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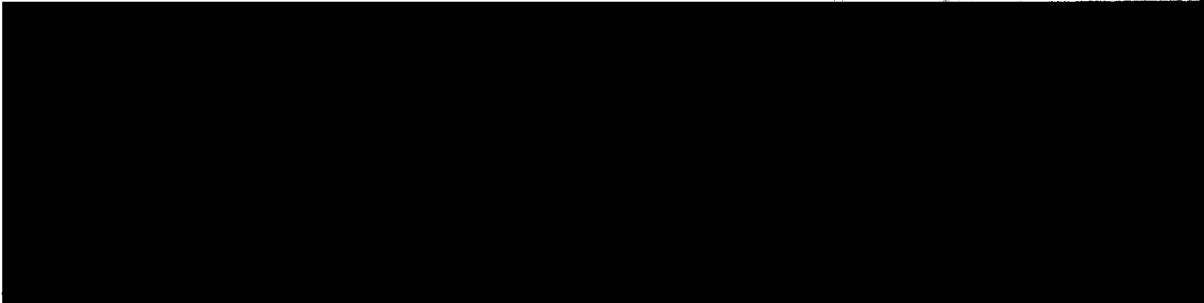
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1. Para-Military Organization in the City of Reggio Emilia; Leadership and City Sectors. The city of Reggio Emilia has been divided by the PCI into the following six sectors.

- a. Sector I, outlined by Via Emilia Santo Stefano, Viale Timavo, to the intersection of Piazza Duca d'Aosta, Piazza Brenone, Via Panciroli, Via Guido da Castello, to the intersection with Via Emilia S. Stefano;
- b. Sector II, outlined by Via Emilia, Via Guido da Castello, Via Panciroli, Porta Brenone, Viale Timavo, Piazzale Diaz, Via Ariosto, Largo XXIV Maggio, Piazza Fontanesi, Via San Carlo, Via Toschi, and Via Guidelli to its intersection with Via Emilia;
- c. Sector III, outlined by Via Emilia San Pietro, Via Guidelli, Via Toschi, Via San Carlo, Piazza Fontanesi, Largo XXIV Maggio, Via Ariosto, Piazzale Diaz, Viale dei Mills, and Piazza Tricolore to its intersection with Via Emilia San Pietro;
- d. Sector IV, outlined by Via Emilia San Pietro, Piazza Tricolore, Viale Piave, Piazza Duca degli Abruzzi, and Via Roma to its intersection with Via Emilia San Pietro;
- e. Sector V, outlined by Via Roma, Via Duca degli Abruzzi, Viale Isonzo, Viale Allegri, Via Monzermone to its intersection with Via Roma; and
- f. Sector VI, outlined by Via Monzermone, Viale Allegri, Viale Isonzo, Piazza Duca d'Aosta, and Via Emilia Santo Stefano to its intersection with Via Monzermone.

2. The Military headquarters are located as follows:

- a. Central Headquarters are in Sector II in the municipal building where the Municipal Policy Headquarters are now.
- b. GAP Headquarters are in Sector VI in the Chamber of Labor Headquarters, located next door to the Carabinieri Group Headquarters. [REDACTED]  
Comment. GAP may stand for either Gruppi Azione Partigiana (Partisan Action Groups) or Gruppi Arma Proletaria (Proletarian Armed Groups).

