


54. The evidence of facts as given in the foregoing part of this report indicates clearly that ANTONUCCI was left here in the guise of a civilian (each witness will say that he was in civilian dress) to obtain information of military value to the Germans.
55. He has maintained that he had no intention of carrying out any part of the mission, but his action in assigning GIANNINI to certain tasks obviously connected with the espionage activities of several groups of German agents, including the collation of information from the groups, renders it unmistakably clear that ANTONUCCI had every intention of carrying out his work for the Germans to the full. In addition, his letter to Signora ASCHIERI is conclusive evidence in itself of his sentiments and his intentions in that connection.
56. In his own statements to Lieutenant PATERNI, ANTONUCCI has, unwittingly, corroborated the evidence of GIANNINI to a very great extent, by giving particulars of personalities to be contacted in Bari, Naples and Volturmo, which tally with those supplied by the prosecution witness. It is significant that, during the course of his statement to Lieutenant PATERNI, ANTONUCCI has made no mention of GIANNINI. There seems no doubt that the story which ANTONUCCI told was based upon his own assumption that the Allied officers who arrested him were only in possession of the general facts of his connection with German Intelligence, which, on his own admission, he thought they had obtained through ASCHIERI Franco, his former friend, when the latter was arrested.
57. It is considered that very little further comment is necessary in this case. There seems to be complete evidence that ANTONUCCI was left here for the "clandestine" purpose of obtaining information of military value to the enemy and that he intended to impart such information to them. Therefore, he is clearly a "spy" within the definition of Article 2, Chapter 29 of the Hague Convention. It is suggested that he be charged under Proclamation 2, Article 1, Paragraph 1 - "serving the enemy as a spy".
58. No signed statements of witnesses are available, but the full evidence which they will be able to give is contained in this report.
59. Ugo D'ESPOSITO, mentioned in this report, has been arrested at Piuggi and will be dealt with separately.

  
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