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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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Yugoslav Consulate, San Francisco, continued to be staffed by same personnel as heretofore. Officials welcomed Yugoslav delegates to the United Nations commemorative meeting 6/20-26/55. Delegation headed by Foreign Minister EDGA POPOVIO and Ambassador to the United States LEO MATEJ. Consul General BRANKO KARADJOLE made trip to Los Angeles beginning 6/29/55 for unknown purpose. Activities of Consul SAVO TSEMER not reported as extensive. Vice Consul STANISLAV JUZNIO reported more active in contacting persons in area. The case of ANDREW ARTUKOVICH in the Los Angeles courts continued to receive attention.

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DETAILS: All informants designated by T symbols used in this report have furnished reliable information in the past.

Mentioned in this report will be the following officials and employees of the Yugoslav Government who have been reported as serving as intelligence agents of their Government in the past:

1. Consul General BRANKO KARADJOLE, who was reported by San Francisco T-1 on February 26, 1955.

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2. Clerk VUKOSAVA VUISICH of the Consulate at San Francisco who was reported by SF T-1 on 8/28/54.
3. Counselor NIKOLA MANDIC of the Embassy at Washington, D. C., San Francisco T-3 has stated that MANDIC was connected with the ULBA (Yugoslav Intelligence Service) at Washington, D. C.

The official personnel at the Yugoslav Consulate General, San Francisco, continued as in the previous months, with the following persons noted as employed there:

Consul General BRANKO KARADJOLE  
(Consul) SAVO TETMER  
(Vice Consul) STANISLAV PUZKIO  
Clerk VUKOSAVA VUISICH  
Stenographer NATASIA BERNARD

During this period the activities at the Consulate were overshadowed by the presence in San Francisco, where they were to attend the United Nations commemorative session beginning June 20 and continuing to June 26, 1955, of Yugoslav Foreign Minister KOCA POPOVIC, Yugoslav Ambassador of the United States LEO MATES and Yugoslav United Nations Ambassador JOZEF PRILEJ. Consul General BRANKO KARADJOLE put himself at the disposal of the visiting officials and other phases of Consulate activity were accordingly diminished. Further details as to the activities of the delegation will be set forth below in this report.

#### I. CONSUL GENERAL BRANKO KARADJOLE

BRANKO KARADJOLE continued as Consul General of Yugoslavia during this period, making his residence at 355 Pacheco Street, San Francisco. He planned a trip to Los Angeles via United Airlines # 680 on June 29, 1955. He expected to stay at the Mayflower Hotel, Los Angeles during his stay. He had an appointment to see the Reverend MIRKO VUISICH at the Mayflower Hotel at 1:00 PM.

It is to be noted that Reverend MIRKO VUISICH was formerly a Serb Orthodox Priest assigned to the St. Sava Church in Los Angeles who retired and went to Yugoslavia in 1954, to return later in that same year to the United States. His daughter, mentioned above, is a clerk at the Consulate in San Francisco.

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BRANKO KARADJOLE also planned to meet ANTON PANDZA at the Mayflower Hotel at 5:00 PM. PANDZA, who was a Croatian-American of the Los Angeles Area, recently reported as deceased, indicated that he would be happy to see BRANKO KARADJOLE at the time indicated above. BRANKO KARADJOLE also desired to contact JOHN EUGENE GALLIOS at the Huntington Hotel in Pasadena but the source was unable to state if he had been successful in this. KARADJOLE further planned a luncheon with an unknown person, probably on the date of arrival in Los Angeles. (T-2, 6/28/55)

As of July 2, 1955, the Consul General was still in Los Angeles and had not yet indicated when he would be returning to San Francisco. (T-2, 7/2/55)

BRANKO KARADJOLE and his family accompanied VUKOSAVA VUISICH for a weekend visit at the residence of PETER MASONICH in Santa Clara on June 4, and 5, 1955, during which time they were also entertained by BOZO GALEB of Cupertino. They planned to depart from home at 8:30 AM to go to the Santa Clara area at which time MASONICH would come by to pick them up. In view of the early departure hour Mrs. BRANKO KARADJOLE reluctantly invited VUKOSAVA VUISICH to spend the previous night at their residence. Mrs. KARADJOLE also indicated she was not looking forward to listening to PETER MASONICH for two whole days. (T-2, 6/3/55)

FRANK KUCHAN, a San Francisco Croatian-American and leader in the San Francisco Yugoslav Sokol Club, frequented the Consulate and also the home of KARADJOLE on numerous occasions in this period. It was indicated that FRANK KUCHAN was attempting to teach KARADJOLE how to drive an automobile and, as an indication of success, on July 21, 1955, KARADJOLE stated that he had passed his operator's license examination and would therefore no longer need the assistance of KUCHAN in this endeavor. (T-2, 7/21/55)

