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COUNTRY: ALBANIA

SUBJ:

A:BANIAN EMIGRE'S COMMENTS ON THE SUCCESSOR TO ENVER HOXHA, THE HOXHA FAMILY, THE ECONONY, AN PROMINENT PRISONERS IN ALBANIAN JAILS

D01: EARLY FEBRUARY 1985

SOURCE:

AN ALBANIAN REFUGEE WHO ESCAPED ALBANIA IN JULY 1984
AFTER HAVING SERVED A 10-YEAR PRISON SENTENCE WHICH ENDED
IN 1984. THE ALBANIAN'S INFORMATION IS BASED ON HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH FORMER ALBANIAN LEADERS HE MET IN PRISON AND FROM HIS OWN PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE. BEFORE HIS ARREST IN ALBANIA IN 1974 FOR A FAILED ESCAPE ATTEMPT. THE ALBANIAN COMPLETED TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL, WORKED IN A FACTORY. AND SERVED IN A MILITARY TANK UNIT. HIS BOTTON OF THE STABLISHED.

SINCE THE ASSASSINATION OF ALBANIAN PREMIER MEMBERS COMEDIAN AND THE ELIMINATION OF HUNDREDS OF HIS SUPPORTERS IN ALL BRANCHES OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PARTY, THE STRUGGLE FOR POWER HAS CONTINUED UNABATED. (HEADOUARTERS COMMENT: SHEHU "DFFICIALLY" COMMITTED SUICIDE IN 1981, BUT PERSISTENT RUMORS IMPLY HE WAS MURDEREED.). IT IS HOUDON THROUGHOUT ALBANIA THAT ALBANIAN PARTY CHIEFEENVER (CHONHA) IS SICK. IT IS BELIEVED THAT ALBANIAN PARTY CHIEF-SENDER (HOXHA) IS SICK. IT IS BELIEVED THE MOXHA HAS CHOSEN PARTY SECRETARY AND CHAIRMAN OF THE PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY PRESIDIUM (CHIEF OF STATE) RANIDER RILL ID TO BE HIS SUCCESSOR. IN ANY CASE, ALIA IS THE STRONGEST CANDIDATE. HOXHA'S SONS, ILIR'AND SONGLE ((HOXHAD), DO NOT HAVE THE COURAGE TO ACT OR THE 'ABILITY' TO COMMAND. ALIA IS GETTING READY TO REPLACE HOXHA MHENEVER THE TIME COMES. SO FAR, ALIA HAS PUT HIS DWN PEOPLE FROM NORTHERN ALBANIA IN KEY POSTS, SUCH AS SECRETARY POSTS IN DURRES, VLORE, GIROMASTER, AND BERAT.

2. NEXHMIJE HOXHA IS ACTIVE BOTH IN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PARTY. THE HOXHA CLAN CONTROLS THE COUNTRY. ENVER SPENOS MOST OF HIS TIME IN HIMARE IN SOUTHERN ALBANIA. IN 1984, ILIR MOXHA, ENVER'S OLDSST SON, RAN BOTH THE MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN

HOXHA, ENVER'S OLDEST SON, RAN BOTH THE MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERIOR. ENVER'S OTHER SON, SOKOL HOXHA, APPROXIMATELY 34, WAS APPOINTED IN 1984 AS AN ADVISER TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE, WHICH MEANS HE HAS CONTROL OF THE COUNTRY'S ECONOMY. (HEADQUARTERS COMMENT: WE CANNOT CONFIRM THE DEGREE OF INFLUENCE THE SONS HAVE IN THE ALBANIAN GOVERNMENT. NEITHER HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED PUBLICLY IN GOVERNMENT POSTS.)

ALBANIAN INDUSTRY AND AGRICULTURE IS IN POOR SHAPE. 3. ALBANIAN INDUSTRY AND AGRICULTURE IS IN POOR SHAPE, ESSENTIALLY BECAUSE THERE IS A LACK OF MACHINERY AND SPARE PARTS. PEOPLE MUST WAIT IN LONG LINES FOR FROZEN BEEF, PORK, CHICKEN, OR MILK. PRODUCTS SUCH AS CLIVE OIL, VEGETABLE OIL AND FISH ARE RATIONED AND NOT ALWAYS AVAILABLE. TWICE A YEAR PEOPLE ARE ENTITLED TO TWO LITERS OF WINE. MEDICINES, ESPECIALLY ANTIBIOTICS, ARE AVAILABLE ONLY TO PARTY MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE POLITICAL PURGE IMMEDIATELY AFTER SHEMI'S ASSASSINATION, A NEW JAIL - NUMBER 302 -- WAS - BUILT IN PLLANE-LEZHE (SIC). THE JAIL HOLDS MAINLY HIGH-RANKING

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ARMY OFFICERS. AMONG THEM IS EDIT (OHRI)), APPROXIMATELY 58, AN ALBANIAN AIR FORCE GENERAL. VASIL ((MATE)). FURRER DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE FROM 1984 TO AT LEAST 1975, WAS TRANSFERRED FROM THE BURREL JAIL TO THE PLLANE-LEZHE JAIL.

5. AS OF 1984, THE BURREL JAIL - NUMBER 321 -- HOUSED PRISONERS, AMONG THEM 150 FORMER PARTY MEMBERS. (MCC) CONTRAL COMMITTEE, WAS THERE AS OF 1984.

(A) TODINGGLEDNIND), A FORMER JOURNALIST, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE ACRANIAN YOUTH GROUP AND A MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE. LUBONIA WAS SENTENCED IN 1978 TO 20 YEARS FOR POLITICAL DEVIATIONISM.

(B) FADILY (PACRANT), FORMER DIRECTOR OF PROPAGANDA

OF THE ALBANIAN WORKERS PARTY AND A MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE. PACRAMI WAS SENTENCED TO 2 CAPACITY OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

(C) MENTER (NOTES) FORMER MINISTER UP TRADE (1954-76), MENBER OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE WAS SENTENCED FOR DEVIATIONISM.

(D) GENERAL (FERTURE), DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENSE. (HEACOUARTERS COMMENT: PROBABLY RAPMAN ((PARLLAKU)), DEPUTY DEFENSE MINISTER FROM 1970 UNITL AT LEAST 1972.)

(E) GENERAL/(FRE (PROUNT)) DEPUTY MINISTER OF

(F) GENERAL SECTION FORMER COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE ALBANIAN ARMORED FORCES.

(G) GENERAL RATE (GRANDHED)). (HEADQUARTERS COMMENT: PROBABLY HALIM ((RANDHITO)), POPPUTY DIRECTOR IN THE POLITICAL DIRECTORATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PEOPLES DEFENSE FROM 1973 TO AT LEAST 1974.)

THE ABOVE GENERALS STUDIED IN THE USSR AND WERE IMPRISONED FOR POSSIBLE SOVIET LEANINGS. (MEADQUARTERS COMMENT: WE CANNOT FURTHER IDENTIFY COMO, PRODANI OR FEJZO.)

7. (SOURCE COMMENT: THERE IS ALWAYS A RISK OF FUTURE SOVIET INVOLVEMENT IN ALBANIA. THE SOVIETS HAVE NOT GIVEN UP THEIR AIMS IN ALBANIA AND, ACCORDING TO WHAT IS SAID IN ALBANIAN JAILS. THERE PRO-SOVIET ELEMENTS ALL OVER ALBANIA.)

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