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Memo: PIRA-542

22 April 1947

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114. SUBJECT : Interrogation Report of Alberto and Auguste ^{Ind. Index} ASIANI
Suspect GIS Collaborators

DATE OF INFO.: 29 March 1947

SOURCE : Genoa

EVALUATION : C-3

1. Forwarded herewith are interrogation reports of Subjects who were suspected of collaboration with the GIS in Monte Carlo and Liguria Province.
2. Olga MAIER in HENNEMAN, SD agent who caused the small town of Molini di Trionra to be burned down and who brought about the deaths of many partisans in Imperia Province; escaped from confinement in Como where she was being held by the Questura pending her transfer to Genoa for interrogation.
3. Inasmuch as Carlo PARODI and Carlo BERTONE (formerly of Bordighera) cannot be located, only a summary interrogation was conducted until the re-apprehension of HENNEMAN and the location of the other sources.
4. Subjects were not detained after interrogation.

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I. Biographical Data:

1. Names:	ASIANI Alberto, born 15 Feb. 1905 Augusto, born 17 Feb. 1906
Nationality:	Italian
Residence:	Bordighera, Villa Giola
Education:	High school
Occupation:	Employee in gambling clubs
Foreign languages known:	Italian and French
Father:	Lodovico, resident in Bordighera
Mother:	Teresa SASSI, housewife
Sister:	Maria, 43 years old, married to the lawyer Gino VOTA, resident in Bordighera
Sister:	Angela, 42 years old, unmarried.
Son :	Cristiano. Son of Augusto ASIANI, widower.
Description Alberto:	1.72 m high; tall figure; brown hair; slightly grey at temples; brown eyes; oval face, without mustache.
Description Augusto:	1.70 m high; tall figure; brown hair and eyes; oval face; without mustache, frontal baldheadedness.

II. Past Activity:

2. Born in Bordighera, Subjects remained there only for three years and then moved with their parents to Monaco, France where they lived at 17 Boulevard Prince Pierre. They attended the elementary and high school here. After school, Subjects assisted their parents in the wine and liquor business. They continued this activity until 1936, then they both went to Venice where they were assumed in the Casino, Alberto as cashier and Augusto as a croupier. They remained in Venice until the outbreak of war when the Casino was closed.
3. Subjects, being sons of Italian citizens residing abroad, were never called for military service neither in Italy nor in France, although all the members of their family remained Italian nationals. After the Casino in Venice had been closed, the brothers ASIANI remained there at 27 Via Dardanelli. They were joined by their parents who came to Italy in 1939 and by their sister Angela. Living with them also was Signora Susanne DOULON, wife of Augusto who died in Monte Carlo in 1943 of a pulmonary disease. The family remained in Venice for about a year and then moved to Bordighera, first to Villa Rondinella, and then to Villa Giola where they are still living today. Subjects remained in Bordighera until March 1944.

III. Employed by the "ToDT" in Monte Carlo:

4. After the armistice of 8 September 1943, the brothers ASIANI remained in Bordighera with their parents and their sister Angela, doing business in wines and liquors. Following the dispositions regarding compulsory labor set up by the Germans, they received at least three notices to report to District Headquarters to be recruited for compulsory labor service.
5. Through a certain Vittorio SPADONI, from Monaco, residing in Monte Carlo, who had connections with an Italian firm working for the "ToDT" and who was a former Director of the Venice Casino, the ASIANI brothers succeeded in obtaining a letter in which it was stated that they were working for the Organisation "ToDT". Actually, the brothers did not work with the "ToDT"; but sometimes they drove SPADONI's car which had a permit issued by the "ToDT". SPADONI occasionally came to Italy together with the ASIANI brothers. On other occasions he loaned his car to the elder brother Alberto who came alone to Bordighera and then returned to France.
6. In about April 1944, SS agents from Imperia came to ASIANI house asking for both Subjects. The ASIANI being in Monte Carlo, the Germans searched the house and looted wines, liquors, foodstuffs, clothing, etc., amounting to about one and a half million lire. When they were informed of what had happened, the two brothers came to Bordighera where they made the acquaintance of the German citizen HEINEMANN.

7. Mrs. HENNEMANN herself had called on the ASIANI family saying that she had learned what had happened and that she could have intervened with the object of getting back the things which had been taken. According to Subjects, nobody called for her but she offered her help spontaneously, perhaps because she was a neighbor of ASIANI. Mrs. HENNEMANN went to Genoa where she called on the "Casa dello Students" together with ASIANI's sister Angela. Here they spoke to a German officer who said the whole thing had been a mistake and that the goods would be returned to them. As had been agreed upon, their sister Angela came back to the "Casa dello Students" after two weeks where she was given a trunk which, however, contained only a minimum of what had been removed. Mrs. HENNEMANN did not ask for anything in compensation for her intervention, nor did she have other relations with the ASIANI brothers later.

IV. Nice Internment:

8. When the Allies landed on the Southern French coast, Subjects refused to go to Italy. A few days after the arrival of the Allies, on 2 September 1944 Subjects were arrested by the French and sent to an internment camp in Nice. With nearly all the Italians resident in that zone, they were interrogated on their past life and activity in favor of the Nazi-Fascists. They remained in the camp until February 26, 1945. When they were released from the camp, they went to stay with their uncle, Giovanni SASSI, living at Beausoleil (Monaco). They remained here until the end of the war.

V. Return to Italy:

9. In early May 1945 the ASIANI brothers returned to Italy crossing the Italian-French border clandestinely. In Bordighera they found their parents and their sister Angela and thus settled down there again. After less than 20 days following their return to Italy, the two ASIANI brothers were again arrested, this time by the local Carabinieri upon the written denunciation of two anonymous individuals who charged them with collaboration with the Germans. They were kept in custody for about 25 days. Then, the charges against them appearing to be unfounded, they were set free.
10. After they were released by the Italian authorities, the ASIANI brothers went to Alassio where they worked in the Casino, Alberto as Director and Augusto as Inspector. They remained there until early July and then went to Sorrento (Naples) where the "Golfo di Napoli" Society intended opening a gambling club which, however, failed to obtain the necessary permit. Therefore, they returned to Bordighera where they remained without doing anything until the day in which they were arrested on account of SCI.

VI. Miscellaneous:

11. Under direct questioning Subjects made the following declarations which are quoted herewith:

"During our stay in Monte Carlo, we naturally met many people, also because we lived there for more than 20 years. Among the people we knew were the following:

- a. SABATIER
- b. CORTI, taxi driver
- c. VOHRINGER, German citizen who at a certain time was the secretary of a businessman dealing in flowers.
- d. WELBACHER, other German, known by sight.
- e. ANSEIMI, Italian citizen, resident in Monte Carlo where he ran an agency for the sale of auto-pullman tickets.
- f. NERI, Italian citizen, resident in Monaco and also known by sight.

"We knew several other people but cannot remember their names.

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"We cannot say anything with regard to those who worked for the Germans, as we never took an interest in politics. We only know WEILBACHER and VOHRINGER worked for the Germans, first because they were citizens of that nation and secondly because they were always seen together with Germans. What they did exactly and what duties were assigned to them, is unknown by us.

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