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11 September 1945

To: SAINT, DHI  
From: SAINT, BBS *BB 8*  
Subject: Guido ZIMMER, CO, Abt VI, AKO Milan

1. Attached herewith a copy of a report received from SCI/Z Milan on Subject and his activities in Milan.

2. "Walter", who is mentioned at paragraph 14 of the attached, is probably identical with the "Walther" of our JEX-597 of 10 August 1945.

3. ZIMMER has become the CI "ghost" of this theater, just escaping our unit's net in Milan and having equal success in Rome. He is evidently receiving protection from some high AFHQ quarter on the basis of his contribution to the Sunrise operation.

4. SCI/Z Milan has been considerably exercised by the sloppiness with which the case has been handled and the apparent "claming-up" which takes place when straight questions are asked.

5. We, for our part, see no particular reason why ZIMMER should be treated any differently from General WOLFF, who as you know was placed at the disposition of CSDIC here and thoroughly exploited before being moved to Nuremberg for the War Crimes trials. ZIMMER, in our estimation, should be given at least a complete tactical interrogation on Abt VI activities in the Milan area, details of which, from all available evidence, he knows thoroughly.

6. Major ~~ERDWIRM~~, OSS Liaison Officer to AFHQ, is being asked to clarify the whole affair at Caserta.

Attachment: Report

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cc: SAINT LONDON  
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SUBJECT: The Case of Guido ZIMMER, Obersturmfuhrer  
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1. Around the middle of September 1944, a group of SS members took over Villa Luzzati in Via Marengo. They were connected with the persecution of Jews and the sequestration of their property. The staff was as follows:

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- ~~SAEVEKE~~, Capt. (ARRESTED)
- ~~KOK~~ (ARRESTED)
- ~~STIM~~ Radio Operator
- ~~HOFFENBOCK~~ Ernesto (from Innsbruck) Interpreter
- ~~RIZZI~~ (Killed by Partisans)

2. Mr. LUZZATI's staff remained in the villa to take care of the Germans and were as follows: BATTISTA, the portiere with his wife, a housekeeper by the name of Signora MIZI (Austrian) who also was employed as interpreter, and TERESA, TIM's maid.

3. SAEVEKE's group was responsible for the arrest of many Jews and their families in Milan and its environs and for the sequestration of their property and that of partisans, etc. The villa was filled with loot, which was brought from every part of the country: works of art, jewels, silverware (even that taken from synagogues), and which was sent to Germany regularly. The villa had a W/T set on the top floor. During the day, the Germans worked at the San Vittore Prison.

4. In April 1944, the interpreter HOFFENBOCK made a private bid for an apartment in a house on Via Cimarsa 22 (which then belonged to a man called LEVI) for an SS officer who was expected from Genoa. An agreement was reached between the owner of the house and Lt. BAUMGARTNER, who was in charge of administration at the Albergo Regina in Milan, through the interpreter RIZZI.

5. In early May 1944, Dr. Guido ZIMMER arrived with a German secretary and took over the apartment. All the inhabitants of Villa Luzzati came to call on him. According to Genovese Jews, who had escaped and who were living at the time in the same villa at Via Cimarsa 22, ZIMMER's work in Genoa had consisted of spying on and tracking down Jews.

6. In Milan, on the other hand, ZIMMER's work seemed to progress along other lines. Although he had an SS office and acted as head of the police, he began to conduct private deals, on the side, with Italians, trafficking in goods, and made a great deal of money, which enabled him to live in luxury.

7. Except for a few times when ZIMMER's wife, Caterina, and child were staying at the villa, the place was

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filled with women, both German and Italian. One of ZIMMER's mistresses was a Dutch woman, Giaklin FOTZ, who appeared to work for the Germans. It is believed that she can now be located at her villa on the Lake of Fusiano. *cd*

8. One of ZIMMER's collaborators was Baron PARRILI (the brother-in-law of Count POSS, living in Corso Monforte 50). Another was Carletto ROSSI, Via Degli Arditi 39. ZAMBELLI was in charge of obtaining food and other things. *cd*

9. ZIMMER also worked on the repatriation of Italians who had been interned in Germany but he only occupied himself with cases concerning members of wealthy families.

10. ZIMMER also made connections with a group of Partisans, as he had saved Col. MINETTI of the Gruppo D'Annunzio from death.

11. In early June, the second floor of the house was occupied by Capt. SAEVEKE, the director of the San Vittore Jail. SAEVEKE furnished the house completely with furniture taken from the apartment of Signora Wanda MALVEZZI, Via Anelli 4, a partisan who had been arrested the end of May 1944.

