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Reported quarrel between First Secretary, Enver Hoxha and Premier Shehu

18 March 1963

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Austria, Vienna (6 February 1963)

(Paragraph 1) Western visitor to Tirana (P), from foreign students in Albania.
(Paragraph 2) Western visitor to Tirana (P), from a foreign student and a Middle Eastern diplomat in Tirana. Appraisal of contents: 3.

1. During 1961, an ideological quarrel broke out between Albanian Workers (Communist) Party (WPK) First Secretary Enver Hoxha and Albanian Premier Mehmet Shehu over the Sino-Soviet rift. Sometime after the quarrel between Hoxha and Shehu became known, a female member of the Central Committee of the WPK returned to Albania from a trip through Communist China. It was learned that while in China she had spoken out in favor of the ideological position of the Soviet Union, and she was shortly thereafter expelled from both the Central Committee and from the Party itself. Her expulsion was seen as a sizable ideological victory for First Secretary Hoxha, who, as a champion of the Communist Chinese had called for her dismissal, over Premier Shehu, who had supported the woman's pro-Soviet position. Due to the fact that the woman had fought with Hoxha as a partisan during World War II, however, she was made headmistress of a girls' elementary school in Tirana. After holding this position for only a few weeks, the woman suddenly dropped from sight. She has not been heard from since.
2. In commenting on this episode, a foreign student and a Middle Eastern diplomat in Tirana said that the above-described split between Hoxha and Shehu has long since healed. Among the Albanian populace, a minority is opposed to the regime's anti-Soviet policy, but the voice of this minority has been muted by fear.

Field Comment: It is possible that Mrs. Dalkova is referred to here.

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