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Re: Father Krunoslav DRAGANOVIC

An official Italian Police Report from Trieste, dated 16 November 1967, adds the following tid-bits on the saga of Father DRAGANOVIC:

1. As part of the agreement between the Vatican and the Yugoslav Government regarding the rights of the Catholic Church in Yugoslavia, the Vatican appears to have agreed with the Yugoslavs that ~~the~~ Catholic Priests should not engage in political matters. Inasmuch as Father DRAGANOVIC was very much involved in politics, the Vatican evidently had to put him on ice. This was done by having him move out of the College of San Girolamo, Rome. And only after the Vatican told Father DRAGANOVIC "to behave", did the Yugoslavs agree to sign the new concordant, which appears to have been done in June 1966.

2. After Father DRAGANOVIC disappeared from Trieste on 10 or 11 September 1967, the Police authorities in Trieste requested that the Police in Rome check with the Vatican. The result of the check was that the Vatican stated flatly that Father DRAGANOVIC returned to Yugoslavia voluntarily and that the Vatican is not interested in the matter any further.

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