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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

C O N F I D E N T I A L

During June and July, 1954 SINISA KOSUTIC continued to serve as Consul of Yugoslavia at San Francisco, California. Principal duties included the handling of estate and inheritance matters. Accompanied Consul General FRANKO KARADJOLE on trip to Los Angeles, California and vicinity 7/13-17/54 to meet emigrant groups. KOSUTIC and family all left San Francisco on 7/24/54 for three weeks vacation at Sierra City, California. Contacts identified. Description set forth.

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DETAILS:

The following is a joint report of SAS WILLIAM E. DILLON and VADJA V. KOLIGAROVIC.

The information set forth in this report was received from informants T-1 through T-5, all of known reliability.

During the months of June and July, 1954, subject SINISA KOSUTIC continued in the capacity of Consul of Yugoslavia at San Francisco, California and continued to reside at 290 Magellan Avenue. Informants

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T-1 and T-2 noted, during this period, that the principal duties of KOSUTIC were in regard to the handling of estete and inheritance matters and with regard to legal proceedings in the courts in which the Yugoslav Consulate General has been interested.

Consul General BRANKO KARADJOLE arrived in San Francisco on June 4, 1954 to replace RADO VANCEVIC who actually departed for his return to Belgrade, Yugoslavia on June 15, 1954. (T-1, 6/2, 18/54)

Consul General BRANKO KARADJOLE was tendered receptions at San Francisco on June 5, 1954 and in Oakland, California on June 6, 1954 and was accompanied to these gatherings of Yugoslav emigrant groups by Consul SIBISA KOSUTIC. Both were also in attendance at a gathering given to honor BRANKO KARADJOLE given by PETER CENGIA, 333 Lester Avenue, in Oakland and this social was held at CENGIA'S home on June 6, 1954. (T-2, 6/11/54 and T-3, 6/7/54).

Subject KOSUTIC accompanied Consul General BRANKO KARADJOLE by air to Los Angeles and they departed on Tuesday, July 13, 1954 on United Airlines Flight 452 which was scheduled to arrive in Los Angeles at 1 pm and which departed from San Francisco at 11 am. They planned to confer with attorneys RONALD WALKER and JOHN J. PATISTICH on the afternoon of July 13, 1954 and intended to visit on July 14 and 15, 1954 with JOE KANINOVIC and members of the Yugoslav emigrant colony at San Pedro, California. They expected to spend the weekend in Los Angeles. (T-1, 7/8/54)

While in Los Angeles the subject and BRANKO KARADJOLE stayed at the Ritz Hotel where they occupied Room 901. They were residents in this hotel on July 14, 1954. (T-1, 7/14/54)

Advice was received that the subject and KARADJOLE had changed their plans and instead of remaining in Los Angeles over the weekend, were returning to San Francisco by air on the evening of Saturday, July 17, 1954 (T-1, 7/16/54)

T-4 advised that apparently the subject and KARADJOLE returned on Saturday as they had planned, because they were in attendance at their offices on Monday, July 19, 1954.

Subject KOSUTIC and his wife, accompanied by BRANKO KARADJOLE and his wife and son and by MICERA VITOROVIC, the Vice-Consul, visited

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at the Boy Scouts Camp at Casadero, California which is called Camp Royapah on July 4, 1954 to attend a barbecue. It was noted that the son of KOSUTIC, STEVAN, age 13, was apparently attending the camp and had invited his parents and other members of the Consulate General staff to the barbecue. (T-1, 6/30/54)

KOSUTIC and his family left on a three week's vacation trip to Sierra City, California on Sunday, July 25, 1954 and are believed to have travelled in the 1950 Dodge automobile which is the property of the Yugoslav Consulate General. Before departing KOSUTIC borrowed a law book from the law offices of JEROME POLITZER entitled "Rights of Foreign Consuls in the USA" and indicated he wished to use the book on his vacation. (T-1, 7/23,24/54)

MARION JANE GILLESPIE, also known as MARIJANA GILLESPIE, indicated that she would be unable to accompany KOSUTIC and his family during the first week of their vacation and planned to be with them during the second two weeks. This young woman is the girlfriend of Vice-Consul VITOROVIC. (T-1, 7/20/54)

KOSUTIC was in touch with the Pacific Greyhound Lines inquiring as to bus service to Sierra City, California and was told that the nearest point served by the bus system would be Nevada City, California which is about 47 miles southwest of Sierra City. The latter is a small community in the Sierra Nevada mountains on California Highway Number 49, approximately thirteen miles east of the county seat which is Downieville. (T-1, 7/23/54)

