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SUBJECT

: Albania

: International Brigades

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1. Propaganda for recruiting of International Brigades in Albania is increasing. The "Central Military Committee for Anti-Fascist Action in Favor of Democratic Spain and Greece" is responsible for forming the International Brigades. Propaganda is directed by the propaganda section of WASH (Communist organization of the Albanian Youth Movement). WASH is assisted by the similar Yugoslav organization USAOJ and by the Greek organization EPON. WASH is directed by Major General Nako Spiru, Minister of National Economy. His assistants are Brana Perovic, a Yugoslav, and Nicholas Akritidis, a Greek.

2.

[redacted] the Central Military Committee, the president of which is Lt. Colonel Ramadan Khangolli, has five fully equipped battalions at its disposal. These are as follows:

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34th "Bataljonet Here i Kombit Qental Stafa"	Perat
35th "Bataljonet Here i Kombit Asim Vokshi"	Gjinokastrë
36th "Bataljonet Kosova"	Shkodër
37th "Bataljonet Here i Kombit Shejnaz Juka"	Gjinokastrë

3. The central depot of arms and munitions from Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia is at Shkodër as well as the 38th "Bataljonet Here i Kombit Vojo Kushi", which is in the process of completing formation.

[redacted] Comment: With the exception of Kosova, all the proper names mentioned in paragraphs

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2 and 3 above are names of Albanian partisans who were killed in the resistance. Kosova is the name of an Albanian female detachment of the Albanian guerrillas.

4. Training of all the above battalions is directed by Colonel Ivanov of the Soviet Army, who lives in Tirana.

Comment: It is not known whether this Ivanov is the same as the head of the present Soviet Military Mission in Tirana.)

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