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DR. KRUMOSLAV DRAGANOVIC

Mr. BRANKO YIRKA advised on February 9, 1968, that he recently heard rumors that ANTON STIPANIC, Consul, Yugoslav Consulate General, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, had visited Cleveland several weeks ago to complain about the Cleveland, Ohio Police Department's involvement in the DRAGANOVIC incident. YIRKA said that one version of the rumor is that STIPANIC complained to the mayor and another version is that he complained to the Chief of Police. YIRKA did not know if there was any basis to these rumors.

On February 13, 1968, Mr. JOSEPH THOLL, Handwriting Expert who conducts examinations on a consulting basis for the Cleveland Police Department, advised that a couple of months ago he had conducted a handwriting examination upon the request of JOSEPH VLADIMIR BOSILIEVIC of the committee for Croatian Migration.

Mr. THOLL advised BOSILIEVIC provided him with copies of three newspapers from Yugoslavia and Italy. Each of these newspapers contained the same handwritten letter, allegedly written by DRAGANOVIC, explaining why he returned to Yugoslavia voluntarily.

Mr. THOLL said he made scaled photographs of each of the three letters and then enlarged the photographs. He advised that it was his conclusion after a detailed examination of the letters that the three letters were obviously hand traced from an identical model. He said the three letters were not completely identical and that even the signature on one of the letters was not in the name of DRAGANOVIC but a variation thereof.

Mr. THOLL advised that several weeks ago ANTON STIPANIC of the Yugoslav Consulate in Pittsburgh had come to Cleveland to complain to the Chief of Police at the Cleveland Police Department about interfering in the internal

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affairs of Yugoslavia. The Chief of Police had no knowledge of the handwriting analysis and referred STIPANIC to THOLL.

Mr. THOLL said that STIPANIC then contacted him to ascertain whether the examination had been conducted officially by the Cleveland Police Department and to complain about interference in the internal affairs of Yugoslavia. Mr. THOLL advised STIPANIC that he is not an employee of the Cleveland Police Department, but is a private individual who periodically performs services for the Cleveland Police Department on a consulting basis. He advised STIPANIC he had examined the handwritten letters of DRAGANOVIC but that he had done this as a private individual and not at the request of the Cleveland Police Department.

Mr. THOLL said he spent about an hour to an hour and a half with ANTON STIPANIC. He said STIPANIC was cordial and polite, but that STIPANIC refused to believe that the three letters were not identical and were not written by DRAGANOVIC. THOLL stated that STIPANIC attempted to discredit DRAGANOVIC and label him as a fascist and a person who helped EICHMAN escape to South America. THOLL advised that he was not concerned with what happened over 20 years ago but was more concerned what was happening now.

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