On July 31, 1954, Saturday, BRANKO M. RADJOLE and his family, along with MIODRAG VITOROVIC and MARION JANE GILLESPIE, took a Greyhound Bus from San Francisco in order to spend the weekend with the KOSUTICS at Sierra City, California. These individuals returned to San Francisco on August 2, 1954 and were available in their offices on August 3, 1954. (T-1, 7/29,30; 8/2,3/54)

KOSUTIC was apparently being considered as the person involved in a currency violation growing out of the exchange of \$250 for rubles rather than dinars in Moscow, USSR during the period of time that KOSUTIC served there. This was from May, 1945 to January, 1949 and KOSUTIC was the Secretary to Ambassador VLADIMIR POPOVIC. KOSUTIC answered the accusation by indicating that his duties were exclusively of a political nature and had nothing to do with the consular field. He explained that

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he had no recollection of having had any dealings with the complainant PETER P. ABEL. KOSUTIC stated that he was opposed to the withholding of \$125.00 from his salary to make good the money owing to ABEL as had been suggested by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. KOSUTIC stated that a further investigation should be made in the matter in order to remove any doubts as to his complicity. The comments of KOSUTIC in this regard were relayed to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Belgrade. (T-2, 6/21/54)

Later KOSUTIC prepared an answer to the allegations of PETER P. ABEL which the latter made on April 7, 1954 to the "President of the Cabinet" of Yugoslavia. KOSUTIC indicated that ABEL followed the proposal of the Second Secretary of the Yugoslav Embassy in Moscow in taking the rubles which ABEL planned to exchange in Yugoslavia for dinars, figuring on making some money on the exchange. However, ABEL was unable to exchange the rubles for dinars at the National Bank in Belgrade and because of this fact ABEL "outsmarted himself". KOSUTIC then stated that after the lapse of a period of nine years, ABEL finally has asked the President to intercede on his behalf. (T-2, 6/29/54)

On June 9, 1954 KOSUTIC expressed a desire that his recall or transfer would come very soon. In making this remark he also expressed the opinion that the transfer of Vice-Consul VITOROVIC would be effected first. (T-1, 6/9/54)

BOGDAN POPOVIC informed KOSUTIC that he, KOSUTIC, can secure the Leica camera Model Number III S M11 for the sum of 850 German marks and that KOSUTIC should write to JOHAN BARTELE in this regard. The latter's address was given as Bonn/Rhein, Martin Platz 7. (T-1, 7/12/54)

On July 12, 1954 it was noted that an individual by the given name of "THECLORA" was at the KOSUTIC residence at 290 Magellan Avenue during the middle portion of the day. It is believed possible that this is the given name of a colored woman who does part-time housework at the residence of Consul General BRANKO KAR/DJOLE who resides at 355 Pacheco Street which is within a few blocks of the home of KOSUTIC. It is believed possible that this colored woman also works part-time at the residence of KOSUTIC. (T-1, 7/12/54)

CONTACTS

1. PROFESSOR LOUIS WASSERMAN
San Francisco State College
124 Buchanan Street
San Francisco, California

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MEMORANDUM

An agreement was reached between MASSERIAN and KOSUTIC in late June, 1954 that the two, with their respective families, would vacation together in July or August. (T-1, 6/30/54)

2. RISTO SPREMO
4713 El Camino Road
Santa Clara, California

KOSUTIC communicated with RISTO SPREMO for some unknown purpose on June 3, 1954. (T-1, 6/3/54)

3. TANE SPREMO
453 Roosevelt Avenue
Sunnyvale, California

TANE SPREMO expected to visit in San Francisco on June 4, 1954 and indicated that he would probably visit with the KOSUTIC family. The purpose of his visit to San Francisco and the reason why he was to see KOSUTIC was undetermined. (T-1, 6/3/54)

4. JACK DESPOL
1501 La Grande Terrace
San Pedro, California

On May 27, 1954 KOSUTIC corresponded with DESPOL and asked the letter to give some unidentified Yugoslav court documents to a Mr. NIKOLA VILICIC whose address was unknown to the Consulate but who resides somewhere in San Pedro. It was noted that DESPOL has been called upon in the past to assist the Yugoslav Consulate General. (T-2, 6/1/54)

5. JOSEPH KERPAN
587 Eddy Street
San Francisco, California

KOSUTIC indicated that he would attend a picnic of the Croatian Fraternal Union (CFU) at Cupertino, California on Sunday, June 27, 1954. He discussed this picnic with KERPAN and KERPAN indicated that he would be unable to attend the social gathering as he, KERPAN, was to work that afternoon. KERPAN made an appointment to meet with KOSUTIC at the latter's office at 2 pm on June 22, 1954. (T-1, 6/22/54)

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On June 25, 1954 KERPAN reported to KOSUTIC that he, KERPAN, had written to JOHN SCOURICH and conveyed the information which KOSUTIC had requested. This apparently was KOSUTIC'S desire to meet CAPSTANICH or (KAPSTANICH) and to have BRANKO KARADJOLE introduced to this person. KERPAN indicated that he had also requested SCOURICH to introduce KOSUTIC and KARADJOLE to as many members of the Central Board of CFU as possible at the picnic.

