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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION.-

SUBJECT: Meeting of two leaders of the Serbian Agrarian Party.

A confidential informant working for this Agent was the third party in a meeting between two Serbian Agrarian Party leaders. The information contained herein is first-hand factual information on what was discussed.

1. On 30 September 1946, Dr. Milos SEKULIC, one of the leaders of the Serbian Agrarian Party, presently residing in London, met lawyer Mane VUKOBRATOVIC, leader of the Serbian Agrarian Party in Italy. Since Dr. SEKULIC was in Switzerland and did not possess the necessary visa to enter Italy, the meeting took place at San Simone, the frontier post near Ponte Chiasso with the consent of the Swiss and the Italian frontier guards on duty at the time at San Simone.

2. Dr. SEKULIC came from London for the conference, representing the Party leader, Milan GAVRIKOVIC. Mr. VUKOBRATOVIC has been Secretary of the Party since pre-war days and lives in Rome, where he is also a member of the Yugoslav Political Committee for Italy. Dr. SEKULIC is at the same time an important member of the International Agrarian Party of Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Rumania, Czechoslovakia, Poland and Hungary. The meeting was based on the orders of the chief of the Serbian Agrarian Party, Dr. Milan GAVRILOVIC, for the formation of a "Green International" to oppose Communism in Europe. The "Green International" would be made up of agrarian workers from Central and Southern Europe.

3. Mr. VUKOBRATOVIC explained to Dr. SEKULIC that the unity of the Royal Yugoslav Army must be maintained along the lines of the pre-war Yugoslav conception. He further stated that the real representative of Gen. MIHAILOVICH in Italy is General Miodrag DAMJANOVICH, who is at present located at Eboli, living practically as a P.O.W., and misunderstood by the Anglo-American Allies. The Allies' mistake is made by not allowing Gen. DAMJANOVICH free movement to organize and control all Royal Yugoslav units located in Italy, Austria, Germany, France etc.

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Mr. VUKOBRATOVIC further stated that he is politically supporting Gen. DAMJANOVICH who is willing to put all of his men at the disposal of the Allies.

4. As Gen. DAMJANOVICH is completely isolated with his staff at Eboli, he is not able to control the activity of many of his officers and men who are collaborating with the Allies as individuals. In this collaboration activity the officers and men make mistakes or commit wrongful acts. The General cannot be held responsible since they were not men he sent, and were never screened by his Headquarters.

5. As to clandestine activity in Yugoslavia, Mr. VUKOBRATOVIC stated ~~that the~~ Agrarian clandestine partisans are under the command of Vidah KOVACEVIC, a young member of the Agrarian Party and one of the closest collaborators of the late General Darja MIHAILOVICH. Mr. VUKOBRATOVIC requested Dr. SEKULIC to intervene with the proper authorities to help withdraw KOVACEVIC from Yugoslavia, in order to avoid further destruction of his organization by the Communists. In the case that KOVACEVIC should be left in Yugoslavia, he should be sent supplies and trained saboteurs to help in the struggle and prevent any success on the part of the Communist punitive expeditions now operating against him.

6. Mr. VUKOBRATOVIC further stated that the clandestine political and military organizations of the Agrarian Party in Yugoslavia were without means. Without Allied help it is therefore impossible to effectively combat the OZNA which possesses all means at its disposition. Dr. SEKULIC agreed and promised to intervene with the competent Authorities in London and Washington to clarify the Party's position and to establish sincere relations with the Allied Governments.

7. Dr. SEKULIC then stated that he was in very close contact with the Peasant Parties of Bulgaria, Poland, Rumania and Czechoslovakia. According to him the Agrarian Party's activity in Hungary under the leadership of Tibor EGHARDT is yielding the best results. The real opposition and sabotage against the Soviets is being made by the Agrarian Parties of Europe. Because they are not allowed to operate openly by the Soviets, a large revolutionary movement has been built up in Soviet-occupied countries. If this peasant activity could be supported by the Western block, any communist expansion in Europe would only meet failure at the hands of the Peasant Party's counter-revolutionary actions. In

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Jugoslavia the central organ for sabotage against Soviets is at present the Serbian Agrarian Party which controls the best armed anti-communist clandestine group. The tragedy is that there is misunderstanding even among the Yugoslavs which reflects badly with the Allies. The Party should follow every Allied wish or command even if it seems against the interests of the Party. Dr. SEKULIC stated that active support should be given to the Royal Yugoslav Army and the Agrarian ideal.

8. Mr. VUKOBRATOVIC then, on instructions from Gen. DAMJANOVICH, exposed the terrible conditions of the Royal Yugoslav Army in Italy. The Army has no rights, pay, food, billets and clothing, and many of the personnel are engaged in shady activities such as black-market, illegal travelling, intelligence work, etc. In order to put an end to such unhealthy activity on the part of the personnel of the Royal Yugoslav Army, and also on the part of the people who are not connected with the Army but who cover their illegal activity by wearing the Yugoslav Army uniform, a very strong control should be set up to deprive those not on duty with the Yugoslav Army of the right to wear the uniform. It is necessary to distinguish between the unauthorized Yugoslavs operating as Yugoslav Military personnel in Italy and those bona fide soldiers on duty with the Allies in Southern and Central Italy where they are replacing units of the departing Polish Army. The real soldiers who fought in the mountains, who were confined in concentration camps and later, after having been liberated by the Allies fought at their side, are being treated worse than German POWs. Except for the food they receive, they have nothing else. Their Commander General DAMJANOVICH is still pro forma commandant of a "U" Overseas POW camp. He cannot move except with special permission and an armed escort. He never utilizes this favor, considering it an offense. Mr. VUKOBRATOVIC declared that such treatment at the hands of the Allies cannot be understood since General DAMJANOVICH is considered at present the commander of the resistance movement in Yugoslavia as well as the commander of the Royal Yugoslav Forces in Italy.

9. The two men then discussed the illegal activity of DJUJIC and JEVDJEVIC, two Chetnik leaders who escaped from Eboli and Terni respectively and who are at present in hiding in Southern Italy. It was decided to warn both to cease their activity or they would be located and turned over to the Allies to be repatriated to Yugoslavia where they would meet sure death.

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10. Dr. SEKULIC then read a letter from mr PREDAVEC of the Croatian Agrarian Party requesting that plans be made to unify the activity of the Serbian Agrarian Party and the Croatian Agrarian Party (HSS) into one unified Yugoslav Agrarian Party.

11. The conclusion of the meeting was the formulation of a plan to initiate closer collaboration of all opposition groups in communist occupied territories. This collaboration should include the Agrarian Parties of Serbia, Croatia, Bulgaria, Poland, Rumania, Czechoslovakia and Hungary. The Allies should be well informed of the activities of the Parties so that in case of open conflict all resistance forces could be unified with the minimum loss of time. All moral and material support should be given to the forces under Gen. DAMJANOVICH who must establish close collaboration with the Allies. He must be ready to always place his troops at the disposition of the Allies.

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