

DOSTI, Hasan

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DOSTI, Hasan; Alba; delegate to the NCPA Participation at ACEN meeting, Strasbourg, 12-17 Apr 56; photo of subj attached to doc; see doc for additional info on delegates from Italy to Switz, Switz to France Apr 56.

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DFB-39953 See doc. for info on Subject, President of the National Committee for Free Albania, 21 Oct 54 NYC.

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OIRA-6460
dtd 13 Jan. '55

Referred to in dispatch OIRA-6460. hl

Islam SHERHU was approached 3 times by Edip GUCI and Skender Konica on 10 April 1954 and the second and third time by KONICA alone in June and July 1954 respectively. It is stated that Hasan DOSTI and Theodor PAPALIAN were informed by SHERHU of the approaches at the time and that DOSTI in turn informed BRABAM or one of the latter's colleagues. DOSTI reportedly instructed SHERHU to avoid any contact with Legation officials.

OIR-15303
dtd 24 May 1955
Source:

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Succeeded Midhat FRASHERI as Chairman of the NCPA and President of the BALLI KOMBETAR (since splintered into three factions).

194th meeting of Gen. Committee of ACEN 20 Mar 57: Dr. MASEKS mentioned application for membership in ACEN by Committee for Free Albania & a previous application by the National Democratic Committee for a Free Albania. Mr. DOSTI said the Committee of which he is chairman still exists and that no other application therefore could be considered.

Rome I-2-pts 123, doc, 2-2a-3936 - date 20 Aug 45: Leader, with Miss KRAJA, of Fieri Revolution in 1935 to overthrow King Zog & establish a democratic govt.

Rome I-2-pts 123, doc, 2-2a-3936 - date 20 Aug 45: Formerly pres. of Corte di Cassazione (a part of Court of Justice). Enjoys great influence...

Dec 57 rpt of PAC: DOSTI, favored by some members of the Gen. Committee of the ACEN for inclusion in the new Albanian delegation to the ACEN, is considered to be contributing to the delay in arriving at a solution.

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(See Card 8 for photo)

Belongs to Balli Kombetar.

Albanian in exile in Rome. Said to enjoy a certain personal popularity in Albania but served as a Cabinet Minister under the Fascists. Is viewed with disfavor by some of his anti-Fascist countrymen as a possible leader of Albanians in exile.

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Subject recently arrived in the United States. This document is a record of conversations held with Subject in this country re anti-Communist resistance in Albania. (See document for details.)

TS-35129-aa
5 Oct. 1949

Subject has been in the U.S. for 4 months. A founder of the Balli Kombetar, he carries weight inside Albania; however, he would not be accepted by the Committee of Free Albanians because to do so would upset the political balance in favor of the BK.

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TS-35704
HQ5 Memo
4 Oct. 1949

Subject is 54 years old and was born in Karvig, Gjinokaster. He graduated from the gymnasium (high school) of Yannina, Greece. In 1922 he went to Paris. He holds bachelor, master and doctor degrees in jurisprudence from the Sorbonne. He also graduated from the School of Political Science in Paris.

Washington Memo
Source:
Sept. 1949

In 1927 he went to Albania and started practicing law. In 1928 he was made judge of the

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First Instance. Later on, he was promoted to a member of the High Court. In 1932 he was involved in the revolution against King ZOG's regime. He was condemned to death, but later his sentence was commuted to a life sentence. In 1935 he was pardoned. He started to practice law again. In 1937 he became Chief Justice of the court in Korca. In 1938 he became a member of the Supreme Court. In 1939 and 1940, he was one of the founders of the Balli Kombetar. In 1942, under the Italian occupation, he became Minister of Justice and was closely connected with the underground movement.

Subject comes from a modest family; however, he is well known in Albania as an authority in law and is considered a man of integrity and character. He is especially popular with the intelligentsia of the south.