KOSUTIC told KERPAN that he had contacted KONRAD PETRUCELA in regard to the same matter and had talked with PETRUCELA at the Consulate General on June 24, 1954. The latter had agreed to introduce KOSUTIC and KARADJOLE to as many members of the CFU Central Board as was possible.

KERPAN stated that PETRUCELA would be busy with food dispensing and so the Consulate personnel would probably have to depend upon SCOURICH to introduce them.

At this meeting KERPAN also requested advice of KOSUTIC regarding a patent matter for some unknown "friend" of KERPAN. KOSUTIC agreed to study the matter and to advise KOSUTIC. (T-1, 6/25/54)

On June 28, 1954 KOSUTIC reported to KERPAN on the picnic at Cupertino held by the CFU on June 27, 1954. KOSUTIC characterized the event as "a sad affair" and indicated that he had nothing good to report. KOSUTIC pointed out that neither he nor KARADJOLE were introduced to the public and the people who had agreed to assist in this regard did not seem particularly interested in doing so. KOSUTIC acknowledged that the lack of a public address system was a factor in this regard. He added that they did not even get to see CAPSTANICH.

When KOSUTIC and KARADJOLE arrived they were met by JOHN SCOURICH who told them that it would be very difficult to "do anything" as OLAVAS of the Central Committee was "an enemy" of theirs. When KOSUTIC inquired as to the identity of OLAVAS, KERPAN explained that OLAVAS was a member of the Sacramento, California CFU lodge and is "one hundred percent in accord with the pro-Cominformists", although KERPAN was unable to state that OLAVAS actually belonged to the Communist Party. KERPAN pointed out that OLAVAS was also a delegate to the Central Committee and definitely would not go along with the plan to introduce the members of the Yugoslav Consulate General staff.

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KERPAN also informed KOSUTIC that _____ RADOVAN (CHRIS?) was represented on the Central Committee and described RADOVAN as a liberal who often does not wish to fight N. J. NICHOLAS and sometimes goes along with NICHOLAS' ideas while he votes against NICHOLAS on other occasions.

It was agreed between KOSUTIC and KERPAN that they should meet at the Consulate some morning in order to more fully go over the affair. KOSUTIC complained that he did not think that the emigrants should treat their representatives in the way they were treated at the picnic and KOSUTIC expressed the opinion that it would probably be better for the consular officers to not go to such affairs. KERPAN disagreed and stated that he thought the members of the staff should attend every affair possible in order to mix with the emigrants and become better known in the colony.

KERPAN told KOSUTIC that he should realize that the officers of the CFU lodges have to be very careful about meeting with officials of the Consulate General and KERPAN was unable to say that _____ CAPETANICH would have agreed to meet with KOSUTIC and KARADJOLE.
(T-1, 6/28/54)

6. FRANCES O'BRIEN

On June 22, 1954 a woman apparently giving the name of FRANCES O'BRIEN notified KOSUTIC that she would be unable to see him that day but that she would try to meet him at the same time and place on the following day. KOSUTIC agreed to this and stated, "Please try and be there tomorrow". The identity of this individual was not determined and there is a possibility that the individual in contact with KOSUTIC on June 22nd was actually Mrs. FRANCES E. PRCHN, whose name was MORRISON and who will be referred to later in this report. (T-1, 6/22/54)

7. JOVAN ZUBER
2337 Adeline Street
Oakland, California

ZUBER contacted KOSUTIC from Oakland and requested an appointment to see KOSUTIC the same day for some undisclosed purpose. The conference was arranged. (T-1, 6/23/54)

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8. KONRAT PETRUCIA
1730oloros Street
San Francisco, California

KOSUTIC made arrangements to see PETRUCIA at the Consulate General on June 24, 1954 and later KOSUTIC told JOSEPH KERPAN that he had requested the assistance of PETRUCIA in introducing members of the Consulate General Staff at the CFU picnic to be held at Cupertino on June 27, 1954. KOSUTIC also told KERPAN on June 28, 1954 that the plan for the introductions had not worked. (T-1, 6/23,25,28/54)

