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Montana, New York.

PSI adverse separatism Sicily as elsewhere but favours maximum autonomy within framework future Italian federal republic. Considera Finocchiaro Aprile movement Vendée stratagem aiming save latifondi.

Luzzato, London.

Badoglio government manoeuvring seriously against PSI. Some leaders illegal organisation arrested executed, reformist ex-deputies released. Aiming wean PSI, now strongest opposition party, from present position hostile war and military-monarchical dictatorship. Help me avert this danger. If possible repeat in Italian programme "cosa vogliamo", already accepted by PSI; give ample quotations our last resolution on situation. Police measures consequent my last year's arrest force me remain anonymous; but avoiding personal terms and polemics with old deputies, you may announce new spirit new men at head of PSI.

Luzzato, London

Apparent from your telegrams you are unclear what forces at grips in Italy and even ignorant of facts sent you by me through British legation in about fifty communications from July 1941 to December 1942. Am certain this correspondence reached London because have been queried sometimes from there on specific points. ^{al} ^{London} ~~Our correspondence intercepted by transmitting office. Continental regimes apparently have no monopoly these methods. Unable transmit information our party which might be used against us.~~ PSI has central committee Italy and political secretariat abroad consisting me plus some technical elements. I endeavoured stimulate home centre independent political action, but situation hitherto adverse this plan. Have been in perfect agreement with home centre on every question last two years.

Luzzato, London

Replying your message 6th August. 1) Removal from Sicily leading antifascists necessitated urgent replacement. Montana probably going from New York with instructions from me. North Italy doesn't need emigrants now, nor, probably, later. 2) Incomprehensible to me why I should come London. 3) Action Party amalgam Liberals under Salvatorelli plus remains Republican Party plus remains GI plus other remains. Fairly strong but colouring varies according town: Giolittian in Turin. Don't trust appeals La Stampa of Turin: Salvatorelli departed elsewhere not responsible. 4) Democratic-Christian party invention British propaganda lasted three days. Naturally millions Italians Catholic-atheists, and in Rome there's De Gasperi, future head of future party, but party doesn't exist yet. 5) Movement proletarian unity for Socialist republic led by ex-deputies Viotto D'Aragona Dugoni, plus some friends Nenni, plus some communists, plus some Liberals. Half already joined PSI, other half shortly joining PCI. 6) PCI continuing its tactical virtuosity; hasn't yet taken up position against monarchy; its paper La Risposta appealed king "to listen people's cry etc" 7) Count Sforza's influence waning in Italy. Piece of luck for antifascism Pacciardis legion didn't come off. Ditto Alexander's remarks re emigrants.