KUCHAN took the family of KARADJOLE to Calistoga, California on July 10, 1955, to look over a summer resort. It was subsequently indicated that the Consul General had rented a cabin at this resort, which is known as the Little Village resort, for his vacation period from July 25 through August 15, 1955. (T-2, 7/6, 25, 27/55)

KARADJOLE was also in contact in previous periods with ANTON BELIKOVIC, a Yugoslav student at the University of California at Berkeley. During this current period, it was reported that BELIKOVIC

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was only in brief contact with KARADJOLE. No other contacts on the part of KARADJOLE were noted, with the exception of what appeared to be purely social events.

## II. CONSUL SAVO TEMER

SAVO TEMER, an attorney, was not reported as particularly active in this period, suffering from illness himself as well as on the part of his wife, who had undergone surgery and who was still ailing. During this period it was seen that TEMER had moved to the residence of Dr. WALTER HACKER, 347 Ulloa Street, San Francisco. HACKER, a Professor at San Francisco State College, was on a European trip for the summer months. It was noted also that TEMER was in frequent contact with various attorneys handling Consulate business. (T-2)

TEMER also indicated that he might be handling some of the Consulate code work on occasion because on July 19, 1955, he indicated he would be busy at home all afternoon. KARADJOLE was interested if anything important was noted by TEMER but TEMER stated that there was nothing which could not await the following day. It was also indicated by TEMER that he wanted a good strong safe and it was believed that the Consulate would spend up to \$300.00 for one for his use. It was not stated where the safe would be placed but it is believed it would be at his home. (T-2 7/19,30/55)

## III. VICE CONSUL STANISLAV JUZNIO

JUZNIO continued as Vice Consul at the Yugoslav Consulate, San Francisco during this period. In the preceding period he had been noted as attending a meeting of the San Francisco World Affairs Council at Airlomar, California with a San Francisco resident named STANISLAV DIAMOND. During this period JUZNIO continued his contact with this organization and also with DIAMOND. JUZNIO planned to have lunch with DIAMOND at the St. Francis Hotel on July 12, 1955. (T-2, 7/8/55)

JUZNIO was scheduled to appear on the World Affairs Council Radio Program over station KGO, San Francisco at 6:00 PM on June 9, 1955, to speak on the Yugoslav foreign policy and to answer questions on this subject. (T-2, 6/7/55)

ANTON MLINOTIN mentioned above wanted STANISLAV JUZNIO to attend a Seminar at the University of California at 9:00 AM on July 14, 1955, on the subject of Civil Liberties. The Seminar

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was to be directed by Professor (ALBERT) ERRENZWEIG. JUZNIC stated he would be happy to attend. (T-2, 7/12/55)

JUZNIC also made a talk on the campus of University of California on an unspecified date and on an unnamed subject which he claimed was well received.

JUZNIC was invited to again visit the campus on July 27, 1955, by Professors KADIC and JELAVICH. These professors have previously been in contact with the Consulate and their full names are ANTEKADIC and CHARLES J. JELAVICH. On the latter occasion JUZNIC planned to show some 16 mm. movies. (T-2, 7/26/55).

JUZNIC continued to meet with MATT SPOILER, a San Francisco Yugoslav-American, acting as host to dinner for Mr. and Mrs. MATT SPOILER at his home on June 15, 1955. (T-2, 6/15/55) To date this contact, according to SF T-4, has been merely on a social level. (T-4, 7/15/55)

STANISLAV JUZNIC was invited to the Yugoslav Sokol Club picnic on July 3, 1955. He planned to ride down to the grounds with FRANK KUCHAN and to come back on the bus chartered by the Sokol Club. (T-2, 7/1/55)

At the end of this period STANISLAV JUZNIC was planning a trip to Los Angeles to see KARLA (believed to be KARLA STAYDUHAR of the Yugoslav Information Center, New York City) and also to do other work in Los Angeles, beginning on August 1, 1955. He wanted to see KARLA about some films and he felt that she could help him in his contacts in Los Angeles. KARLA was visiting Los Angeles with a sister, a Mrs. MIDDLETON. (T-2, 7/28, 29/55)

It is to be noted that the Yugoslav Information Center is registered with the United States Department of State as an agency of the Yugoslav Government.

