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Organizations of Croatian emigres in Italy

(1) BROTHERHOOD OF ST. JEROME, Via Tomacelli 132, Rome: social, cultural, religious, political, and welfare activities are carried on within the frame of this organization. The person who actually directs all the work is Rev. Dr. Krivoslav DRAGANOVIĆ, and his secretary is Dr. Ivo MURCANIN. The seat of the organization is in the College of St. Jerome, a Vatican institution where the Croatian young men study to become priests. The organization, as far as its political activities are concerned, is independentist (separation of Croatia from Yugoslavia) and in contact with the Pavlović group in Argentina, and with other Croatian independentist groups in other countries (Syria, Spain, U.S., etc.). It keeps probably also the underground contacts with similar groups in Yugoslavia.

(2) CROATIAN COMMITTEE IN ITALY, Lungotevere Mellini 51/3, Rome: its president is Mr. Miro DIDAK; some of the persons who are probably members of the Committee or at least very close to it: Dr. Zdenko BABIĆ, Mr. FESLI, Vlado SOPREK. The Committee claims that it represents MAČEK Maček's Party (Croatian Peasant Party) in Italy. Didak is in permanent contact with Dr. FESLI, who lives in Washington and who is Maček's secretary. Didak also keeps contact with certain Italian authorities, certain people in Vatican, and with other emigré groups in Italy which were once organized in Internation Club. Babić is employed at the International Refugee Organization; Magr. Edih keeps contacts in Vatican; Vlado Soprek is a very close collaborator of the Italian police and counter-espionage service, he is also in very close contact with "Vojvoda" Jevdjević. This Committee tried to establish underground contacts in Yugoslavia via Trieste but had no success so far.

(3) CROATIAN NGWC CENTER in Rome, depends from NGWC/WRS Mission in Italy (Director: Magr. Andrew P. Landi): it is exclusively a welfare institution supplied by IRO and

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NCWC. (There are many such NCWC centers in Italy.) The head of this Croatian Center is a certain MONCARIO who is suspected of having contacts with official Yugoslav (Tito's) circles; this information, however, may be ~~misleading~~ prejudiced, therefore no weight should be given to it until some further information from different source, or more details are received.

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4065006 - Concern activities of Croat Croatian Center in Spain and Italy  
50-76162 - Croatian activities in P.A. (Bureau Area, Algeria)

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