Subject is not on good terms with Midhat FRASHERI(qv), but he is in the same party and represents the reconciling group of the party. Subject is responsible for keeping the party together. Otherwise, it would have split a year or so ago. He is accused by his own party members of wanting to reconcile with King ZOG's and VERLACI's group. Subject is second to FRASHERI in the party's leadership, although Abas ERMENJI(qv), is becoming a strong rival to him. Subject has been left out of the Committee of Free Albanians. He is now in New York.

Subject had five sons and three daughters. His wife and one of his sons were killed by the Germans, and one of his sons is now in prison in Tirana. One of his sons is with him in New York. His name is believed to be L. Subject speaks French, Greek, Turkish and Italian in addition to Albanian.

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SOOB-20387
Written 18 Nov. 1949
PI-5058

After prolonged discussions, choice for Balli Kombetar presidency fell on Dosti/
Abas Kupi, an opponent both politically and personally.

Served as Minister of Justice in the Kruja (v) Cabinet, and resigned April 1945
in 1942. In conspiracy against Zog in 1932 and sentenced to death. OSS Rpts.

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(Tirana Radio, 12 Dec. 1949)

FBIB Daily Report
No. 239-1949

"Recently the press and radio of the Western reactionaries announced 13 Dec. 1949
that Hasan DOSTI, war criminal and Albanian people's enemy replaced
Midhat FRASHERI as leader of the so-called 'Free Albanian Committee'. Anglo-American
imperialist masters, who support and keep Albanian war criminals, found in Hasan DOSTI,
a faithful tool for their treacherous missions."

"Outside our country Hasan DOSTI continues his mission against the Fatherland and people.
At Rome, he frequents the Greek monarcho-fascist Legation and together with Abas
EMENJI, Ali Bey KELCYRA, and others, he enters into service of Albania's enemies under
orders of the new masters, the imperialists. By order of the new masters Hasan DOSTI
went to the United States to divide the honest Albanians living in America. As a
political adventurer of foreign countries he plays a part given to him by Wall Street
but in this part Hasan DOSTI looks very miserable - just as miserable as his masters who
vainly expect any change in the Albanian situation."

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Subj. was too much under the influence of Abas ERMENI(qv) and his clique, Subj. stated that ERMENI is young and does not have so much influence as is attributed to him. According to KOTTA, Subject has attempted to cover up the split in the BALLI KOMBETAR(qv), and to prevent people in the U.S. from learning of it. Subj. considered Constantine CHEKREZI(qv) past as being "too involved" for CHEKREZI to serve as editor of Comm. for Free Albania newspaper, as Free Europe Inc.(qv) reportedly suggested.

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Subject left for Bagnoli in early part of January 1951 and returned to Rome on 15 January. While at Bagnoli camp confided to some of his friends that Albanian refugees there had not shown themselves unwilling to compromise in hope of eliminating the schism in the Balli Kombetar. Subject therefore hopes to be able to proceed with reorganization of the party in the near future.

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According to source, the return to Rome (about 25 November 1950) from the U.S. of Subject, chairman of Committee for Free Albania, is significant in view of intensified efforts of the Committee to bring about a revolt in Albania. It is believed that Dosti will remain in Rome for a prolonged period. Wash. Comment states in info dated 13 February 1951 that among Albania circles in U.S., it is rumored that Subject is trying desperately to emigrate to the U.S., but that under the McCarran act he will be excluded because of the fact that he served as Minister of Justice during

SO-58687(PIR-
8536 L 1 C-3
dt inf Jan.1951

SO-58686(PIR-
8237;PX-2003);
1 C-3;
dt inf Nov. 1950

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Subject, Vasil ANDONI(qv) visited Albanian leaders at Bari camp, ^{incl March} includ- PIR-6488(n.d.)
ing Abdul HENCI(qv) and Halim BEGEJA(qv)--doesn't appear that ANDONI & dt rpt 9 May 50
Subject requested further recruitment for intell. operations. ab

Leader of extremist current of Balli K. & Pres. Committee for Free
Albania; during Italian and German occupation was Minister of
Justice. From 1948 to end 1949, was in U.S.

ab

Subject reportedly proceeding to Italy shortly.