12. In early November 1944, the third floor of the villa was occupied by two members of the SS: Dott. FLASCHETTI, whose parents lived in Sicily and whose wife and child were in Merano, and Kuck BRUCKNER, who lived in Como. They assisted ZIMMER in his trafficking in stolen goods. *cd*

13. In January 1945, the partnership between the three men came to an end. This was probably as a result of ZIMMER's starting to save his skin by contacting partisans and even American elements.

14. In early April 1945, ZIMMER got rid of his friends and, as sole occupant of the third floor, had an American by the name of WALTER, with a transmitting set, live with him. WALTER was visited off and on by another of his compatriots and remained hidden there until he escaped to Switzerland, via Ponte Chiasso on 16 April, in a car driven by a certain AROSIO from Cernobbio. *wk 20/4/45  
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OSS agent  
Walter*

15. ZIMMER left for Switzerland two days earlier, that is on the 14th of April, in an Aprilia Bonacchi sport model of dark blue with dark blue upholstery and license plate: MI 42-108. He is also believed to have crossed the border at Ponte Chiasso.

16. On 26 April, there still remained in the apartment: IMEI (or INESI), a German of the SS, and Rosa CAPPELLI, ZIMMER's maid who was very fond of her master and who is, at the moment, in the San Vittore jail. *cd*

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17. \* DSI destroyed all of ZIMMER's documents on 23 and 24 April and, on the 28th, went to the Albergo Regina. CAPPELLI, who remained behind, said that she was responsible for the three apartments of which she held the keys, and that she had been told to wait for ZIMMER's return. He also said that a certain Col. MINETTI, of the Gruppo D'Annunzio would take over the apartment and make all the arrangements when he arrived, with the Allies, according to CAPPELLI. MINETTI, when asked what his connections with ZIMMER were, said that he had had no dealings with him but that he owed him a debt of gratitude.

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APPENDIX 'A' : Documents and Notes Found in the Via Cimara 22  
Villa

- No. 1 : Travel Permit in the name of Signa ROSSI
- No. 2 : Statement by ZIMMER re. a certain BOVIQ (?),  
not better identified, a member of the SD.
- No. 3 : Shorthand notes containing various names and  
addresses of Germans and Italians who worked  
for the Italian Police and the SS. (Source  
considers this might be valuable in tracking  
down SD agents.)
- No. 4 : Letter of Mission from Hqs. 1st A.S.T.F. U.S.  
Army, signed by Capt. Jones. Letter is on  
white paper dated 1945 (possibly this letter  
belonged to WALTER, the American.)
- No. 5 : Notes on an envelope:  
a. The name Avv. MANCINI (this might be  
identical with Signora PETACCI's lover who  
lives in Corso del Littorio and who might be  
connected with ZIMMER in political deals.  
b. Visiting card of Comm. Riccardo MEYER  
c. Visiting card of Dott. Maurizio BASSI.  
Lt. Col. in the Infantry. BASSI had  
a propaganda office in Como and furnished the  
Marino MARINI Squadron with propaganda material  
for Southern Italy.
- No. 6 : Private letters from Mrs. ZIMMER to her husband.
- No. 7 : Receipts and notes, of commercial deals. From  
this, one gathers that ZIMMER was engaged in  
commercial activities as well as political ones.
- No. 8 : Map of France, 1:100,000 scale, of the area of  
LUNSVILLE-EPINAL.

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## APPENDIX 'B' : People who had Dealings with ZIMMER

## People with whom ZIMMER dealt financially:

PARRILI Baron : Brother-in-law of Count POSS.  
 ROSSI Carletto : Continental-Scambi, Via Degli  
 Arditi 39

## SS members who engaged in trafficking with ZIMMER:

FIASCHETTI Dott. : Probably from Merano  
 BRUCKNER Kucki : Living in Como

## Miscellaneous People:

DMEI or DMEI - *Linney* : Of the SS, worked as secretary.  
 CAPELLI Rosa : At San Vittore Jail. Is be-  
 lieved to know a great deal.  
 \* CASPERINI Elio : ZIMMER's driver. Living at  
 Via Ausonia 16.  
*ad* ANDREA Sign. : Married to a German woman.  
 SZOLYOMI : Drove around in a car with a  
 Diplomatic (CD) license. Is  
 known at the Garage S. Babina.  
 Has another car which is  
 probably still in Italy, pos-  
 sibly at the same garage with  
 a radio, unpainted left mud-  
 guard, FIAT 1500, with license  
 plate: MI-25325.