9. ALFRED P. PERACCA
Los Angeles, California

A message was forwarded by PERACCA to KOSUTIC requesting that KOSUTIC visit with PERACCA in Los Angeles on July 1, 1954. PERACCA visited the Consulate General on the afternoon of June 29, 1954 and in the absence of KOSUTIC talked with Vice-Consul VITOKOVIC. Mention was made of the fact that PERACCA'S telephone number in Los Angeles was Madison 6-1376 and the Los Angeles telephone directory indicates that this is listed to the law firm of WARNER, COWAN and PERACCA, 215 West Seventh Street, Room 1120, Los Angeles, California. (T-1, 6/29/54)

The Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory for 1954 indicates that ALFRED PERACCA was born in 1909, was admitted to the bar of the State of California in 1935 and has A.B. and L.L.B. degrees from the University of California. He is shown to be a member of the American Bar Association and apparently is associated with HENRY N. COWAN and JAMES O. WARNER. Both COWAN and WARNER hold A.B. and L.L.B. degrees from the University of California and are members of the American Bar Association and were admitted to practice law in California in 1936. COWAN was born in 1912 while WARNER was born in 1908 according to the law directory.

10. JOE ZANINOVIC
c/o French Sardine Company
Terminal Island, California

KOSUTIC was in touch with ZANINOVIC in order to arrange for the visit of Consul General BRANKO KARADJOLE to the San Pedro Yugoslav emigrant colony. Their first contact was on July 1, 1954 and ZANINOVIC protested that the time of the intended visit was at such an early date

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that arrangements for a fitting welcome could not be made. KOSUTIC indicated that no formal affair was desired and KARADJOLE merely wanted an opportunity to visit "the club" and to have a drink with the "Tellers". KOSUTIC also mentioned to ZANINOVIC that Ambassador LEONARDES was planning to visit the West Coast in approximately October, 1954. (T-1, 7/1/54)

ZANINOVIC reported to KOSUTIC on July 6 and 7, 1954 that difficulties were being encountered arranging for a date for the gathering. He was informed by KOSUTIC that any date between July 10 and 15, 1954 would be satisfactory to KARADJOLE. It was finally arranged for the meeting to be held on Wednesday July 14, 1954 at either a private home or a restaurant. (T-1, 7/6,8/54)

11. ANTON J. PANDZA
6600 Aldea Avenue
Van Nuys, California

Mrs. PANDZA reported to KOSUTIC on July 6, 1954 that she and her husband were reluctant to answer a letter which they received from KOSUTIC asking that they assist in arranging an affair for the visit of Consul General KARADJOLE. Mrs. PANDZA stated that they felt that it would be a heavy burden upon them to make such arrangements because they would be unable to have the full cooperation of the Yugoslav emigrants in the area. She pointed out that the group is divided and mentioned as an example, that the "Cominformists" were holding a picnic on the following Sunday (July 11, 1954?). KOSUTIC asked Mrs. PANDZA to make as many telephone contacts as she and her husband could with the Yugoslavs in order to fix a date upon which KARADJOLE could be invited to Los Angeles for his first visit. (T-1, 7/6/54)

12. Mrs. FRANCES ADELE LE PROHN, also known
as Mrs. ROBERT CHARLES LE PROHN, nee
MORRISON
65 Heather Avenue
San Francisco, California

On June 23, 1954 Mrs. LE PROHN notified KOSUTIC that she would be unable to meet with him for lunch that day but that she would call and make similar arrangements for some later date. She contacted the Consulate General on July 14, 1954 asking for KOSUTIC, but was told that he was in

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Los Angeles on a business trip. On July 23, 1954 Mrs. LE PROHN informed KOSUTIC she had been on a trip to Fresno on business for her husband. They planned to have lunch together that day but it was necessary for KOSUTIC to cancel the engagement. (T-1, 6/23;7/14,23/54)

The Marriage License Bureau of the San Francisco County Clerk's Office maintains, in Volume 24, the record of the issuance of a marriage license on June 25, 1953 to FRANCES ADELE MORRISON, age 28 of Los Angeles, California and ROBERT CHARLES LE PROHN, 32 years of age, of 704 Bush Street, San Francisco.

The Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory of 1954 indicates that ROBERT LE PROHN was born in 1920 and was admitted to the Bar in California in 1952 after graduating from the University of California with degrees of A.B. and L.L.B. His offices are in the Russ Building.

