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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION.-

SUBJECT: Yugoslav Commercial Activity.

A confidential informant working for this Agent and who is considered reliable, reported to this Agent that two unidentified Slovenes were in Milan in the latter part of September on a commercial transaction which may have CI possibilities. The information gathered reveals that:

1. Two Slovenes, BREIDER, Ernesto di Enrico and di Juliann ZUKARO, Croatian, born SZEGADIN, 18 January 1897, living in Zagabria, Passport # 635/141, issued at BEVATORI on 4 October 1945 and SKERL, Mariano, di Giovanni and di Genovefa ZERKUMFT, Italian, born in Trieste, 18 April 1908, living in Trieste, "Tessera di Riconoscimento" # 21771, issued in Belgrade on 30 October 1945, arrived in Milan from Trieste and took lodgings at the Hotel Continentale. The two Slovenes contacted a certain CVEJIC alias PETROVICH, age about 32-34, former professional boxer from Belgrade who is living in Milan and San Remo, with the intent of importing into Italy the following items:

- a. 20.382 pieces of fox furs of which
16.332 are of 1st quality
3.550 are of 2nd quality
500 are of 3rd quality
- b. 65.000 tons of cement
- c. 20-30.000 tons of coal.

2. The fox furs above are located in a warehouse in Porto Franco in Trieste having been brought into Italy from Jugoslavia using an old authorization which was not valid.

3. Credit for the above transactions was opened in a Trieste bank by one Willy SINGER, Italian, Piazza Borsa #11/III, who represents the a/n Yugoslavs.

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4. Negotiations here in Milan progressed satisfactorily, although it is not known whether any buyers were found. The interesting angle in the transactions is that the two Slovenes have refused Swiss Francs, American Dollars and/or other foreign currency or merchandise and have insisted on being paid in Italian Lire.

5. The Yugoslavs left for Trieste on 1 October 1946.

CONCLUSIONS.-

It is suspected by this Agent that the two individuals above were representing some clandestine Yugoslav organization with the intent of turning over the Lire to clandestine Yugoslav or Communist organizations for use in Zone "A" and Italy proper. It is suggested that Zone 1 CIC follow up the investigation in their territory. Investigation here is continuing.

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