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- SOURCE: Paragraphs 1-2: A fairly reliable individual with excellent contacts in the pro-Cominform Communist Party of Trieste (C). Appraisal of Content: 3.
- Paragraph 3: A fairly reliable individual with good contacts in the pro-Cominform Federazione Gioventu Comunisti in Trieste (C). Appraisal of Content: 3.
- Paragraph 4: A fairly reliable individual with excellent contacts in leftist journalistic circles in Trieste (C). Appraisal of Content: 3.
1. On 12 January 1953, a section of the pro-Cominform Communist Party of Trieste issued the following directives:
 - a. Calls will engage in all kinds of propaganda to save Julius and Ethel Rosenberg from the electric chair.
 - b. The signatures of various groups will be collected, such as family or mother organizations, pioneer groups, work shops and factories.
 - c. The lecture by Isabella Vidali and Esono Tomina on 16 January 1953 in the Kralich Popular Culture Club should be given wide preliminary publicity among Party members.
 2. On 13 January the political secretary of a section of the Party addressed a high level section meeting of important section leaders, political secretaries of cells and a select number of paid activists. His remarks are summarized below.
 - a. It is your duty to be less lethargic toward the Rosenberg case. The Rosenbergs have been condemned to a horrible death by an American court martial simply because they are suspected of being spies. No concrete proof against them exists. The lecture to be given by Isabella Vidali on the case had to be suspended on 12 January because so few members appeared. It has, however, been re-scheduled for 16 January.

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- b. Invitations to attend the lecture have been printed and they should receive as wide a distribution as possible. Collections should be made to pay for telegrams to be dispatched to the United States. The section will do its utmost to assist in furthering all measures to aid the Rosenbergs. Everyone must get behind this project. If everyone does not do his best to save the Rosenbergs, he will be somewhat responsible for their death.
- 3. On 13-14 January a signature collecting campaign was launched in an area largely under the influence of the Federazione Gioventu Comunista (FGC; Communist Youth Federation). The statement on the letterhead read approximately as follows: "To the retiring President of the United States: We request the release of the Rosenbergs. In doing this, we believe you will be doing not an act of charity but of justice." The petition was signed several times by the same Party members.
- 4. The Unione delle Donne Democratiche (UDD; Union of Democratic Women) had a petition form printed. Party newspapermen were also asked to collect signatures.

Washington Comment: See CS-2730 and the reports it references for previous information on Party protests of the Rosenberg case.