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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION.-

SUBJECT: Activities of Albanian Organizations in Italy.

1. A confidential source, usually reliable, stated that the Albanian organization **BALLE KOMBETARE** has been active in Italy. Its members are Albanian expatriates or refugees, and its main office is located in Rome. The following personalities have been listed by the same source as its most important officials:

a) Mitat Frasheri, b) Leo Kurti, c) Ismail Shefa, d) Hysni Jenisheri, e) Don Zef Shestani, f) Quasim Prodani, g) Hasan Kazazi, h) Salyddin Dino, i) Nexid Dibra, j) Faton Gashi, k) Hagim Leka, l) Vasil Andoni, m) Nexhad Fishkopje, n) Kadri Cadrani, o) Eqrem Pishkopje, p) Nurredin Vlora, q) Shasnivan Alie, r) Koco Muka.

2. The recognized chief of this organization is **MITAT FRASHERI**, who often travels between Rome and the Camp for Albanian Refugees of Reggio Emilia. Subject is a former important official of the **KLIK** organization, that ruled Albania from 1921 till the end of 1923. When King Zog came to power, Subject was Albanian Minister at Athens, but he resigned soon afterwards, as he did not want to collaborate with the new ruler. He retired from the political scene and bought a little book shop in Tirana, under the assumed name of Lumo **SKENDO**. He is still known in Albania under this name. When the Italians occupied Albania, he immediately joined the opposition and left Tirana with a few friends, taking to the woods in the region of **MATI**, where he formed an anti-Italian provisional Government. He collaborated with the Germans, but he was definitely hostile to all Albanians who had collaborated with Italy, and he hindered in every way Italian patriots who relied on the **BALLI KOMBETARE TO FIGHT** against the Nazis. After the Germans pulled out of Albania, the greatest part of these nazi collaborationists fled from the country and **MITAT FRASHERI**, together with some countrymen of his, sailed for Bari on a small German sailing boat. When he arrived in Italy he was interned with his comrades at Carbonara, in the vicinity of Bari, and from there he was sent to the internment camp of **TERNI** with the ex-albanian representative **ALI KOLOYRA**. After having been released by the Allies, he has been spending his time spreading anti-Italian propaganda among Albanian refugees in Italy. His editorials, published by the Albanian Magazine "**FLAMURI**" are definitely anti-Italian. His body guard is a young fellow named **Hasni ALIKO**, who goes around armed, to protect his boss from possible attacks. **HASNI ALIKO** does not have a regular permit to carry weapons.

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3. LEO KURTI, a catholic from Scutari, Albania, was in the Albanian Foreign Office during the period when King ZOG was in power. He was also Albanian Minister in London. Apparently pro-English, but only for personal interests. He requested from the British Government permission to go to London to visit King ZOG, but his request was turned down by the Allies. He is regarded in BALLI KOMBETARE circles as a possible foreign Minister, although Albanian political circles do not consider him as an important figure in the political scene of their country.

4. HYSNI JENISHERI is an agronomist and a professor at the Agrarian school of KAVAJA. He has not participated in an active way in the political struggle in which his country has been involved, but he became an ardent member of the BALLI KOMBETARE for his strong anti-Italian feelings. Subject participated in robberies and black-mailing operations against civilians, with the flimsy excuse that he was serving a patriotic cause; funds obtained by such illegal means were to be spent in anti-Italian propaganda, but were actually spent by Subject to have a good time in Italy.

5. ISMAIL SHEFA is originally from LUSHNJA, Musakia Province. He has always been in business, dealing in wholesale contracts for sales of fish. He was sole concessionist for the fisheries of Lake TERBUF, Lake KARAVASTA and other Albanian fishing lagoons. He earned important sums of money through his commercial activity, and he is now lavishly spending it in Italy as a political refugee. He has anti-Italian feelings and was spreading communist propaganda among Italian soldiers in Albania.

6. Don ZEF SHESTANI is a catholic priest in a masonic lodge of the BALLI KOMBETARE. A man of limited intelligence, he has been accepted as secretary by a small parish in the periphery of Rome, through the good offices of a Jesuit Father, P. VALENTINI, who has been in Albania for a long time and always honestly helped Albanian political refugees. Father VALENTINI was compelled to leave Rome after a while, as the Vatican did not want to involve itself with a political movement that might have endangered the situation of the catholic clergy in Albania. Don ZEF SHESTANI succeeded however in obtaining important help from the Vatican for the BALLI KOMBETARE. His political figure is insignificant, but he hopes to become Minister for Public Instruction, if his movement succeeds.

7. QUOAZIM PRODANI is a former employee at the Foreign Office in Tirana. He is now in charge of all questions of foreign politics. He is a non-entity, and derives all his prestige from a brother who is Prefect for the Province of PRODANI. He claims to be a guest of the Allies and not of the Italians. He originally is from the province of KORCA and has signed a written request to be transferred to Egypt

with other Mohammedan(Or Islamic) correligionaires.

8. SABYDDIN DINO, originally from DELVINA, is not connected with the aristocratic family of the Bey Dino of Camurja. He claims to be a student in Rome, but he actually spreads propaganda in favor of BALLI KOMBETARE among Albanian elements in Italy, distributing clandestine papers and leaflets. He is a ruthless individual, capable of the worse criminal actions. He has been involved in serious fights and assaults against his countrymen, especially independent nationalists of pro-Italian feelings.

9. NEXHID DIBRA. Originally from DIBRA. He claims to be a college student, but his name does not appear in the registers of any Italian University. He is a violent individual, and a member of a Storm Trooper organization inside the BALLI KOMBETARE which is following the same methods of the german SS. He recently attacked the College students of KOL MANI, and AHMET DERVISHI, who had planned a pro-Italian organization under the sponsorship of the Independent Nationalistic Group of Albanian refugees.

10. HAGHIN LEKA is the son of an Official of the BALLI KOMBETARE now in Jail at TIRANA. He is one of the most ardent anti-Italian college students. Haughty and ruthless, he is considered capable of going to any extent to reach his political objectives.

11. NEXHAD PISHKOPJE, former secretary of the BALLI KOMBETARE section of TIRANA and high school teacher. He is suspected of having committed all kinds of robberies against the populations of of Albania.

12. Eqrem PISHKOPJE, an ardent member of the BALLI KOMBETARE living at the Lido of Rome, where he is spending all the money he stole from Albanian merchants and civilians. He brought important amounts of gold currency from his country.

13. NURREDIN VLORA of the aristocratic family of the Bey of VALONA. Son of FERID Pasha, ex Prime Minister under Sultan Haoudul HAMID. He never participated to the administration of the Albanian state and derives his means of living from his private fortune. A very ambitious individual, he professes to be a true democrat, and he actually is one of the very few Beys that tried to understand the various problems of the common people. After MITAT FRASHERI, he is considered the most important personality of the BALLI KOMBETARE. Subject harbors strong anti-italian feelings.

14. KADRI CARRANI. He is of the most violent and bloodthirsty elements of the BALLI KOMBETARE. The robberies and criminal actions performed by his band are countless. They were reputedly carried out only when the members of the band received personal orders

