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Ramiz Alia, First Secretary
Albanian Worker's Party
Foreign Counterintelligence

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On June 12, 1987, NY T-1, a source of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) that has provided reliable information in the past, provided the following insights concerning Ramiz Alia, the current Albanian Regime Leader.

NY T-1 attended grammar school with Ramiz Alia, and was a close childhood friend and neighbor. Alia was described as an excellent soccer player, who had an easy going, friendly personality and was very popular with his peers. NY T-1 believes that former Albanian leader Enver Hoxha engineered the murder of the heir apparent, Mehmet Sehu, to pave the way for Alia's rise to power, because Alias's gentle nature would make the position of Hoxha's children and widow (Nexhmije Hoxha) more secure.

NY T-1 believes that Alia has lowered the tone of Albanian propaganda somewhat, and would like to adapt a less repressive policy in Albania, but he does not have a free hand because Nexhmije Hoxha remains the real power in Albania.

NY T-1 advised that Ramiz Alia's wife, to whom he was devoted, died in 1986.

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