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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

The following information was obtained from an Austrian business man who recently returned from Rome. Evaluation: as to Source: "C" (fairly reliable) as to information: "3" (Possibly true). Informant received information 6 September from an Italian business associate who is in contact with Albanian expatriates presently residing in Italy.

BEVER HOKHA was born in ECSETER, Albania in 1912. After attending the local elementary schools and college he was sent by the Albanian government to study at the university of Paris. HOKHA never finished his university studies but returned to Albania where he was engaged as a professor of romance languages at the KORCA Academy. In 1940 HOKHA was dismissed from the academy and secured employment with the cigaret factory "SAIDE" at Tirana. When the Germans occupied Albania in 1940 - 1941 HOKHA joined forces with the Communist Brigade of MUSTI BEA and he soon gained an enviable reputation among the communists for his diplomacy and duplicity. When TITO heard of HOKHA's abilities he sent two emissaries with instructions that if HOKHA assumed control of the Albanian Resistance Movement TITO would support HOKHA in his claim for the leadership of the Albanian government after the cessation of hostilities. With the withdrawal of the German troops, HOKHA in November 1944 was proclaimed Prime Minister of Albania. It is alleged by Albanian expatriates that the Communist coup was not brought about by the merits of the Partisan brigades but was the result of the Anglo-American policy. A policy, they assert, which saw the Allies sending equipment and money to the Albanian "National Clirintare" - (National Liberation Committee) which was overwhelmingly Communist in thought and design.

Albanian sources in Italy declare that HOKHA's treachery is innate by demonstrating that since the TITO-Cominform breach approximately 3000 Tito sympathizers have been either arrested or liquidated. And among those purged are Communists who at

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one time were instrumental in strengthening the Alliance
between TITO and HCKHA.

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