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Now open break between KLISSURA(qv) and Subject. KLISSUR believes
his own stand will result in Subj. losing his position as Pres. of
Comm. for Free Albania. In hope displacing DOSTI, KLISSURA col-
laborating w/zh Sajd KRYEZIU and BKI ab

Subj. and Vasil ANDONI(qv) approached numerous members of Balli K.
at Bagnoli, asking them to take part in special operations against
Albania; they succeeded in recruiting some 40 persons. ab

ERMENI(qv) says Subject often embarrassed his party and Comm. for
Free Albania because he was lacking in ideas of his own and was
unable to make decisions. ab

Att #15, PIRA-1039
31 July 50

SO-50547-26 Oct 50
(TW-44475, 13198)

SO-51201a(PIR-7829)

dt inf Aug-Sept 50

SO-48744(PIR-6852)
dt inf May 50

SO-45873(PGAA-1955/
DB-26991) B-2
dt inf late June 50

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Albania-4

Subject one of 6 members present at Comm. for Free Albania meeting attended by Julian AMSHY (qv). Subject and Zef PALI (qv) opposed proposal of Abas KUFI (qv) to nominate Ismajl VERLACI and Ndue KARKAGJONI (qv) as representatives of BKI for Comm. Both also opposed nomination of Ali KLISSURA (qv). Chairman of Comm. Free Albania and Pres. left wing Balli Kombetar.

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SO-54148(IN-13821/
[7-7521] dt inf
7 Dec 50; []
B-3

Subject and Muci KOTTA (qv) went to Italy in hopes of obtaining Comm. for Free Albania representation for new right wing Balli Komb. of KLISSURA (qv). Wash. Comment suggests info previously received does not indicate that Subject is contemplating any attempt to have right wing B.K. represented on the Comm. Subj. and KOTTA in complete disagreement with one another.

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SO DB#33148(PX-1937/
[7-4030; IN-16867)
dt inf Nov-Dec 50
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Subj. persuaded Muci KOTTA (qv) to admit that the latter is really a loyal Zogist. Subj. attacked by KOTTA for leading the Balli Kombetar to be a member of the Green International. Subj. replied that it was a good thing for the Balli Kombetar to be a member of that organization, and Subj. blamed KOTTA for being over friendly to Sajt KRZEZIU (qv) and his group. To KOTTA'S accusation that

SO-47719(FI142)
dt inf end July to
early Sept 50
[] B-2

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Reportedly arrived New York several days ago. Told various Albanians there that he was arrested, placed in confinement and interrogated by Ajer. authorities because considered Communist suspect. Subj. said this trouble caused by his political opponents, but latter in N. Y. say that Subj. made up story to defame his opponents and to gain sympathy among Albanians in N. Y. (Wash. Comment: no dissem. info partially confirmed by CPC; reason for temporary detention was on basis of McCarran Act.)

PGI-A-4044
dtd 12 April 1951

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Source gives reactions of BKI, Legalitet(qv) and Agrarian (Peasant) groups in Rome re Balli Kombetar leadership of Subject and Ali KLISSURA(qv): some members Legalitet favor Subject only because they believe that he enjoys American approval; Agrarian group said to favor KLISSURA rather than Subj. because latter was admitted into Green International instead of Sajt KRIEZIU(qv), who, as leader of Albanian Agrarian Party, should more rightfully represent his country in the internatl organization. Acc. to source, all other groups support Subject, as they are persuaded that without aid of U.S. nothing can be done. Source also believes KLISSURA faction has advantage of being more politically trustworthy than the DOSTI followers, who were described as being more opportunistic, more venal and less immune to Communist enticements.