The San Francisco City Directory for 1953 indicates that ROBERT LE PROHN is associated with the law firm of TOBRINER and LAZARUS and he maintained residence in Apartment 302 at 704 Bush Street, San Francisco. The San Francisco Telephone Directory which was issued in July, 1954 lists the office telephone of LE PROHN in the Russ Building as Yukon 6-4060. His residence is shown as 85 Heather Avenue, where the telephone is Bayview 1-8755.

13. ~~JOHN~~ ^{CRANKIN} ~~PEROVIC~~ CENTRAL BANK BUILDING, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA
2714 14th Avenue
San Francisco, California

On June 25, 1954 SPROVIC and KOSUTIC arranged to have lunch together on June 28, 1954 and on that day they met at 12:30 pm on the corner of Bush and Montgomery Streets. In arranging for the location of the meeting KOSUTIC was heard to remark that he was unable to recall the name of the restaurant where they would dine. It was noted that SPROVIC used the telephone number Higate 4-1776 as a place where he could be reached and this is listed to attorney HOWARD H. DESKY, Central Bank Building, Oakland, California. (T-1, 6/28/54)

14. ~~GEORGE~~ ~~PLENKOVIC~~
960 Junipera Serra Boulevard
San Francisco, California

PLENKOVIC contacted KOSUTIC on July 19, 1954 regarding a petition to have a boy, 23 years of age, brought to the United States from

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the Island of Hvar. PLENKOVIC claimed that the petition is in the hands of the local officials on Hvar and that a long period of time has elapsed without any action having been taken. KOSUTIC agreed to assist PLENKOVIC in the matter and they agreed to meet at the Consulate General on July 20, 1954.

PLENKOVIC also discussed the departure of former Consul General RAFO IVANOVIC and his family for Yugoslavia and indicated that he, PLENKOVIC, had been told by TONY ZIETICH that RAFO IVANOVIC was having trouble getting reservations on a ship. KOSUTIC denied that this was true and explained that Yugoslav vessels do not sail at the pleasure of their passengers but when their cargoes are complete. (T-1, 7/19/54)

On July 22, 1954 PLENKOVIC was again in contact with KOSUTIC and relatedly told KOSUTIC that he had received the material from KOSUTIC and had forwarded the papers and the \$3.25 fee. (T-1, 7/22/54)

15. CHARLES CVETKOVIC
815 O'Farrell Street
San Francisco, California

CVETKOVIC requested the assistance of KOSUTIC for a dear friend of CVETKOVIC, whose name was given only as ZARDIC, "a cook" in San Francisco. ZARDIC was stated to have a daughter in Yugoslavia whose husband had been killed fighting on the side of TITO'S Partisans. She and her son, age eleven, both had Yugoslav passports and when they applied for United States visas, only a visa for the woman was granted. CVETKOVIC had learned from the Immigration and Naturalization Service that there was a "loophole" in the immigration laws and that a foreign national, under sixteen years of age, could be granted a United States visa if the person was adopted by a citizen of the United States. ZARDIC desired to adopt his grandson for the purpose of bringing him to the United States and KOSUTIC agreed to assist in this regard. He arranged with CVETKOVIC to meet with ZARDIC at the Consulate General on the afternoon of July 23, 1954. (T-1, 7/21/54)

The mention of the fact that ZARDIC was a cook suggested that he might be an employee of the Tadich Grill at 545 Clay Street, San Francisco inasmuch as a number of Yugoslavs are employed there. A call to the Grill (Sutter 1-9754) disclosed that there was no cook there by the name of ZARDIC but that one CHRIS ZARDIC(PH) was employed as a waiter.

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16. BARBARA JUNE FOX
200-H West 36th Avenue
San Mateo, California

On July 24, 1954 KOSUTIC contacted United Airlines in San Francisco and requested the address of an airline stewardess named BARBARA FOX stating, "I have to mail something to her". He was informed that such information as the home address of United Airlines personnel could not be given out.

Chief Stewardess JOAN DENTON of the United Airlines telephonically advised SA WILLIAM P. HILLON on July 28, 1954 that BARBARA JUNE FOX has been employed as an airline stewardess since September 23, 1953. She resides at 200-H West 36th Avenue in San Mateo where her telephone number is Fireside 5-4112. She was born in Sheridan, Wyoming on June 2, 1931 and her father, J. R. FOX, resides at 16 East Fourth Street, Sheridan, Wyoming.

