

bed of the dried-up lake and then sells it to the Italian Government. It is the junction of a railway line south to Naples.

He has sent an agent to Trieste with a message that his people should cooperate with growing partisan bands in the neighborhood of Gerlitz (Goerz in German).

He has ten workers who are employed in Switzerland that he has been priming for trips to Italy and he is wondering whether the time has come to use them. I told him that the Germans were pretty well tied down by sabotage to their communications and that things were undoubtedly farther advanced in northern Italy than we have heard on the radio.

Our friend says that his organized cells are strongest in Genoa, Savona, and Spezia where they are capable of sabotaging every public utility.

He wishes we would let our military know that among their Italian prisoners in Calabria there must be many of the opposition leaders who were seized in the northern cities recently and slapped into the army. He thinks these should not only be released but sent north in a submarine to continue their work. He especially recommends Angelo Piatti from Genoa, technician in the San Giorgio factory, since he is the man who organized the cells in all that region, has the right contacts, and can do more damage than anybody else.

Our friend seemed a little more cheerful today.

I enclose a cable he wishes sent to SFOZZA.

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