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COURSE: Western visitor (F) to Albania, from a foreign diplomat stationed in Tirana and from two foreign students in Tirana. Appraisal of Content: 3.

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1. A foreign diplomat stationed in Tirana told a western visitor in mid-October 1963 that he had recently seen Albanian leader Enver Hoxha at an official Chinese Embassy reception and was surprised to see how Hoxha had aged in the last year. The diplomat thought Hoxha had the appearance of a man of 70, although he was only 55.
 2. Two foreign students resident in Tirana commented that it was rumored in Albanian student circles in October 1963 that Hoxha was suffering both physically and mentally from overwork. Although Albanian officials are technically supposed to spend one month per year at a work bench or in the fields so as not to lose touch with the people, Hoxha officially obtained a doctor's certificate excusing him from manual labor.

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