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1. Two partisan brigades have been formed recently in Gorizia and are expected to be used as an eventual fifth column. The first brigade is under the command of Albino Marvia, son of Antonio, born in Gorizia on 10 February 1908 and there residing in Via Rastello #14. He was a Major in the Spanish Loyalist Army and is now a Colonel on the Yugoslav General Staff. He was absent for about 16 years and returned to Gorizia in May 1945. The second brigade is under the command of Cirillo Budihna, who in turn is under the command of Marvia. Budihna is the son of Pietro Budihna and was born in Montespino on 26 February 1893. He lives in Gorizia in Via Veneto #45 and is a grocer by profession.
2. The total strength of the two brigades should not be more than 250 men. This number is expected to increase shortly as numerous Yugoslav soldiers, residing in the Gorizia area, are being demobilized and are expected to join these brigades.
3. The centers of these brigades are in Montespino, Fogliano, and S. Andrea. In S. Andrea there have recently been some night disturbances. The men were armed with either pistols or with guns and sub-machine guns. Their meeting place was half way between S. Andrea and Savonza, along the Isonzo River.

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