17. UNKNOWN SUBJECT; Pontiac Sedan, 1954
California License 1G 45071

At about 8:15 pm on the evening of July 23, 1954, T-4 noted a man arrive at the KOSUTIC residence who was driving a 1953 or 1954 two-tone blue Catalina Model Pontiac Sedan which carried 1954 California license 1G 45071. It was very foggy at the time of the arrival and departure of this person and a physical description was not obtained. The driver remained at the KOSUTIC residence for approximately thirty minutes and then departed. The California Department of Motor Vehicles indicated that the vehicle in question is licensed to R. WALLACE and Sons Manufacturing Company, Silvermiths, 140 Geary Street, San Francisco, telephone Douglas 2-1178.

On July 30, 1954 T-2 learned that Vice-Consul VITOROVIC had requested permission of the Embassy to expend the sum of \$600. for a new silver service for use in entertaining by personnel of the Consulate General. This request, which was forwarded to the Embassy during the latter part of July, 1954, may have some relationship to the visit of the unidentified person to the residence of KOSUTIC on July 23, 1954. It is to be noted that KOSUTIC departed on his vacation on July 25, 1954 and this may have occasioned the call at other than a regular business hour.

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18. NIKOLA RATKOVIC
Star Television
401 West Main Street
Alhambra, California

On March 26, 1953 RATKOVIC responded to an earlier letter from KOSUTIC and invited KOSUTIC and his wife to visit at RATKOVIC'S home. He mentioned that he had recently given up one business and had begun work as a television repairman. He also indicated that he had received a letter from Yugoslavia indicating that his brother, MILORAD RATKOVIC, who was serving in the Yugoslav Air Force, was being assigned to attend a school operated by the United States Air Force in the United States. RATKOVIC asked KOSUTIC to determine if this information as to his brother's assignment was correct and if his brother had arrived in the United States. (T-2, 7/2/54)

19. Miss MARY KLUNE
520 West Chestnut Street
Leadville, Colorado

Miss KLUNE corresponded with KOSUTIC for some unknown reason on July 27, 1954. (T-2, 7/30/54)

20. LOUIS PALOVAN
420 North Mesa
San Pedro, California

PALOVAN notified KOSUTIC on July 27, 1954 that he had forwarded \$3.00 to the Consulate General about fifteen days previously and wondered if it had been received as he was still waiting for documents from KOSUTIC. He indicated that if he did not hear from the Consulate General promptly he "will consult higher authorities". The nature of his request of KOSUTIC was not disclosed. (T-2, 7/30/54)

21. Mr. LIBERTE
German Consulate General
San Francisco, California

KOSUTIC visited at the German Consulate on the afternoon of July 6, 1954 where he had an appointment to see Mr. LIBERTE. He subsequently notified BOGDAN POPOVIC of the Yugoslav Embassy in Washington, DC that he had learned at the German Consulate that that agency had three inheritance cases pending before the Supreme Court. (T-1, 7/2, 6, 12/54)

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22. Belgian Consulate General
San Francisco, California

KOSUTIC notified the Belgian Consulate General on July 20, 1954 that he and Mrs. KOSUTIC would accept the invitation for a social affair on July 21, 1954. (T-1, 7/20/54)

23. Cocktail Party on July 1, 1954

KOSUTIC was to attend a cocktail party on the evening of July 1, 1954 but the source was unaware as to the identity of the party giving the affair or the location where it was to be held. (T-1, 7/1/54)

ESTATE AND INHERITANCE MATTERS

The following individuals were in contact with Consul SINISA KOSUTIC with regard to the handling of estate and inheritance matters, a field in which KOSUTIC has interested himself. It is to be noted that he is an attorney and is apparently the only person at the Yugoslav Consulate General who is handling such matters.

1. PETER A. SCHWABE
Portland, Oregon

SCHWABE was in San Francisco on June 1, 1954 conferring with KOSUTIC and other attorneys handling estate matters for the Yugoslavs. He was known to be in the company of members of the Consulate General staff on June 5, 1954. On June 30, 1954 KOSUTIC notified the Embassy that SCHWABE had misrepresented the fact that the Public Administrator's Office was interested only in cases where there were heirs in the United States. KOSUTIC indicated that attorneys JEROME POLITZER and EMMETT HAYS had indicated that the Public Administrator was interested in all inheritance cases. BOGDAN POPOVIC of the Embassy believed that a proposition forwarded by PETER A. SCHWABE was good and KOSUTIC suggested that the Yugoslav Finance Department in Belgrade should issue a ruling whereby inheritances could be paid to heirs in the United States without the Department having the right to stop payment on some technicalities. (T-1, 6/1,5,30/54)

KOSUTIC notified the Embassy on July 12, 1954 that SCHWABE was planning on a trip to Yugoslavia and planned to see VLADIMIR POPOVIC and SAVA KOSANOVIC, former Yugoslav Ambassadors to the United States. It

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appeared from information furnished by KOSUTIC that SCHWABE had written indicating that the Consulate General in San Francisco had believed it would be a good idea for SCHWABE to confer in Belgrade with officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as to legal matters which he was handling.

