

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

This Document contains information affecting the National Defense of the United States, within the meaning of Title 18, Sections 793 and 794, of the U.S. Code, as amended. Its transmission or revelation of its contents to or receipt by an unauthorized person is prohibited by law. The reproduction of this form is prohibited.

INFORMATION REPORT

CONFIDENTIAL/CONTROL -- U.S. OFFICIALS ONLY
SECURITY INFORMATION

COUNTRY	Yugoslavia	REPORT	<input type="text"/>	25X1
SUBJECT	Religious Persecution in the Foca District, Bosnia-Hercegovina	DATE DISTR.	12 May 1963	
DATE OF INFO.	<input type="text"/>	NO. OF PAGES	2	
PLACE ACQUIRED	<input type="text"/>	REQUIREMENT NO.	RD	
		REFERENCES		25X1

This is UNEVALUATED Information

THE SOURCE EVALUATIONS IN THIS REPORT ARE DEFINITIVE.
THE APPRAISAL OF CONTENT IS TENTATIVE.
(FOR KEY SEE REVERSE)

25X1



Catholic

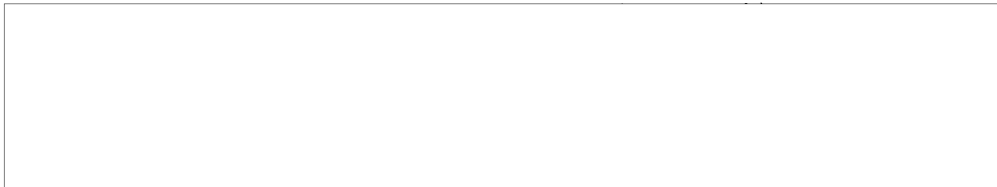
1. The Catholic church in Foca was destroyed in April 1946.

Moslem

2. Sixteen of the eighteen mosques in Foca have either been destroyed or turned into warehouses and stables.

Orthodox

3. Most of the priests in the Foca district have been arrested and sent to prison camps.



25X1

4. The Orthodox church in Ustikolina, Foca district, has been turned into a warehouse for cement. The church in the village of Miljevina, Foca district, has been turned into a cattle stable.

25 YEAR
RE-REVIEW

CONFIDENTIAL/CONTROL - U.S. OFFICIALS ONLY

STATE	X	ARMY	X	NAVY	X	AIR	X	FBI		AEC					
-------	---	------	---	------	---	-----	---	-----	--	-----	--	--	--	--	--

(Note: Washington Distribution Indicated By "X"; Field Distribution By "#".)

511

CONFIDENTIAL/CONTROL - U.S. OFFICIALS ONLY

25X1

- 2 -

5. On 12 July 1950, approximately 4,000 persons from the Foca district gathered around the Holy Trinity Orthodox church in Ustikolina for observance of Holy Trinity religious services. The church had already been converted into a warehouse and there was no priest to perform the services. On the morning of the feast day, a Militia unit of 30 men arrived and ordered the people to disperse. When no one left, the Militia men fired into the air. The people continued to pray and the Militia men began trying to disperse them by using the butts of their rifles. During the fighting that followed, several Militia men were wounded and the Militia was forced to leave. The group remained at the church until 1800 hours, when they returned to their homes. A few days later, on orders from the UDB office in Foca, the Militia arrested about 25 farmers from the Foca district. These men were still in prison in October 1952.
6. On 14 October 1952, many persons went to the Orthodox church in Foca for religious services. There was no priest present, but the people prayed inside and outside the church. Rajko Gagovic, head of the UDB office in Foca, went to the church, made some anti-religious remarks, and ordered the people to leave. When they did not obey, he tried to disperse them with the help of a group of UDB employees who had accompanied him. He was unsuccessful, however, and finally summoned a Militia unit of 150 men who succeeded in dispersing the group.

CONFIDENTIAL/CONTROL - U.S. OFFICIALS ONLY