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FATHER KRUNOSLAV DRAGANOVIC

Father Krunoslav Draganovic is a Roman Catholic priest of Croatian descent who reportedly served the pro-Nazi government of Croatia during World War II, which was then under the control of the late Ustashi leader Ante Pavelic. Father Draganovic spent over twenty years of self-imposed exile in Western Europe following World War II, and he reportedly obtained Austrian citizenship during this period. He unexpectedly reappeared in Yugoslavia in November, 1967, following his alleged disappearance in Trieste, Italy, in September of 1967. Croatian emigre leaders in Western Europe and in the United States maintained at that time that Father Draganovic had been forcibly returned to Yugoslavia by agents of that country. These emigre leaders maintained that statements of Father Draganovic written by him in Yugoslavia, attesting to the fact that he had voluntarily returned to Yugoslavia, were either fraudulent or obtained by force.

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on April 28, 1971 that an article claiming that the high ranking Nazi leader Martin Bormann is still alive appeared in the November, 1970, issue of "Argosy", which is printed in the United States and which describes itself as catering to the "Leisure Market".

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This article quotes Simon Wiesenthal, a Jewish investigator noted for his detections of prominent Nazi leaders, including Adolf Eichmann, as stating that Bormann is still alive and living in South America. This article claims that Wiesenthal has described Father Draganovic as a German collaborator in Italy during World War II, at which time Father Draganovic was reportedly the diplomatic representative of Croatia to the Vatican. Wiesenthal is also represented as telling this magazine that Martin Bormann arrived in Genoa, Italy by boat on April 4, 1946; that Bormann remained in Genoa for twelve days; and that he was protected during this stay by Father Draganovic.

This confidential source advised that Father Draganovic is presently in Yugoslavia, that this article has come to his attention, and that Father Draganovic has written to Father Cuvalo of Chicago, Illinois about it. Father Cuvalo is the editor of the Croatian language newspaper, "Danica," which is published in Chicago; and Father Cuvalo reportedly received this letter very recently. In this letter, Father Draganovic expressed anger about the contents of this article, denied that he had assisted Martin Bormann in any manner, and indicated that he would sue Simon Wiesenthal because of his alleged comments. The source said that such a suit could not be heard in Yugoslavia, and that Father Draganovic would have to leave Yugoslavia, possibly for Austria since Wiesenthal is a resident of Vienna. According to the source, this indicates that Draganovic was not kidnaped to Yugoslavia, but probably returned of his own free will.

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