KOSUTIC indicated that he was angry over this comment of SCHWABE as it was not true and SCHWABE had told KOSUTIC that his trip to Yugoslavia was purely for pleasure. KOSUTIC notified Belgrade that SCHWABE was coming and that he might discuss legal matters. He requested Belgrade not to enter into any agreements with SCHWABE which would tie the Consulate's hands. KOSUTIC also requested BOGDAN POPOVIC to notify SCHWABE that the Embassy was happy he was visiting Yugoslavia and to suggest to SCHWABE that it would not be necessary to enter into any business dealings while in Belgrade.

BOGDAN POPOVIC informed KOSUTIC that SCHWABE was scheduled to leave on the SS LIBERTE and was to be in Belgrade about August 20, 1954. (T-1, 7/12/54)

On June 22, 1954 SCHWABE and KOSUTIC discussed a proposed settlement in the Estate of PHILIP MATEJIC. (T-2, 6/29/54)

On July 2, 1954 KOSUTIC prepared a letter to SCHWABE concerning the strategy to be developed in the handling of estate cases. He went over the objection of SCHWABE to attorney POLITZER'S idea for a test case to be accepted, by stipulation, as a precedent in all pending California cases. SCHWABE'S objection was based on the presumption that any such test case would depend ninety percent on the personal views and prejudices of the judge and SCHWABE had indicated that he did not know of a single judge in California who would render a decision favorable to the Yugoslav position. SCHWABE held the opinion that delays should be requested in each case and this view was based on the international situation and in particular on the Geneva Conference.

KOSUTIC pointed out that SCHWABE was in error and that as far as he could see, the American foreign policy lost prestige in "this" part of the world. He directed attention to the time element which SCHWABE felt would be favorable to the Yugoslav position and indicated that the time had been lost without benefit. KOSUTIC pointed out that, "America needs friends now more than ever before" and KOSUTIC doubted the Attorney General would take a stubborn position against Yugoslav interests. (T-2, 7/2/54).

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KOSUTIC notified SCHWABE by letter that he had received information that JOHN GONKOVICH had died in Globe, Arizona on May 21, 1954 leaving a substantial estate. The decedent was said to have a wife and two daughters in Yugoslavia and SCHWABE was requested to handle the case.

2. JOHN J. BASTISTIC

KOSUTIC was in contact with BASTISTIC regarding the JACIN RADOVICH Estate case on June 3 and 10, 1954. KOSUTIC instructed BASTISTIC to accept an offer of \$55,000. tendered in the RADOVICH case, this money to be payable to the foreign heirs. KOSUTIC notified the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Belgrade of the settlement on the same date. (T-1, 6/3, 10 and T-2, 6/10/54)

It was noted on June 24, 1954 that a remark was made indicating that BASTISTIC could be located at his Long Beach office, the telephone number of which was Long Beach 3-58367. (T-1, 6/24/54).

On June 24, 1954 BASTISTIC notified KOSUTIC that the MARIA DEJEN Estate which amounted to \$25,000. had been distributed in March, 1952 before BASTISTIC became interested in the case. (T-1, 6/24/54)

KOSUTIC was in touch with BASTISTIC on July 1 and 9, 1954 regarding estate matters, one of which involved an individual named DANICA POPOVIC and the other concerned one GEORGE RADOVIC. (T-1, 7/1, 9/54)

3. GEROME POLITZER
San Francisco, California

POLITZER was contacted by KOSUTIC on May 26, 1954 regarding the Estate of KARL F. TAUBER. (T-2, 6/1/54)

On June 2, 1954 KOSUTIC visited at the offices of POLITZER during the morning. (T-1, 6/2/54)

On June 30, 1954 POLITZER notified KOSUTIC that the Attorney General would pass on the KOPANIC Estate case if it can be shown whether KOPANIC was a United States or Yugoslav citizen at the time of his death. (T-1, 6/30/54)

It was noted that KOSUTIC was in contact with POLITZER on June 14, 22 and 24, 1954. (T-1, 6/14, 22, 24/54)

