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MEMORANDUM.

To Mr. A.W. DULLES

From G.M.

Ignatio Silone asks that the following information should not be circulated, but he hoped that his complaint might bring results.

He spoke very bitterly about John McCaffery (Assistant Press Attaché, British Legation, Bern). It seems that McCaffery used the Socialist courier, Pellegrini of the Libera Stampa, by bribing him and thus induced him to carry directives to the Italian terrorist organization "Figaretti". The messages were uncyphered by Silone and contained directives for sinking submarines, etc., and to carry out a number of sabotage acts.

Silone inferred that after having been taken to task by him, McCaffery revenged himself by causing the arrest of Silone. It seems that McCaffery is constantly getting into trouble and trying to lie himself out of it. Also, according to Silone, McCaffery tells all to the papal nuncio Bernardini, whence the information is carried to the Vatican and thence becomes available to the Fascists.

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