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COMMENT:

The so-called Jewish Association in Milan, visited by numbers of Jews from all Europe, may unwittingly play host to Soviet agents amongst these refugees, but is apparently meeting with difficulty in persuading Jews to emigrate, since many prefer to remain in Italy and become Black Marketeers.

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SUBJECT: Jewish Escape Routes to Palestine

1. A great number of Jews from all countries call at the Jewish Association headquarters, at No. 5, Via Unione, Milan. They are being sent to southern Italy, from where they are clandestinely transported to Palestine. It has not been possible to ascertain whether there are Soviet agents among them. The only activity of these Jews is the smuggling of various kinds of goods, and especially foreign currency, most of which is counterfeit. The majority of Jews show antipathy towards the Russians, because of the Communists' denouncement of the illegal traffic carried on by them.

2. It has been ascertained that a group of Jewish soldiers of the British 8th Army, billeted at a barracks located in Via Cantu, No. 1 (or No. 3), Milan, are supplying civilian Jews with arms bought at Breda and Berretta factories. These arms are being sent to Palestine.

3. It is believed that the executives of the Jewish Association are meeting with considerable difficulty in persuading Jews to go to Palestine, inasmuch as the latter prefer to remain in Italy and carry on their illicit trafficking.

4. Julius FLEISCHMANN was one of the chief executives of the Jewish Association at Milan. He is the son of Guido FLEISCHMANN and Hennio FESSU KAM, and was born on 3 July 1894 at Vienna. He is an Italian subject, and a clerk by profession. He lived for some time at the "Albergo Monforte", Corso Indipendenza No. 5, Milan. He left the hotel at the beginning of 1946, and his whereabouts are unknown.

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