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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, IS REQUIREMENT: SM/DR
SUBJECT: NVD Report on Enver HUXHA, Albanian Communist
 Leader
DATE OF INFORMATION: Prior to 1954

1. A usually reliable Source, until recently in a position to know, has stated that in November 1953 the 3rd Section of the then First Chief Directorate (MIB) received a report to the effect that Enver HUXHA, then chairman of the Council of Ministers of Albania, was a British agent and intended to establish a good-neighborly connection (dobrososedskaaya svyaz') with the West, ~~to~~ source.

2. The report gave no details on HUXHA's activities or contacts. It was submitted by a German agent who was being run by section A-3 (CI against West Germany) of the ~~agent~~ of the Chief of Mission in Berlin. Previously the agent had been a CI agent under the WGH's Committee of Information (MI). The agent was a German citizen living in West Germany. He had enough money and a solid enough position so that he was able to move in fairly high circles. Source stated that the agent had close ties with GEBLEN's group. Source was not able to describe this agent nor could he remember his cryptonym.

3. Source stated the following: "As far as I can remember, he (the agent) overheard a conversation about the Subject between highly placed persons of the British Command in Western Germany. In particular, if my memory does not deceive me, it was from one of the chief leaders of British Intelligence in West Germany."

4. This report was given priority treatment by the Third Section but it was viewed with suspicion. Thereupon the man handling this case went to a colonel in the Advisors Section who had just returned from Albania. This colonel read the report but stated that he was not able to confirm or deny it and that he had no derogatory information on HUXHA. Source could not remember the colonel's name.

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5. BAYENHED, chief of the then PCB, considered the whole affair to be a British or American provocation. When asked if the Minister of the MID should be informed of this matter, BAYENHED answered that he had already discussed it with the Minister and that it had been decided that this report was not to be given to the government or to anyone. Therefore the report was returned to the agent's file.

6. Later the report was sent to the Advisory Section, and Source thinks that it was put into SMITH's file there. Source stated that there is a file on all important people in the satellite countries.

7. Source stated that he did not know if this report was given to the government at a later date. However, he stated that before Imperial Communist Party meetings, the MID usually gave whatever information it had on foreign delegations to the Central Committee for orientation purposes. Therefore it is possible that the government might have received this report under such circumstances.

8. Source stated that Moscow naturally suspected the agent as the source of such a document. They also took into consideration the possibility that the British had found out that he was a Soviet agent and had fed him this information as a provocation. In such an event, the agent would be considered clean so far as Moscow was concerned. Source stated that up to this time the agent was in no way suspected by Moscow. However, the agent continued to work as usual and Moscow did not inform Berlin about their suspicions or ask Berlin for a check on the agent.

9. Source stated that this report was not given to the Information Section because, without confirming data, it had no value as positive intelligence. Source stated that he has no doubt that BAYENHED checked with the Advisory Section on this matter. If he had found out anything which could have confirmed the report, then he might have sent it to the Information Section.

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