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From: John Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Subject: DRAGA CHUBELIC;
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KRUNOSLAV DRAGANOVIC

There follows, for your possible interest, information recently furnished by Mr. Luka Peyovich, Executive Secretary of the Serbian National Defense Council at Chicago, which he described as having come from a very reliable but confidential source at Rome, Italy:

Two individuals Draga Chubelic and Dr. Krunoslav Draganovic have been secretly screened for admission to the United States. Chubelic is the former secretary of Dido Kvaternik who was the "spiritual father" of plans to kill Serbians in Croatia during the last war. It is stated that he killed more Serbians than Pavelic. Dr. Draganovic is a priest who was a colonel in the Ustashi forces during the last war.

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Mr. Peyovich stated that he believed these two individuals are being sponsored by "powerful Catholic forces" in the United States and may possibly be associated with Pavelic's followers in South America.

It is to be noted that the organization, United American Croats, with headquarters in Chicago has been described by some informants as being composed of former Ustashi and Domobran members. In this connection the May 25, 1949, issue of "Danica" (Morning Star) published in Chicago, contained a photograph of the Reverend Dr. Vendelin Vasilj, O.F.M. and an accompanying article which referred to him as the new "Commissar of the Franciscan Monastery in Chicago." Several informants have reported that Father Vasilj was a captain in Pavelic's army in World War II. In view of Father Vasilj's background it has been suggested that either he or members of the United American Croats may be directly or indirectly sponsoring admittance of above-described individuals.

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