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SUBJECT: Communist and Yugoslav Activity in the Trieste Area.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

The Communist-TITO Administration at Trieste has the following sections:

1. Economic-Political Section
2. Financial Section
3. Technical Section
4. Cultural Section
5. Propaganda Section
6. Commission for Identification of War Criminals
7. Commission for Establishment of War Booty
8. Commission for Social Welfare

The well-known TITO-Communistic Center at Trieste, Via Carducci #6 has intensified its activities. The number of its agents has increased enormously.

The head of Communistic propaganda on the coast of Venezia-Giulia is a certain Dr. MILICH. His chief collaborator is TURK DANILO (with the Partisan cover-name JOCCO).

It is believed that HRIBERNIK ANTON and his girl-friend TINCA, both on duty at AMG Trieste, are secret agents and OZNA informers.

According to information received from several different sources, the center of Yugoslav propaganda and OZNA for Italy is in the Udine area. The fact is that the illegal staff of IX Corps (Korpus Zveze Primorskih Partizanov) was in this area before the liberation.

KARBA, former owner of a restaurant at Ljubljana, is doing intelligence work for the N.O. (National Committee). His assistants are STAVBENIKA KAVKA and MAVRIC from Ljubljana.

The chief of Primorski Dnevnik, Communist newspaper at Trieste, is HRESKAL, a member of the Communist Part of Yugoslavia.

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Dr. PUC BORIS is the Secretary of P.N.O. (National District Committee). According to recent information the P.N.O. is completely without means. Last month 92 employees were without work. The Committee is aware that its propaganda is not successful and that its demonstrations are not having any effect.

Among the Yugoslav emigration at Trieste there are many of TITO's agents, members of OZNA. Their activity is always the same, namely: contact with Yugoslavia, illegal organization, and keeping in touch with Allied military plans. Two men who are engaged in this activity are Dr. CAMPO PRISTAVEC and HALIK MIRO.

SNELLER ANTON, former manager of T.P.D., actually at Trieste wants to go to a Croatian camp in Italy. At present he is running a small restaurant in Trieste, Via Rivoltella #72. This restaurant is said to be the meeting place of OZNA agents. SNELLER is reported to be an OZNA agent whose duty it is to destroy the National Croatian emigration.

KMET MILAN, the owner of the sport store "Sport Kmet" at Ljubljana, is at Trieste for the urgent needs of UNRRA.

STANOVNIK ACA, the daughter of Dr. JANEZ STANOVNIK, lawyer from Ljubljana, is head of the Yugoslav Agency TANJUG at Trieste.

VENUTI ROZANA, who works in the Travel Order Section of AMG, told some people she had worked for I.S. during the War. Three days ago she stated that she wants to go to Camp Eboli on 15 July.

In Abazzia there is a communistic-partisan school which some Italian Nationals are attending.

From reliable sources comes the information that there is a secret telephone line operated by Italian Communists from Zone "A" and Zone "B" to Yugoslavia. Each movement of Allied troops in Zone "A" is reported by this line. The line leads by underground cable to the district of S. Daniele-Ajdovscina.

The Partisans have liquidated the concentration camps in Slovenia. The men have been sent to the jail at Maribor and the women to the jail at Begunje.

ING SVETINA from Ljubljana is a secretary of the syndicate organization at Trieste UAIS (Unione Antifascista Italo-Slava).

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The following information comes from a railway employee who arrived recently from Yugoslavia: The terror in Yugoslavia has become stronger. The ground has not been worked and agriculture is on a very low level. In Yugoslavia 80% of the people silently oppose the actual regime. The priests are dressing in civilian clothes.

The following information comes from Rome: Dr. VOS-NJAK, former Yugoslav minister, spoke with a Belgian newspaperman who interviewed OTON of Habsburg. OTON said, "The war between Anglo-American and Russia can't be avoided. If the Western Allies don't want it, Russia will start it. The war could start in October 1947 when Russia will have finished all military, economical and traffic preparations." According to this newspaperman, who was in Greece in April 1946, Russia wants a resurrected Austria which would include Bavaria, Austria, Hungary, Slovenia. Russia also has aspirations for Bosnia and Herzegovina.

PETROVIC, called VURDELJA, living at Trieste, Via Milano #4, is saying openly that he is working for FSB and an American office. This is known to the members of OZNA with whom VURDELJA is in touch. Using his status as an Allied agent, VURDELJA is robbing Yugoslav emigrees escaping from Yugoslavia. According to reliable information VURDELJA stole 7 Persian carpets and 25 kilograms of silver from DJORDJE FLEKSER. FLEKSER paid VURDELJA 54,000 lire for falsified documents and baggage. VURDELJA asked FLEKSER for 300,000 lire. FLEKSER paid him 54,000 lire and offered 110,000 lire more for the return of his possessions, but VURDELJA did not give them to him. FLEKSER is at present living in Rome, Via Eritrea #91, Interno #19, Scala D. From VECENKO S. PAVLE, father-in-law of the Yugoslav Royal Colonel PUTNIK (at present in Paris), VURDELJA took 50,000 lire to get Col. PUTNIK's wife out of Yugoslavia. VURDELJA also kept the following items belonging to VECENKO: the material for one man's suit, two women's dresses, some linen, many silver articles, 3,270 dinars, some silver coins and a diplomatic passport. VURDELJA's principal collaborator has as a cover name ALEKSANDAR SIMIC. SIMIC possesses a false identity card for Zones "A" and "B". PAVLE VECENKO is living in Rome, Via Eritrea 91, Interno 19, Scala D. Having a very good cover position with the Allies, VURDELJA is racketting Yugoslav emigrees. A certain RAVASINI, Trieste, Via Corsica #9, should know something about VURDELJA's activities. In Fiume his contact is PIERRE, a cover name and DEJNA UMILE, a false name. It is believed that VURDELJA has about 10 million lire.

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The Yugoslav Communists have demanded that the Italian Communist Party ask the Italian Parliament to forbid all activity of the Yugoslav emigrees and that all emigrees be sent to camps where infiltrated Communist agents will take care of them.

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