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SUBJECT: ITALY - Cominform Intelligence Net in Italy  
Composed Of German Nationals. *A Italy*

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

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The following information was obtained from an Austrian businessman who recently visited Italy. According to Source 10/6369, this information was received in August from a contact in the Italian Intelligence Service. Evaluation of Source: "3" (usually reliable) of Subsource: "7" (reliability cannot be judged) of Information: "6" (truth cannot be judged).

The Italian Intelligence Service has recently learned of a Cominform espionage net-work operating in Italy and composed of the following German nationals:

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1) *see*  
~~W. G. LIPKAU~~ - Chief of the net-work. LIPKAU is a correspondent who resides in the Villa MONTICELLO on the Island of Capri. He appears to have a great deal of money which he spends lavishly. During the German Occupation of Rome, he worked as a journalist in Rome and participated at all the German Embassy Press Conferences. From time to time, he receives German members of his net-work at his home in Capri. Italian Intelligence is positive that he received several Soviet - Russians who came directly from Russia and left immediately after an interview with him. During the war he held the rank of Captain in the "Wehrmacht". He has a brother who went to Syria some time ago with an International Red Cross passport. LIPKAU reportedly is preparing to make an extended visit to Syria in the near future.

2) ~~Dr. KLAASER~~ - He is the second-in-command of the network. He resides in Rome at 16 Vicolo della Pace. He is Jewish and is a native of Vienna, Austria. During the war, he worked with the Nazi SS Command in Rome (SD, Office III; Chief was Major Dr. DEMITRIEFF). At the present time he is a correspondent for the NSS - Agency in Rome. He is considered a specialist on articles against the Vatican. Some time ago, KLAASER was sentenced to prison by an Italian court for:

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blackmail. While he was in prison, he sent a letter to Bishop NUZZI (fnu) declaring: "If you do not help me now, I shall tell many things about you and your activities to the Russians the moment they arrive here".

D.  
3) BERNARDI, (fnu) - A lawyer who is a known collaborator of Dr. GLASSER. Believed to be an Italian and member of the Italian Communist Party.

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4) MICHAELI, (fnu) - A correspondent residing in Rome. During the war, he was a member of the "Wehrmacht". He deserted and was sentenced to death by the German Military Authorities.

In connection with Dr. GLASSER, Source states that he instructed one of his operatives to contact and offer his collaboration to Dr. GLASSER. The latter apparently accepted the operative's offer and promised to pay him several hundred thousand lire for the following information:

T r a n s l a t i o n .

- a) Which of the more important German personalities go to Syria? Ex-Wehrmacht, SS, Engineers? What economic circles do they frequent? What are their living conditions?
- b) Who are already in Syria? Who returns? Why do they return?
- c) What Nazi organizations exist in Northern Italy?
- d) Which circles help the Germans who are now in Italy? Where are the Germans mostly concentrated?
- e) Which emigration institutions are especially partial to Germans? What activity is the Croat ( DEAGANOVIC ) engaged in?
- f) Which clerical institutions help?
- g) What leading Nazis reside in Rome? Where do they live? On what do they live?

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FILE CHECK:

A check of Sub Detachment files revealed no additional information of the abovementioned personalities.

Source: 10/6369  
Subsource: as indicated.

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