Memo/Reply From
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TO: Walter Murphy

OSS in Vatican -- Your novel.

This is probably in the category of making coals to Newcastle, but here are some possibly pertinent notes:

Peter Hoffmann's "History of the German Resistance" documents Father Leiber's role & some other interesting details

BF Smith + E. Agarossi on "Operation Sunrise" updates Allen Dulles own account. This event has already inspired some "fiction": T. Wiseman — Day Before Sunrise.

— (Bodyguard of Lies)

Anthony Cave Brown also makes a number of references to Vatican roles, and is fairly meticulous about documentation.

P.S. I told you I was a WW2 history buff!

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Brown has also edited a related (and surely incomplete) "Secret War Report of the OSS" (Berkeley Medallion paperback). His chapter on the Italian Resistance may have some interest.

The possible role of the Vatican in Badoglio's accession ('43) and in Kesselring's withdrawal from Rome and open-city declaration (June '44) has, since the events, intrigued me — and is conspicuously un-mentioned in the histories I know.

How are you going to follow a spy in the Vatican during W.W. 2 without getting into some very contentious history? I look forward ...

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