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1. Major Zivko Gagic from Pecinac near Ruma in Serbia, and commander of the Automobile School at Maribor, [redacted] received orders from [redacted] command headquarters to transfer the entire School to Trieste in the event of a Cominform attack. [redacted] in the event of such an attack he would not comply with this order, but would move to the assistance of the Soviets, together with those of his officers of identical sympathies. Any of his men who opposed his decision would be shot by his own hand. 50X1-HUM
2. In references to the United States, Gagic expressed himself most unfavorably, adding that the West is mistaken in its thinking that Yugoslav Communists would fight the Soviet Union. It is alleged that Gagic's opinions and thoughts are shared by the majority of officers in the Yugoslav Army. 50X1-HUM
3. It is reported that the Automobile School at Maribor was transferred to Ilirska Bistrica during the summer of 1951 for security reasons and that, in connection with this, Tito had exaggerated the imminence of the danger and provided for the transfer at an opportune moment. Other units on the northern and eastern borders are reportedly included in the plan for transfer to the interior and western part of Yugoslavia. 50X1-HUM
4. General Ivan Sibl, Political Commissar at Yugoslav Army Headquarters at Zagreb, is reported to have concepts identical to those of Major Gagic. Upon one occasion, he stated that above all he was a Communist, and that he would never surrender alive to the Americans but would, as other true Communists, join the Soviet armies in the event of war. General Sibl is reportedly one of the more important political commissars in the Yugoslav Army, and was promoted to the rank of general during 1951. 50X1-HUM

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5. The Yugoslav civilian population is reportedly well aware of the stand of the Army officers, and is equally incredulous that the United States is not cognizant of this and believes that the Yugoslav Army would remain compact with Tito on the side of the Western Powers.



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