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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION.-

SUBJECT : Albania.

From a reliable confidential source, the following information originating in Albania was brought to this Agent:

1. Three assault Brigades, the 7th, 8th and 21st arrived in the ELBASAN District in the direction of the BERAT-IOANINA line on the Greek-Albanian frontier. The exact location of these Brigades is unknown, but they must be located in the GINOCASTRA-PERMETI region.
2. The Staff of the 1st Brigade of the "National Defense Division", including the Second Battalion of the 1st Brigade transferred from BERAT to KORCA.
3. The road from BICAJ to PISKOPEJA is being finished in great haste. The roads from FUKI-KUKUS to PRIZREN and the DEBARPISKOPEJA-DRAC roads are being improved to accommodate motor traffic. Most of the workers have been recruited from Albanian Youth Organizations similar to Tito's "UDAKNICKE" youth workers brigades. The Yugoslav Youth leader from KOSOVO, one SALI BANUS addressed these young workers.
4. HODZA has stated that the Albanian people is the most sincere Ally of the Yugoslav Federated Democracy. In exchanges of good will envoys between the two countries the Albanian State Chorus toured Yugoslavia, visiting Belgrade, Zagreb, Ljubljana, Sarajevo, Bled, Abbazia, Fiume and the Dalmatian coast. The tour was sponsored by USSR propaganda offices in a drive aimed towards good Yugoslav-Albanian relations.
5. Sea traffic between Yugoslavia and Albania has been re-established. The "KNIN" and "ZVARDAR" make weekly trips from Yugoslavia to DRAC, VALONA, and SANTI QUARANTA.
6. The Albanian Ministry of Construction has announced the completion of 33 bridges totalling 2426 meters at the end of September 1946. The materials used vary, but it is stated that

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all the bridges are able to support over 70 tons. The attached newspaper clippings illustrate some of the more important bridges.

a. Picture #1 shows the initial stages in the construction of the bridge near KUCIT over the SEMENI river.

b. Picture #2 shows the bridge near MBROSTAR built from old Italian hangar materiel.

c. Pictures #3 and #4 show the bridge near RAGOZES over the SKUMBA river. Construction of this bridge took 6 months. The bridge is 200 meters long. It was built on iron tubing. Its construction was ordered by the Minister of Construction SPIRA KOLEKA and the engineer was GIAVOLINO GIADRI. A similar bridge was built up near PENKOVES.

d. Picture #5 is the same bridge near KUCIT(a) in its finishing stages.

e. Picture # 6 shows the bridge over the river KIRIT.

f. Picture #7 shows the bridge at PENKOVES as in (c).

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