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1. The inclosed is a translation from the Slovene of a report passed to this office by a confidential informant coming from Yugoslavia.

2. For your information.

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GENERAL MILITARY SITUATION IN THE LUBJLIANA AREA

I. ARMY

A. The military personnel are largely Serbs, estimated at about 70%. 50% have pro-monarchist sentiments. A pro-monarchist company commander at TRZIC expressed himself thusly: "I have only to liquidate four die hard Communists and my company would rally to the defense of the monarchy. All the honest Slovene youth has been sent to regions in the south. The troops are generally speaking discontented and disgusted. Pro-TITO officers are well off. They are young and come from the lower classes".

B. Recently the troops from DOLENJSKA were recalled to LUBJLIANA where they are awaiting reassignment. In LUBJLIANA no movements of armored cars or artillery are noted. There are many soldiers but are badly nourished.

II. AVIATION

A. There are about 35 fighter planes at LUBJLIANA, but they are not flying due to lack of gasoline. Many pilots who rendered services to the allies are being arrested.

III. ARMAMENT

A. Varied-German, Italian and Russian types are seen.

IV. ARTILLERY

A. Very little seen in the area. Most of it is of German origin. Some armored cars are seen and are exclusively of German origin.

V. CLOTHING

A. The clothing situation is very bad and it comes from all sources. A large part comes from the former "DOMOBRANTZI" division. Shoes are lacking, some soldiers have their feet wrapped in sack cloth. At PREVOLI near KRANJ, the guards were forced to exchange boots. Officers however are outfitted rather well.

VI. FORTRESSES

A. Very few-people do not speak of any.

VII. OZNA

A. Compared to the army, the OZNA is well armed and equipped. They have many automatic arms. Patrols encountered consisting of seven men who were armed with 7 machine guns, 1 of Allied

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make, 4 Russian, and 2 German. Lately the OZNA has been very active. All people apprehended or arrested are not heard from. They have arrested about 60 high ranking officers for sabotage, selling vehicle parts and mal administration of UNRRA funds and mal distribution of UNRRA supplies.

VIII. RESISTANCE

A. Does not exist actually. People are afraid to take up arms against the present regime and only look forward to outside aid. No unified cells exist in Slovenia. Excepting a few minor groups who operate clandestinely in the hills, no real resistance is offered.

IX. NOURISHMENT

Eight kilograms of flour for each person with a ration card, 15 kilograms of fats, 1 etto of sugar and one piece of soap per person per month is allowed at LUBJLIANA.

X. GORENJSKO AREA

There is a fortified position on the JESENICE⁺BOHINJSKA rail way line. The BISTRICA-BODBRDO (PIEDICOLLE) tunnel, at the HOHINJ entrance, is fortified. Fortifications are above the former German positions. At the entrance to the tunnel 1 NCO and 6 soldiers are stationed. They maintain normal guard duties near the entrance. Some guards are located at the railroad bridge at SAVA. There is also another small fortified position (presently unguarded) on the eastern side of the above bridge above the small barracks. Another position not guarded is near the road and railway bridge of SAVA at SOTESKA. Still another unguarded fortified position is near the bridge at SOTESKA on the JESENICE side. The bridge and tunnel at VINTGAR, going towards JESENICE, is guarded by about 6 men with heavy weapons. A fortified position above the tunnel at BOHINJSKA BECA is lightly guarded. The guards are all Serbs. There is a guard post in front of the MARKEZ hotel at BOHINJSKA BECA. The political office is located there, and is guarded by 10 soldiers. The villa of Prince Paul at SV. JANEZ near BOHINJSKO JEZERO is occupied by troops. On the street in front of the villa there is a guard post. The barracks at BOHINJSKO BECA are occupied by about 300 soldiers. The majority are Serbs and Hungarians from BANAT who speak only Hungarian. They are of the older classes. There are no Slovenes. They are poorly armed. All of the soldiers are billeted at the first barrack near the main entrance behind the stables. About 10 military policemen are billeted in a building called STROJ in BOHINJSKA BISTRICA, the same building which housed the German MP's. All of these men are members of the Communist Party.

At the railroad station of BOHINJSKA BISTRICA are billeted 30 German POW's who work in the nearby woods. They are all badly dressed and undernourished. At POHORJE there are some armed Cossacks.

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