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1. A determined effort is being made by Serb political emigré leaders to select a representative who would present himself to Dr. V. Machek as spokesman for the several Serbian political parties seeking to settle whatever differences exist between the Serbs and the Croats. This action on the part of the Serbs is prompted by the fear that, if Machek should suddenly die, it would become an impossibility to negotiate with his likely successor, Jurač Krnjevič, known for his anti-Serb feelings.
2. The Serbs have not yet been able to agree on one personality who would both enjoy the confidence of all their factions and be able to negotiate with the Croats without jeopardizing Serbian interests. However, it appears that Gašlav Nikitovič, who other than serving 36 hours in the Cvetkovič pre-war government is politically unknown, has formed a group of Serb politicians in Paris in an effort to unify the Serbs and select a leader for the negotiations. This group has been financing trips and supporting Serb politicians who have been coming to Paris from various parts of Europe. Nikitovič claims contact with Prince Paul who is reported to have reentered political life and to be in touch with King Peter and Božidar Purich, a former Prime Minister of the Yugoslav Government-in-Exile.
3. Dragiša Cvetkovič, who is persona grata with Machek, is also a member of this Paris group which consists largely of members of the Radical Party. The Independent Democratic Party will be represented by its leader Dr. Adam Fribovič, who recently arrived in Paris from Italy.

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~~Comment:~~ It is interesting to note that Sava Kosanovič, Yugoslav Ambassador to Washington, is the secretary of the Independent Democratic Party. Although the IDP has announced that it does not recognize Kosanovič as a representative of the Party in the Tito Government, it is reported that he will return to Yugoslavia to assist in bringing the IDP into the National Front.)

4. There is also another Serb group in Paris called "Akcioni Odbor" (Action Committee), ostensibly non-political, but with the primary function of serving as a front for the Nikitovič group which cannot approach Machek openly because of the political past of its members. As yet this "Action

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Committee<sup>n</sup> has not been active except in welfare work.

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(For further reference see: ~~██████████~~, Proposal of the Slovene Resistance Groups for a Yugoslav Federal Group, 18 February 1947; ~~██████████~~ Dr. V. Machek's Future Plans, 13 February 1947; and, ~~██████████~~ Reaction to Yugoslav Opposition in France and in Yugoslav Circles Abroad, 21 January 1947.)

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