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DR. KRUNOSLAV DRAGANOVIC

A source of information, who has provided reliable information in the past, recently advised that he was unaware of any specific plans for demonstrations in connection with the opening of the Yugoslav Consular Office in Cleveland. The source stated, however, that he feels the possibility for demonstrations against the Yugoslav Consular Office has greatly increased because of the incident involving the mysterious disappearance of the Croatian anti-communist leader and priest, Dr. KRUNOSLAV DRAGANOVIC, in Trieste, Italy in mid September, 1967.

Source advised that according to press accounts of the incident, DRAGANOVIC allegedly returned to Yugoslavia voluntarily. Source said the Croats in the free world do not believe he returned voluntarily but that he was kidnaped.

Source advised that photostats of portions of a handwritten statement allegedly written by DRAGANOVIC and sent by him to the Public Prosecutor in Sarajevo, Yugoslavia, recently appeared in two or three Yugoslav newspapers. In this statement, DRAGANOVIC purportedly set forth his reasons for voluntarily returning to Yugoslavia.

According to source, VLADIMIR BOSILJEVIC of Cleveland, Ohio, had obtained copies of these newspaper articles. He supposedly submitted these articles to a Cleveland, Ohio Police Department handwriting expert, together with samples of DRAGANOVIC's handwriting. Source said that according to BOSILJEVIC, this expert found that DRAGANOVIC's handwriting is different from the handwriting in the newspaper articles.

Also, the handwriting in one of the newspaper texts did not compare with the handwriting in another newspaper, although both newspapers supposedly printed a photostat of the same handwritten letter. Source stated that there were allegedly slight differences in the text of the letter which appeared in the different newspapers.

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Source stated that the Croatian community considers this to be proof that DRAGANOVIC did not return to Yugoslavia voluntarily and that the letter allegedly written by him giving his reasons for returning to Yugoslavia was actually written by the Yugoslav Intelligence Service.

Source said that if anything happens to DRAGANOVIC, there is a strong possibility that some retaliatory measures would be taken by Croats throughout the world. Source said that the DRAGANOVIC incident is of great concern to all Croats and it is being followed with much interest.

Special Agent FRED BACKSTROM of the U.S. Secret Service; DAVID MC CRACKEN, Administrative Assistant, U.S. Army Intelligence, and Sergeant JOHN J. UNGVARY, Cleveland, Ohio Police Department, were advised on January 8, 1968 regarding the information contained in this memorandum.

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