUGOSLAVIA.

As far as SAVORGNANI's contact with the S.I.C. through the persons of SAURO and COLUSSI (cf CSDIC/SC/15AG/SD 1 para 38) was concerned, SEGNA stated that she told him that she had received from SAURO the task of keeping a watch on Gauleiter RAINER's Slovene policy, and that to carry out this task she cultivated the friendship of Dr JOHANNES, Abteilungsleiter on RAINER's staff at TRIESTE.

SEGNA believed that SAVORGNANI's connection with the Communists in the "Comitato di Liberazione Nazionale" at TRIESTE (cf CSDIC/SC/15 AG/SD 1 para 35) was formed by her for the purpose of supplying DJUJIC with information. He stated however that she regarded VITOLLOVIC as an idealist and an honourable man, and that he had once shielded her against an allegation made by the communists that she was working for the Germans or Fascists. Her only other communist contact known to SEGNA (by name only) was a Serb or Slovene girl with the cover name of SOKOLIZA.

SEGNA could add no further information concerning SAVORGNANI's relations with FUMAI (cf CSDIC/SC/15AG/SD 1 paras 36-37), but stated that in this case too she was seeking information on behalf of DJUJIC.

(e) The attempt to contact the Allies through DJUJIC

Cf CSDIC/SC/15AG/SD 1 para <sup>corrected</sup>

At the end of March 45 SEGNA suggested to the B.d.S., SS Gruppenfuehrer Dr HARSTER, that SAVORGNANI might be used to establish contact with the Allies through DJUJIC. SAVORGNANI was therefore sent to TRIESTE, whence she returned with the information contained in the a/n para. DJUJIC believed that an Allied landing in the TRIESTE area was imminent, and the patriarch GAVRILLO's projected mission to contact Yugoslav Royalist circles in ENGLAND was connected with this belief. DJUJIC had also told SAVORGNANI that she was at liberty to contact Allied agents should the opportunity occur. It was at about this time that he gave her the identity card in the name of PETROVIC. SEGNA wished to send SAVORGNANI back to TRIESTE to learn of the result of GAVRILLO's mission, but the collapse in Northern ITALY came before he was able to do this. He received no more information on GAVRILLO's mission.

(f) Dr MAURO

SEGNA could add little to the information contained in CSDIC/SC/15AG/SD 1 para 44. He stated that to the best of his knowledge MAURO was not working for any Intelligence Service, neither was his visit to CERNOBBIO occasioned by political motives.

(g) Summing-up.

(i) SAVORGNANI's allegiance

HUEGEL know no more of SAVORGNANI than is stated in paras 2h and o above. After referring her to SEGNA he had no further connections with her.

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SEGN. stated that she was of Yugoslav Royalist sympathies; that she worked directly for DJUJIC; that his own connection with her was mainly one of intimacy; that she carried out no work for the G.I.S., and that in his opinion her reason for getting into touch with it was purely to obtain information for DJUJIC; and that he believed that her connections with other Secret Services (see para 2d above) were formed for the same reason.

(ii) Contacts

HUEGEL knew of no contacts.  
Those known to SEGN. were :

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CSDIC/RC/  
15AG/SD  
for more  
details  
info.*

G.I.S.

- SS Sturmbannfuhrer WOLF
- ✓ Dr JOHANNES.

CHEJNIKS

- DJUJIC
- Communists at TRIESTE

- ✓ VITOLIOVIC
- "SOKOLIZA"

S.I.C.

- ✓ SAURO
- ✓ COLUSSI

: Son of the irridentist "martyr" of TRIESTE executed by the Austrians.

Prince BORGHESE

- ✓ FUMAI

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