#### IV. CLERK VUKOSAVA VUISICH

VUKOSAVA VUISICH continued as Clerk at the Yugoslav Consulate, San Francisco, during this period. Her father, Reverend MIRKO VUISICH, was reported as returned to Los Angeles from Arizona and desirous of visiting San Francisco but postponed his trip because of the United Nations activities at the time. VUISICH complained to

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her father that her superiors at the Consulate gave her no help in her work and she was unhappy. However, when her father suggested she return to Yugoslavia she stated she was at least not hungry in the United States. (T-2, 6/18/55)

Reverend NIRKO VUISICH did not come to San Francisco during this period but VUKOSAVA VUISICH visited him in Los Angeles over the July 4th weekend and had a reservation on United Airlines Coach flight to Los Angeles on July 1, 1955. VUISICH knew that her father was going to see KARADJOLE in Los Angeles on June 29, 1955, and she cautioned him not to spend any money in connection with this meeting. (T-2, 6/28/55)

VUKOSAVA VUISICH was formerly in contact with SOFIA KULICH of Oakland, California. During this period VUISICH stated that she no longer visited with SOFIA KULICH, claiming she did not have the time. (T-2, 6/18/55)

VUKOSAVA VUISICH continued to visit friends in the Santa Clara area and planned to spend a weekend in the company of the family of BRANKO KARADJOLE in the area with the families of PETER LASONICH, SAVA BOGDANOVICH and BOZO GALEB. (T-2, 6/13/55)

#### V. STENOGRAPHER NATASHA BERNARD

During this period NATASHA BERNARD moved from San Francisco to a home which she and her husband purchased at 2070 Polk Avenue, San Mateo. (T-2, 7/7/55)

BERNARD inquired about a speech to be given by ANNA LOUISE STRONG at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco on June 30, 1955. No further information as to NATASHA BERNARD's interest in this matter was received. (T-2, 6/30/55)

It is to be noted that ANNA LOUISE STRONG is an American woman who spent many years in Moscow and published books and articles on the Soviet Union. "Who's Who in America" 1940 - 1943, indicated that this person organized the "Moscow Daily News" first English language newspaper in Russia in 1930.

The magazine "Time" issue of June 20, 1955, recalled the story of the arrest of ANNA LOUISE STRONG by the Soviet police in Moscow in 1919 and how the Russians later had stated it had all

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been a mistake, blaming the episode on the deposed Chief of Police BERIA. The article further stated that ANNA LOUISE STRONG had lunch with the Soviet Ambassador ZAKHARIN, who had assured ANNA LOUISE STRONG that she would be welcome to come to the Soviet Union anytime she could secure a United States passport. STRONG was in San Francisco covering the United Nations meeting for the "National Guardian" (issue of June 27, 1955, page 1, "National Guardian.")

The "National Guardian" was cited by the California Committee on Un-American Activities as a publication launched in New York in 1948, which from its inception was notoriously Stalinist in its staff, management and content.

#### VISITORS

The Yugoslav Consulate was busy with official visitors during this period. Most important were the Yugoslav delegates to the United Nations commemorative meeting for the period June 20-26, 1955. The group was headed by Foreign Minister KOCA POPOVIC and included Yugoslav Ambassador to the United States LEO MATES, Yugoslav Ambassador to the United Nations JOZA BRILEJ, Foreign Office Counselor FELIKS GOESKI and New York United Nations delegate DIMCE BELOVSKI. Consul General BRANKO KARADJOLE hoped that the group would stay on after the completion of the meeting but JOZA BRILEJ stated that he could not foresee any possibility of this. While on the West Coast JOZA BRILEJ hoped to take a side trip to Los Angeles between June 17 and 20 but was discouraged in this. MATES instructed KARADJOLE not to schedule any lectures or meetings as the United Nations affair alone would furnish enough of that type of thing. (T-2, 5/30/55)

KARADJOLE was attempting to secure permission for one of the officials to appear on a television program in San Francisco under the direction of WILLIAM WINTER. He was particularly anxious to have Foreign Minister KOCA POPOVIC appear. Neither MATES nor JOZA BRILEJ would give any approval to the proposition, saying it would be up to the Foreign Minister to decide when he arrived in San Francisco. (T-2, 5/30; 6/2/55)

As it happened, certain members of the Yugoslav United Nations delegation eventually did appear with WINTER, the principal figure being MATES, whose appearance WINTER called sensational. Foreign Minister KOCA POPOVIC made a tape recording for a release over the radio June 28, 1955. (T-2, 6/25/55)