30-63265(PIR-8893)

C-3
at inf November '50

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Albania-5

Italian occupation in Albania. According to source, it is well known that subject accepted this position on pressure from the Balli Kombetar, with aim of fighting the rise of the Communists and of lessening the oppression of Albanian occupation. It is said, source states, that Subject had been asked by Midhat FRASHERI(qv) to make this sacrifice for their country.

MOG(qv) reportedly working for expulsion from Albania(qv) of Subject and Zef PALI(qv).

SO-58996(RIR-8650)
JTB-3
Dt inf End January 51

Relations between Balli Kombetar and Italian Govt became more cordial after several visits by Subject during spring of 1950.

PTTA-1264(GIC Att #1
Ref#S-903-575.dtd
20 Dec 1950

Alli KLISURAJ is strongly anti-Subject, says that Subject cooperated with Fascists so why criticize Xhafer DEVA(qv) for having worked with Germans.

SO-60142 (IX 28838)
15 Mar 51 4711
JTB-3

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Returned to the U.S. on 8 March 1951, after a 4-months' sojourn in Italy.

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SO 63619
IB No. 580
(OPC rept.)

Subj., who is Pres. Comm. for Free Albania, told Albanians in USA that on his arrival N.Y. by air in March, he was arrested by American authorities, kept in confinement and interrogated, as he was suspected of Communist leanings. He attributed this treatment to machinations of his political opponents in USA. Subj's opponents in N.Y. do not believe these statements of his and consider that he made them for purpose both of blackening his opponents and of gaining sympathy amongst Albanian element there.

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Muci-KOTTA(qv) encountering opposition of Subj. and Zef PALI(qv) in his talks in New York re enlarging Comm. for Free Albania (qv) to include BKI (qv).

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Subject unpopular in Shkoder and in Gurg.

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With Midhat FRASHERI's death on 3 Oct 1949, succeeded as leader of Bal. and as chairman of Natl Comm. for a Free Albania.

WEL-20401

(P/451 9.5.51)
Usually reliable
source from un-
tested informant

SO-60332(PIR-823
C-3
dt inf Dec 1950

SO-62662(IE-
35863, 78985)
B-3
dt inf Feb-Apr '51

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Albania--7

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Attended meeting of Regional Council of the International Peasant Union held on 26 June.

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According to an Albanian refugee from Konispol area, Subject is particularly well-regarded in the southwestern area of Albania

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In letter which Mifit A. VERLENI(qv) in U.S. wrote to Ibrahim Sali MULLAJ(qv) at Lavrion, Greece, in answer to latter's request for info concerning ZOG's(qv) visit to U.S., VERLENI stated that (in ref. to ZOG) even left-wing Ballists like Subject and his comrades are also looking after themselves well.

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Source's informant is confidential source from Belgrade. About middle Aug 1951 Subj. sent cable to Enver HOXHA(qv) saying that large quantities of food, clothing and shoes had been collected and were ready to be sent to Albania for distribution; Subj, stated, however, that distribution must be made by International Red Cross or by a comm. of the UN.

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Fund Memorandum 277
dtd 20 August 1951
IB #1616

711-CLENU dtd 1 Jan 51
dt inf prior to
January 1951

SO-78049
(PGA-7241)
C 10-3
dt inf Aug '51

PGA-7131
C 10-3
dt inf prior to
19 Oct '51

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Albania-8

Subject has requested Greek Consulate in Rome to facilitate departure from Greece to Geneva, Switzerland; the Albanian refugees Skender DUME, Muharrem MULMAJ, Zil SULEJMAN, and Salghedin HADZI (qqv), who are to appear as witnesses before an internatl commission which is investigating forced labor conditions inside Albania.

Subjects son released from prison by Alb Authorities a few months ago, however, DOSTI, himself continues to be attacked by the Alb radio and press as a war criminal.

President of the National Committee for a Free Albania. Gave three basic reasons for preferring an Albania controlled by TITO rather than by the Kremlin.

