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TO : Director, DCS
for Soviet Elec Division

DATE: 12 January 1970

FROM : Chief []

Subject: Source to the Communist World, Inc., and Rev. Richard Wurmbrand.

1. On 7 Jan 70 Rev. Richard Wurmbrand, Director of Subject
Organization, Glendale, California, telephoned on the listed number
and volunteered to provide information he had acquired concerning
the detection and kidnapping-return of Dragomir Vasile Ceausescu,
brother-in-law of Nicolae Ceausescu, General Secretary of the Romanian
Communist Party.

2. The material (attached) was received 9 Jan 70. Note it
includes a picture of Dragomir Ceausescu, as well as information
pertaining to Yugoslav secret police activities.

3. Reverend Wurmbrand has never been contacted but we have
been aware of his activities. He is associated with "Underground
Workshops" and "Europe's Missions", etc. I believe his organiza-
tion was designed to provide the Reverend with a livelihood. The
enclosure gives his background. May he has not tried to contact
me previously I don't know and believing him to be an opportunist
because of his various "non-profit" anti-Communist organizations, I
am suspicious of his motive in supplying this information. In any
event, this should go on record.

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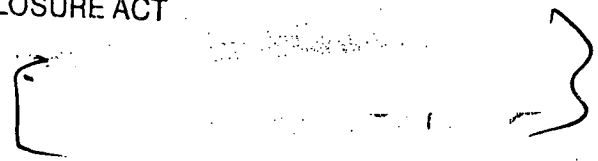


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2. Source's name of Dragomir Ceausescu
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To whom it may concern:

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Dear Sir:

I suppose that your agency would be interested in the enclosed documents. Although the event described in them took place in 1967, it is only now that we could obtain full particulars about it.

The step brother of Nicolae Ceausescu, the present General Secretary of the Romanian party, the engineer Ceausescu Dragomir Vestic, tried unsuccessfully to demand political asylum in France, on the occasion of one of his trips abroad. In the night of March 29, 1967 he was kidnapped from the Liege - Paris 17, 19 PM train and is presently serving a sentence in the Romanian jail. I attach photocopies of two letters of Mr. Suga who tried to help him escape and also a picture. I trust that you will easily find a translator in your institution.

Very truly,
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...of our missionary activity.

Yours sincerely

Mihai Wambura

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IN REPLY TO THE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

The secret Communist Police of Tito have committed new crimes:

On the 14th of September, 1967, a Croat Simundic was killed by them in his car near Stuttgart (in Western Germany) where he was in exile. Before killing him, the Communists put his name on an alleged Croat publication, falsified by them, in which they declared him to be a traitor to the national cause. By this the Communists tried to cover their crime, putting it on the shoulder of Croat nationalists. Never have the Croatian nationalists in exile considered Simundic to be a traitor.

On the 23rd of September, 1967, the Serbian Petrovic was killed by a tool of the Communists, a baker with the name of Spasojevic, before the Church of the Savior in Munich (Western Germany). The murder was committed with an axe; the murderer has disappeared.

Now the Yugoslavian Secret Police have kidnaped a prominent religious personality refugee in the West, Professor Monsignore Dr. Krunoslav Draganovic. They have kidnaped him in nearness of the Italian haven Trieste.

The professor was 64 years old. He had become in the meantime an Austrian citizen and worked at a book proving the atrocities of the Communist terrorists in Yugoslavia.

Mgr. Draganovic had gathered the proofs that 150,000 Croats were killed by the Yugoslavian Communists, among them 400 Catholic Croatian priests whom Draganovic succeeded to identify by name.

Since 1943 mgr. Draganovic worked at the Vatican, but when the Vatican entered in contact with the Tito regime, he was put aside because his testimony was in contradiction with the new policy of the Vatican. His simple presence at the Vatican showed that it is not right to make friends with those whose hands are full of the blood of hundreds of thousands of Catholics.

Draganovic became priest in Nussbaum, near Vienna, and continued his work to denounce the persecution in Communist Yugoslavia. He had gathered over 800 declarations under oath about the liquidation of nearly 200,000 Croats by the Communists.

