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1. The College of S. Girolamo degli Illirici (St. Jerome of the Illyrians), located at 132 Via Tomacelli, Rome, is Vatican property under the protection of Cardinal Pietro FUMASONI-BIONDI, where young Croatian priests studying in the various Vatican Universities in Rome were lodged before the war.

2. The Rector of Sacerdotes (Monsignor) Dr. Juraj MANJERIC, was appointed by the representation of the Archbishop of Zagreb, who was acting at the behest of his late Eminence Alexander I of Jugoslavia, who was a patron of Ustasha.

3. In 1941, immediately after the occupation of Jugoslavia and the resulting creation of the independent state of Croatia, Dr. MANJERIC changed his political orientation and became a Ustasha. Since that time, however, the Vice-Rector of the college was Dr. Krunoslav DRAGANOVIC, a man in the trust of Ante PAVELIC who appointed him professor of the University of Zagreb for special merits. In 1943, when the Croatian legation transferred to the North of Italy (all documents at the time of the formation of the puppet Fascist Republic of Salo) the liberation of Mussolini, part of the archives of that legation was moved to the College of S. Girolamo by DRAGANOVIC himself, who was considered the Ustasha "Berg Illirici" in Rome.

4. At the end of the war, many Ustasha priests and officials began to flock to Rome, thus transforming the College into a veritable Ustasha nest. Under MANJERIC and DRAGANOVIC sprang up the "Bratovstina" Ustasha organization, of which the former became president and the latter vice-president, in order to obtain from the Pontifical Commission of Assistance and from other organizations funds for the relief of Ustasha refugees, which are not included in Allied organized relief. In fact, the relief work carried out through the "Bratovstina" was solely in favor of Ustasha war criminals.

5. DRAGANOVIC's record was, and still is, decidedly oriented in favor of the Ustasha, hating all of other political tendencies. This antipathy of his for all non-Ustashi did not even spare his fellow priests, with whom he is in open and constant discord. He is an extremely intellectual man, materialistic and without love for that degree of idealism which does not nourish Ustasha ideology. In short, an uncommunicative and nervous extremist.

6. Cardinal Luigi VIGNANDIO did not give his consent to the rehabilitation of Ustashi, nor did the Italian CS authorities, in spite of this, allow the association to continue carrying on its activity despite the prohibition. Still, many bands, under false names, are Ustasha refugees in Italy.

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7. It is learned [redacted] that through DRAGANOVIC's offices all Ustasha refugees in Italy, including Dr. Ante PAVELIC, have succeeded in transatlantic countries, primarily to Argentina. The majority of those, registered by Subject under false names, were able to get a free trip at the expense of the Allied authorities (IRO; International Red Cross, etc.). He also organized the escape of Ustasha criminals from Allied concentration camps at Aragona and Porto di Pietralata, later arranging their emigration to Argentina. Among those are the ex-Ustasha ministers PERIC and VRANCIC, the latter a bitter anti-Italian whose book against Italy is well known.

8. Subject also aided many ex-Nazis whom he registered with IRO as real refugees. It is alleged that for this work, Subject received large compensation from (Monsignor) Alois HUDAL and from an unidentified Protestant clergyman. It should be borne in mind however, that Subject took no interest in business which did not concern Ustasha and Nazis and which did not yield him a particular financial benefit.

9. It is known in all Yugoslav emigre circles that Subject became head of the Ustasha in Italy, also creating an intelligence service in Rome and in Trieste. Information collected either through agents or through the direct interrogation of refugees in camps for foreigners, were and still are sent to the Central Direction of the Ustasha in Buenos Aires. Also published is the Ustasha newspaper "Croatian" put out in Argentina.

10. Subject spends a great deal, lives a comfortable life, travels considerably and lives in a private apartment at 28 Via Oslavia, Apt. 9, telephone No. 3[illegible]. All this is well known in Great emigre circles, thus here a poor opinion of him. His work is well known to the Italian secretariat of State in an unfavorable light.

11. The Great Center of the NCWC (the American National Catholic Welfare Committee) also has its headquarters prevailed over in Italy by (Monsignor) Andrea LANDI and directed by the priest Josip LONCARIC who until 1951 was in charge of distributing IRO subsidies to refugees living outside of camps. For this work LONCARIC came under Zone: LANDI and not under Zone: MADJERSKI, and is only lodged in that College and is fugue.