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The Man from the Mountains

He would like to get a cable through to southern Italy inquiring who represents his Party in the Opposition Party Committee at Naples. He would also like to find out whether these people are actively aiding our troops, because if so he would like to give them names of trustworthy friends in his home region which is now just behind the lines, with the suggestion that they could parachute instructions or materials, or men, down to these friends for the purpose of aiding in the fighting.

However he points out that this would have to be a purely Party undertaking all round, except to the extent that the Military would sponsor it.

He says, Maffi, son of Matteotti, in a valley near Genoa is starting a new Party called the Independent Communists. It is really more Leftist-Socialist. He suggests that this be not talked about too much.

He has given up the plan of sending his people to the Maquis because of the forthcoming weather, and especially because the families they leave behind fear reprisals. He is therefore concentrating on organized sabotage in the cities.

Since the Workers' Committees in the factories were left intact by Mussolini the workers are so strong that the Germans hesitate to punish sabotage by wholesale arrests or executions. Usually the Germans simply post threatening announcements instead of taking energetic action.

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