

05/28/

SECRET

SS

FRP:

STAFF

ACTION: SE-8 (773) INFO: DDPD-D, VR, FILE, BUREAU, CI-4, EPS/EG-2,
EUR-8, PCS/INT, (26/W)

79 2618865

PAGE 001

TM 2618865

TOR: 131602Z JUN 79

C 25719

S E C R E T 131412Z JUN 79 STAFF

CITE: [] 25719

TO: DIRECTOR.

MINTEL [] [] [] []

REF: [] [] 25702 2610174 [] []

1. AT 8 JUNE MEETING, [] (R/1) REPORTED THAT HE HAD, JUST THE WEEK BEFORE, MET ALBANIAN AMBASSADOR TO GREECE, BASHKIM DINO, IN TIRANA. DINO WAS BACK THERE "ON VACATION" WHICH R/1 SAID REALLY MEANT THAT DINO WAS BACK TO DO HIS ANNUAL MILITARY DUTY. R/1 SAID DINO DESCRIBED THE AIR IN TIRANA AS TENSE BECAUSE OF THE POOR HEALTH, OVER THE LAST TWO WEEKS, OF FIRST SECRETARY OF THE ALBANIAN WORKERS' PARTY, ENVER H. D. X. H. A. R/1 COULD NOT BE SPECIFIC BUT SAID THAT HDXHA HAD NOT BEEN SEEN FOR SOME TIME AND THAT SIGNS OF FAILING HEALTH STARTED TALK ABOUT WHO COULD FOLLOW HIM AS LEADER OF THE COUNTRY.

2. AVELOSKI SPECIFICALLY ASKED R/1 IF DINO MIGHT HAVE COME BACK TO ALBANIA AT THIS TIME BECAUSE OF HDXHA'S HEALTH; KAD NOT R/1 AND DINO PLANNED TO MEET IN ATHENS? R/1 SAID THAT, BASED UPON WHAT HE HAD BEEN TOLD AND HAD OBSERVED, HE COULD NOT MAKE A WELL-FOUNDED CASE FOR ANYTHING OTHER THAN COINCIDENCE. R/1 QUICKLY ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT DINO'S POTENTIAL AS A FUTURE LEADER IN ALBANIA MADE THE TIMING OF HIS TRIP CURIOUS.

3. R/1 SAID THAT THE NEW EARTHQUAKES IN ALBANIA HAD BEEN PERHAPS MORE DEVASTATING THAN THE FIRST, WHILE REPORTING HAD BEEN FAIRLY ACCURATE ON THE DAMAGE DONE IN YUGOSLAVIA, THE ALBANIANS WERE TRYING TO SUPPRESS ALL REPORTING CONCERNING ALBANIA. R/1 HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO LEARN ANY SPECIFICS.

4. FILE: [] [] RVN 13 JUN 79 DRV D9C.1.

END OF MESSAGE

SECRET

CROSS FILE COPY FOR
DO NOT DESTROY

NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT

- EXEMPTIONS Section 3(b)
- (2)(A) Privacy
- (2)(B) Methods/Sources
- (2)(G) Foreign Relations

Declassified and Approved for Release
by the Central Intelligence Agency

Date: 2005