Subject, when he learned of Ali KLISSURA's plans to sign a merger agreement with BEI, sent Ismail SHIFA (qv), member Free Albania Party in Rome, to persuade KLISSURA change mind and work for unification party. KLISSURA agreed stop negotiations only if Subject, Zef PALI, Vasil ANDONI, Abas XEMENI, and Halil MADI (qqv), (over)

SO-100658
SCA-209
dt inf 3 Oct 52

R-16-52/Sept 50
G-2 TRUST
Interrog of Petrit MARA

IR #5635.103
dt 11 Feb 1953

TR 2004, 4 June 53
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Source:
Eval: B-6
dt info 30 May 1953

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(IR 30494 cont'd) all members Balli ekstrast group
Rome, would resign and make KLISSURA sole leader.
Subject refused accept Klissura demands and original
merger plan will take place Rome on 4 June 1953.

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President NCFA. Subject is to represent Albanian
refugees at meeting of Iron Curtain refugees in
Washington, D.C., on 15 May 1953.

OIR-2998
dtd 29 May 1953

_____ jdk
dt info 7 May 1953

(Photo taken 1952)

In conversation with Dept of State officials on 4 May,
Subject, president of NCFA, reiterated his own views and
those of his committee on the possibility of utilizing
the Yugoslav-sponsored Prizren Committee and the Albanian
minority element in Yugoslavia (Kosovars) to bring about
the overthrow of the Hoxha regime.

_____ jdk

IR #5635.115
dtd 13 May 1953
(Ref. Dept of State, Office of
Eastern European Affairs,
Memo of Conversation, Albania,
4 May 1953)

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Two sons of Hasan DOSTI who were serving in Albanian Army were arrested and condemned to death for outspoken criticism of regime. Sentence was later commuted to 25 years imprisonment and they are now located at a forced labor camp at Tirane.

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Results of 15 Dec. election of officers of National Committee for a Free Albania: Subject had 31 of possible 43 to be elected again as President.

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OIR 13236
dtd 5 Jan. 55
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5 Jan. 55
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President NCEA
President BK

Bio Data Information: 1949

Now in New York; born in Gjirokastra, Comes from poor family. Studied law in France, and speaks Italian, French, Turkish, and Greek. No reference to his English. Practiced law; during Zog's reign (29036) was imprisoned several times for political reasons.

Was a member of the Kruja cabinet, regarded as cruelest of the Italian puppet governments in Albania, but later resigned. Listed as War-Criminal by present Tirana regime.

Not represented on original NCEA when it was set up in summer of 1949, but at death of Frasheri, Dosti was

chosen President of BK, and became president of NCEA evidently on strength of this. He is considered as a vacillating person who does not exert a strong influence on the Committee inasmuch as he follows pretty much the directives of Haxhemji and the other left-wing leaders of the party. Attempts instituted by Dosti to reconcile the two factions have hitherto resulted in very little. Muci Kotta considers him to be on verge of nervous breakdown. See card for NCEA, Muci.

Chairman of New York Regional Council of the International Peasant Union representing Albanian Democratic Agrarian Party (BK). Fund Memo 159, Feb 51.

Italian occupation. Member of Balli Kombetar of the "Ballisti". Member of Balli Kombetar. (FTT-754, 20 July 1949).

DOSTI, Hasan, Balli Kombetar member on same side as Ali Klissura, Nureddin Vlora, Halil Minaku, Dr. Vassil and Faik Quku.

Is an unimpressive man, about 50 years of age, lives at 32 Via Calabria, Rome. Has many Italian friends some are very highly placed. (See FIR-5058 & SO DB-20387)

Was unanimously appointed Head of the Balli Kombetar and also Head of the Free Albanian Committee. (See memo dated

20 October 1949 from FDP-3 to Chief, FDP.) Source: []

Left for Rome at 1:00 p.m. on 29 Oct. 1949 via TWA from New York. (See memo from P-3 to Chief, FDP, subj.

Info from [] dated 27 Oct. 1949.)

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