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SUBJECT: OVERVIEW OF STATUS OF ENVER HOXHA'S HEALTH

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1. DURING HIS CURRENT TDY TO STATION
PREPARED A SUMMARY/OVERVIEW OF HIS PAST REPORTING ON THE
HEALTH OF ENVER (HOXHA). WE ARE FORWARDING HIS REPORT IN
OPS INTEL FORMAT FOR HEADQUARTERS BACKGROUND USE.

2. ENVER HOXHA'S HEALTH:

A. 1976: PROFESSOR GIUSEPPE ((ZORZOLI))
A FRIEND OF , TRAVELED TO ALBANIA TO ATTEND A MEDICAL
SEMINAR. PROF. ZORZOLI, A SURGEON AND A SPECIALIST IN LUNG
DISEASES, ON THAT OCCASION EXAMINED ENVER HOXHA. ACCORDING TO
ZORZOLI, HOXHA HAD DIABETES AND SOME PROBLEMS WITH THE
CIRCULATION OF THE BLOOD.

1976: ALBERT ((ZURANI))
OF , VISITED ALBANIA WITH A GROUP OF WEST GERMAN
BUSINESSMEN. ON THAT OCCASION IN TIRANA, ZURANI MET
DR. NIKOLL SHURBANI ((SHURBANI)) (NO STATION TRACES) A CLOSE FRIEND OF
BOTH ZURANI AND ALL WERE SCHOOL MATES AT THE HIGH
SCHOOL IN SHKODER, ALBANIA FROM 1934 TO 1938. DR. SHURBANI,
A HEART SPECIALIST, IS ENVER HOXHA'S PRIVATE PHYSICIAN.
SHURBANI TOLD ZURANI THAT HOXHA HAD LIGHT HEART TROUBLE IN
1976 AND THAT HE CONSTANTLY BEING TREATED AND PERIODICALLY
CHECKED. ACCORDING TO ZURANI, DR. SHURBANI HAS ORDERED HOXHA
TO AVOID STRESS AND TO SPEND WINTERS IN HIMARE (SOUTHERN
ALBANIA) NEAR THE SEA.

DR. NIKOLL SHURBANI GRADUATED FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF
BOLOGNA IN 1943 AND HE HAD THREE YEARS OF INTERSHIP IN MOSCOW
IN THE LATE FORTIES.

C. 1983: IN 1983 A FRENCH PHYSICIAN (NFI) TRAVELED TO
ALBANIA. THIS PIECE OF INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED FROM DR. ANGELO
((SFERRAZZA)) DURING A CHAT WITH IN ROME IN 1984.
(NO IDENTIFIABLE STATION TRACES.)

D. 1984: NEATHOLD LEARNED FROM HIS SISTER THAT IN THE
SPRING OF 1984 TWO JAPANESE KIDNEY SPECIALISTS VISITED ALBANIA.
SISTER LEARNED THIS IN TIRANA IN APRIL 1984 FROM
KATRINA ((POLENA)) (NO STATION TRACES) (SEE 48389/1)

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08300/OIR-55368), A PHYSICIAN IN TIRANA, WHO LIVES IN TIRANA AND WHO IS A CLOSE FRIEND OF []'S SISTER. DURING THE 1984 MAY DAY PARADE IN TIRANA, []'S SISTER SAW HOXHA ON TV AND FELT THAT HE HAD GROWN REALLY OLDER IN ONE YEAR. DURING THAT PARADE. AND FOR THE FIRST TIME, 12 EASY CHAIRS WERE PUT ON THE PLATFORM FOR AUTHORITIES. OBVIOUSLY THAT ARRANGEMENT WAS DONE TO AVOID EFFORT AND PAIN TO HOXHA. THE PARADE LASTED SOME TWO HOURS AND HOXHA REMAINED SEATED MOST OF THE TIME AND SO DID THE OTHER 11 MEMBERS OF THE POLITBUREAU. SISTER NOTED THAT HOXHA HAD LOST QUITE A BIT OF WEIGHT, HIS COMPLEXION WAS PALE AND HE MOVED BOTH HANDS WITH SOME DIFFICULTY.

E. ANOTHER IMPORTANT FACTOR REGARDING THE HEALTH OF HOXHA IS THAT BECAUSE OF HIS HEALTH CONDITION HE HAS BEEN UNABLE TO TRAVEL AND HE HAS CANCELLED ALL PERIODIC VISITS TO ALBANIAN TOWNS.

F. 1985: [] HAD A CHANCE TO TALK TO [] (NO STATION TRACES) IN TRIESTE ON 11 MARCH 1985 (SEE REF). PRENDOUSHI ARRIVED THE SAME DAY FROM ALBANIA. AMONG VARIOUS SUBJECTS, THE HEALTH OF HOXHA WAS MENTIONED. PRENDOUSHI SAID THAT HOXHA IS REPORTED TO BE SICK AND NO ONE HAS SEEN HIM EITHER ON TV OR IN PERSON FOR AT LEAST FOUR MONTHS.

J. [] SHOULD HAVE FURTHER INFORMATION ON HOXHA'S HEALTH FROM MRS. SILVIA ((ZORZOLIA)), [] A CLOSE FRIEND OF THE ALBANIAN AMBASSADOR IN ROME. SHE IS ALSO A FRIEND OF DR. BELARINDA ((BEGTESHI)), (NO STATION TRACES), AN ALBANIAN PHYSICIAN WHO TRAVELS TO ITALY, FRANCE AND SWITZERLAND AT LEAST TWICE PER YEAR. BEGTESHI IS IN CHARGE OF BUYING MEDICINES ABROAD.

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