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- c. "First Action" Squad Headquarters are in Sector IV where the firemen are located, on Via delle Carceri.
  - d. Saboteurs and Eliminators Headquarters are in the Le Reggiane Officine Meccaniche Italiane.
3. Each sector has its own military headquarters. These are located as follows:
- a. Sector I, Questura Building on Corso Garibaldi;
  - b. Sector II, offices of the Timo concern on Via Prevostura;
  - c. Sector III, offices of the Ente Mutualità on Via Fontanelli;
  - d. Sector IV, the Communist cell of S. Croce Città on Vicolo Venezia;
  - e. Sector V, offices of the Provincial Cooperative Federation on Via Sessi; and
  - f. Sector VI, offices of the Federterra on Via Mazzini.
4. The sector commanders are:
- a. Emore Silingardi, wa. Mario, Commander of Sector I, employed by the Reggio Emilia Previdenza Sociale (Social Welfare Office);
  - b. Bruno Veneziani, wa. Oscar, commander of Sector II, director of the Reggio Emilia prisons since 25 April 1945.
  - c. Aldo Ferretti, wa. Tascanino, commander of Sector III, employed by the local PCI Federation;
  - d. Spartaco Coconcelli, wa. Demos, commander of Sector V, employed by the local PCI Federation;
  - e. Reclus Malaguti, wa. Benassi, commander of Sector V, a prominent leaders of the Reggio Emilia Chamber of Labor; and
  - f. Fausto Pattaccini, wa. Sintoni, commander of Sector VI, vice-secretary of the Reggio Emilia provincial organization of the Associazione Nazionale Partigiani d'Italia (ANPI) (National Association of Italian Partisans) and secretary of the ANPI organization for the city of Reggio Emilia.
5. Other commands are headed by the following persons:
- a. Didino Ferrari, wa. Eros, commander for Reggio Emilia and secretary of the ANPI organization for the city of Reggio Emilia;
  - b. Fausto Pattaccini (see paragraph 4), commander of the GAP;
  - c. Spartaco Coconcelli (see paragraph 4), commander of Saboteurs and Eliminators;

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- d. Aldo Ferretti (see paragraph 4), commander of First Action Squads;
  - e. Reclus Malaguti (see paragraph 4), commander of the Assault units; and
  - f. Emore Silingardi (see paragraph 4), commander of the Workers Battalions.
6. Strength of Para-military Formations and Organization of Units. The City of Reggio Emilia alone has 3,450 Communists organized for military action, and armed with hand grenades and small automatic weapons. They are organized as follows:
- a. The Reggiani mechanical shops, 3,000 men organized in Assault Units and Workers Battalions;
  - b. The Lombardini mechanical shops, 200 men organized in the "First Action" Squads;
  - c. GAP, 150 men; and
  - d. Eliminators and Saboteurs, 100 men.
7. The Communist plan for the occupation of the city of Reggio Emilia also includes the zone of Castellarano, Casalgrande, Sassuolo, and Fiorano which lies between the towns of Reggio and Modena. This zone has a Communist brigade called Costrignano. It has a strength of 300 men armed with hand grenades and small automatic arms. This brigade is autonomous. It is commanded by Waldo Magnani who is substituting for Domenico Braglia, known as "Piccolo Padre", who is in hiding because there is a warrant for his arrest.
8. Action groups are being organized on the outskirts of the city. Their strength is estimated to be about 150 men each. They are under the command of the men listed below, who, in turn, are responsible to Didimo Ferrari, wa. Eros:
- a. Egidio Delsante ) Commanders of one of these groups; members of the  
Emilio Balestrazzi ) GAP; and residents of S. Ilario D'Enza.
  - b. Angiolini Bottazzi, wa. Giulia ) Commanders of one of these groups; members  
Emore Lemmi, wa. Sbafl ) of the GAP; and residents of Bibbiano.
  - c. Giuseppe Calisti, wa. Vecio ) Commander of one of these groups and resi-  
dent of Piazzola di Bibbiano.
9. The other towns of the province of Reggio Emilia are also organized militarily. They are, however, not included in the above outline. There is a note added on to the military plan of the city of Reggio Emilia which states specifically that for each of the other cities of the province the PCI has drawn up an individual plan of action designed for the occupation and garrisoning of each

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city by the local Communist forces. This note further states that, in case of emergency, all logistic services for the city and province of Reggio Emilia must be directed by Mario Ferrari, wa. Marius, former partisan commander, who is now employed by a trucking cooperative.

10. It is reported that there are large stores of gasoline hidden in the Reggiane plant. The arms were formerly hidden in air raid shelters. After the April elections they were removed to hiding places in the mountains.

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