Under the pretext that friendly people wished to give him new proofs for his books, he was lured to come in the beginning of September in the nearness of the Italian-Yugoslavian frontier. On the 10th of September of this year, he disappeared completely.

The Italian police and organizations of the Croats in exile have gotten since then the testimony that on the 25th of September, Draganovic was in the prison of Zemun on the 30th of September in the central jail of Belgrade. Draganovic had his manuscript with him when he disappeared, but a copy of it existed in the safe of a bank in a western European country so that the disappearance of Draganovic will not hinder the publishing of the atrocities of Communism.

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On the 10th of November the Deputy General Attorney declared in a press conference in Belgrade that Draganovic is free in Sarajevo and that he had presented himself by his own free will to the Yugoslavian authorities.

The Croatian News Agency announced that Draganovic, a Christian personality of high moral standing and a man who has had a leading role in the Vatican, is charged with holding a position to have been a WW2 criminal as well as for immoral propaganda to the government, for which he can get a sentence of 10 years of prison. The Yugoslavian authorities say that Draganovic waits in liberty for this police trial.

An employee of the Yugoslavian Secretariat for Information has shown to newspaper men a photocopy of a letter of Msgr. Draganovic to the District Attorney of Sarajevo in which he says that he has not been kidnapped, that he has not been submitted to force and that he has come back to Yugoslavia by his free will.

Proof that this photocopy is not true is that on the 8th of August, 1967, Draganovic had published the preface of a brochure in which he says that he is himself followed by the Yugoslavian Secret Police, that Nikola Cimasa, head of the Yugoslavian Secret Police for foreign countries, has interrogated several persons about the movements and habits of Msgr. Draganovic. He says in this preface that he doesn't know what waits for him. He expressed his hope that he will not be kidnapped but he also asserts that no menace will sidetrack him from his way from what he feels to be his duty as a priest and a Croat patriot.

The letter presented to the newspaper men may have been written in prison under torture or under promises that he will be freed as it has often happened.

The Croat National Committee protested against the insult done to Draganovic to call him a war criminal as his activity during the war consisted of helping refugees of different nationalities and since he left Yugoslavia he has done nothing else than to unmask the atrocities of Communism.

After this was published, the Yugoslavian authorities went further with their denials. Msgr. Draganovic himself held a press conference in Yugoslavia in which he declared personally that he has not been kidnapped and that he has come back because he is sure that in Yugoslavia great changes have happened in the sense of humanization and democratization.

An explanation for this presentation of Msgr. Draganovic himself before the press is only that he has been lured or threatened to do so.

The Croatian News Agency possesses a document written by Msgr. Draganovic in October 1967 in which he says, "Conscious to be exposed continually to the danger of being arrested or kidnapped by the agents and spies of Tito, I inform humbly but with a public declaration which I make freely in complete control of my own free will and absolute freedom, I inform the whole public opinion of the world. I am convinced in my heart that in case of my disappearance or my arrest, the Yugoslavian authorities will not be able to deny the truth. I am convinced that my public declaration will be a testimony to my faith."

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Draganovic

commenting regarding about the many "spontaneous declarations," "words of repentance," and "auto-criticisms" of the victims of Communist trials and said that the Yugoslavian Communism of Tito is not different in this respect from any other Communist regime. He continued, "I declare now, while I am still a free man in full possession of all my physical and psychical powers, with solemnity, that whatever I will declare or write or sign in the case that I will fall into the hands of Yugoslavian Communist Police, which is only a blind tool of the Communist party, that these will have been said or done against my free will and my inner conviction. The terror and the methods of the Communist Party are able, with the modern means of all kinds, to finish even the strongest and most courageous man. They can finish with him physically and psychically."

The friends of Draganovic assert that the text of the letter written by Draganovic which has been presented by the Communist District Attorney is surely his handwriting, but still does not proceed from him because it is a letter full with mistakes and it is a style which does not appertain to Draganovic who is one of the greatest living Croatian writer.

It may be added here that the representative of Yugoslavia at the Vatican is the brother-in-law of Tito himself.

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