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The United Nations delegation arrived in San Francisco June 17, 1955, and made their headquarters at the Sir Francis Drake Hotel. They attended UN sessions and the Foreign Minister made his official speech on June 22, 1955. He followed the Soviet Foreign Minister MOLOTOV and Consul General BRANKO KARADJOLE complained that most of the people left after MOLOTOV finished speaking and the Yugoslav delegate lost most of his audience. However, KARADJOLE said that the speech of POPOVIC had been well received. KARADJOLE also appeared to disapprove of the anti-Russian remarks made by the Cuban and Filipino delegates who publicly disagreed with some of the speech presented by MOLOTOV. (T-2, 6/17, 22/55)

It was indicated that the visiting delegates planned to leave San Francisco on TWA flight # 38 on Monday, June 27, 1955. (T-2, 6/23/55)

Also under the heading of visitors during this period is included a (Dr.) ~~SP-RE~~ from Zagreb who came to the San Francisco area to visit Berkeley, possibly the University. He stayed at the Canterbury Hotel in San Francisco. He was not reported in further contact with the consulate and no further information concerning him was received. (T-2, 5/27/55)

During previous phase information concerning a proposed visit by Yugoslav Ambassador LATES to the West Coast was set forth. This visit was canceled late May, 1955. N. A. MUIK of Los Angeles reported to KARADJOLE that many Los Angeles Yugoslavs were angry at the cancellation. (T-2, 5/27/55)

#### LOS ANGELES MISCELLANEOUS

Judge WILLIS MORRIS of Los Angeles was at the Yugoslav Consulate, San Francisco on May 27, 1955, for an unnoted purpose. (T-2, 5/27/55)

N. A. MUIK of Los Angeles told Consul General KARADJOLE that Reverend WENDELL HILLER had written to Consul General KARADJOLE about going to Yugoslavia for a visit on which occasion he hoped to be received by Yugoslav officials formerly stationed in the United States, was a "L...". MUIK did not explain this further. (T-2, 5/27/55)

KARADJOLE advised MIRA MANDIC, Counselor at the Yugoslav Embassy, Washington, D. C. of Reverend BALACH of the St. Sava



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Serb Church in Los Angeles was planning on visiting Yugoslavia for four weeks, leaving the United States on August 1, 1955. He planned to visit Zagreb and to be with his family in Croatia. KARADJIC suggested that MANDIC arrange to have the Serb church officials in Belgrade invite the Reverend down for a visit and MANDIC said that he would see to it that Reverend BALACH got his invitation. (T-2, 7/14/55)

The case of ANDREW ARTUKOVICH continued to receive attention from the Consulate officials. It will be recalled that ARTUKOVICH was a Minister in the wartime Government in Croatia under the alleged pro-Nazi ANTE PAVELIC. The Yugoslav Government has been attempting to extradite ARTUKOVICH on charges of murder growing out of the activities of his administration during World War II. The Consulate was advised by their Los Angeles attorney that the defense had filed a brief in the case which the attorney, RONALD WALKER, said was poorly prepared. PAVELIC further said that the American Civil Liberties Union was showing an interest in the case, directing its attention particularly to the question "if the Yugoslav Government would give ANDREW ARTUKOVICH a fair trial." (T-2, 6/3/55)

The Yugoslav Embassy which was cognizant of the interest of the ACLU, determined that another group, at first not identified, had indicated that they would enter the case if the ACLU did. It was subsequently indicated that the other group was identified as the American Jewish Congress and they notified the Embassy that they would support the Yugoslav Government's position in this matter if the ACLU stepped on the side of ARTUKOVICH. (T-2, 6/14, 23/55)

Attorney RONALD WALKER advised the San Francisco Consulate that it might be possible for him to arrange a meeting between Ambassador LEO HATES and a Mr. WIRIN of the ACLU of Los Angeles. HATES sent out word that he had no intention of going to Los Angeles to meet the ACLU in Los Angeles and if any meeting occurred it would have to be arranged in San Francisco. He furthermore was not interested in approaching the ACLU but if an official of the organization wanted to speak to him, HATES would agree to an interview (T-2, 6/15, 17/55)

WALKER explained the position of the ACLU as being one of concern to the possibilities of the fair trial after they read the transcript of the MIHAILOVICH trial. (General DRAZA MIHAILOVICH, Serb Chetnik leader was arrested and executed by the TITO forces after World War II.) In this case the ACLU noted that MIHAILOVICH had been denied counsel the day before the trial and it therefore seemed that ARTUKOVICH did not be given a fair trial. WALKER then pointed out that WIRIN,

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of the ACLU, was a left winger an avid Socialist and a sympathizer of the worker's government and opposed to ARTURDOWICH and wanted some excuse so he would not have to intervene. If he was assured that there would be a fair trial he would give the Yugoslav Government no trouble. (T-2, 6/17/55)

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