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On June 25, 1954 KOSUTIC notified POLITZER of the receipt of twenty-one new decisions from Yugoslav courts which were to be forwarded to PETER A. SCHWABE with copies for POLITZER. POLITZER agreed to meet with KOSUTIC at the Consulate on the following day. (T-1, 6/25/54)

4. Mrs. KATHY L. BJELKOSICH
140 I Woll Street
Watsonville, California

KOSUTIC notified Mrs. BJELKOSICH that the heirs in Yugoslavia gave a power of attorney in the Estate of HELEN RUCONICH to a private party in the United States rather than to the Consulate General. He stated that this was wrong and that she should endeavor to influence her Yugoslav relatives to have this remedied. (T-1, 6/1/54)

On May 12, 1954 KOSUTIC indicated that he and his wife intended to visit the BJELKOSICH family at Watsonville on May 15, 1954. (T-1, 5/12/54)

T-2 determined on July 2, 1954 that KOSUTIC had possessed a letter dated April 21, 1954 addressed to BJELKOSICH from a JELICA BRUER-B/NA, Holiday Lodge, Northpoint, Long Island, New York. This letter dealt with family trouble between the writer and her husband as the wife had found that her husband was living with another woman. The writer was apparently suing for divorce and living with her brother. The reason why this letter was in the possession of Consul KOSUTIC was not determined. (T-2, 7/2/54)

5. EMMET HAYES
San Francisco, California

On June 14, 1954 EMMET HAYES notified KOSUTIC that he had prepared a rough draft list of all the cases which he was handling for the Consulate. On June 15, 1954 HAYES discussed the Estate of PETER M. LURACH with KOSUTIC. The two discussed the MATT LUKOVICH Estate case on June 17, 1954 and regarding powers of attorney in that matter. On July 12, 1954 KOSUTIC and HAYES discussed the ACHIL VULJOVIC case and the sale of property in which a Mr. SPERMO(ph) was interested. The ACHIL(ph) case was the subject of a discussion between HAYES and KOSUTIC on July 22, 1954. The two noted that JUDGE FRITZ had ruled in favor of a distribution of the estate to the heirs. KOSUTIC and SCHWABE discussed

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an unidentified case on July 28, 1954 in which attorney SCHWABE was interested and the two decided that the decision in the case would probably not be taken as a precedent. (T-1, 6/14,15,17,22;7/9-12,22, 28/54)

On June 30, 1954 Mrs. NATASHA IVELICH BERNARD, the receptionist at the Yugoslav Consulate General notified HAYES that the Consulate had received a check in the amount of \$5,470. which had been made payable to former Consul General RAFO IVANCEVIC. HAYES indicated that this would make no difference but the estate matter giving rise to this sum was not mentioned. (T-1, 6/30/54)

6. WILLIAM P. O'BRIEN
345 Franklin Street
San Francisco, California

O'BRIEN contacted the Consulate General on June 25, 1954 and inquired regarding the reciprocal inheritance laws between the United States and Yugoslavia. He was referred to "the Consul" and made an appointment to see KOSUTIC on the afternoon of June 29, 1954. (T-1, 6/15,29/54)

Consul SINISA KOSUTIC is believed to be an UDBa representative and an intelligence agent of the Yugoslav Government. Since the arrival of KOSUTIC in San Francisco in May of 1950 he has been the person responsible for the preparation of reports and character sketches concerning Yugoslav emigrants and organizations. These sketches have dealt with political affiliations and activities and the attitudes of the individuals or organizations toward the TITO regime. (T-5, 1/23, 24/54)

Consul KOSUTIC has been in frequent contact with NIKOLA RYNDIC, a high-ranking official of the Yugoslav Embassy in Washington, DC and reportedly a leader of the UDBa in the United States. (T-5) 1/23, 24/54)

The following descriptive data were taken from data made available at the time of KOSUTIC'S arrival in the United States and from personal observation:

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Race	White
Born	January 2, 1909 Potporanj, Vojvodina (Serbia) Yugoslavia
Height	5' 8" - 5' 9"
Weight	160-170 lbs.
Build	Medium
Hair	Black
Eyes	Dark
Complexion	Olive
Peculiarities	Walks with round shouldered position; clothes a little large; wears hat down on ears
Marital Status	Married
Relatives	
Wife	MAGDA KOSUTIC
Son	STEVAN KOSUTIC, age 13
Address	290 McCallen Avenue, San Francisco, California (telephone LOcabard 4-1719)
Citizenship	Yugoslav
Occupation	Lawyer
Position	Consul of Yugoslavia, San Francisco, California
Entered U.S.	New York, N.Y. - March 10, 1950
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