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COMMENT:

1. The attached is a list of Albanians in Italy with indication of their political coloring and general background.
2. Noteworthy also is the presence in Milan of Bega HYSEN, a representative of the Tirana government. Bineri RAPO, whose brother-in-law was the commissar of the Albanian Military Mission in Bari, has recently come to Rome from Bari and passes as a Zogist.
3. The head of the Albanian section of the Italian Foreign Ministry (now closed) was Mr. CASTELLANI. The following Albanian officers are still receiving salaries from the Italian Ministry of War:

In Reggio Emilia	- Col. KOLONJA Neshat;
In Rome	- Capt. KARAJANI Kico; Maj. HAHISTASA Perikli;
	Capt. SKENDERAJ Khevdet; Lt. TAHIRAJ Shemsi;
	Lt. RUCO; Maj. FRATARI Reuf.

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14. DINO Nuri 45, landowner, Gestapo agent, head of civilian unit under German Army; participated in operations in southern Albania. His collaborationism is evident from the PWB Bari publication of the magazine Mundini, copies of which were dropped in Albania. Opportunist, dishonest; now a member of the Albanian Fascist Party; living in Rome.

15. LUZI Isuf, 38, professor, German agent during German occupation; head of civilian unit helping German operations. Accused by Albanians of massacre of 300 men of Valona. Dishonest; opportunist. Does not belong to any party in Italy; now in Rome.

16. MITROVICA Rexhep, 70, a lawyer, former minister, 1920-24; in exile in France during Zog rule; returned to Albania during Italian occupation, and interned by Italians; Prime Minister, 1944, during German occupation. Hoast, patriot. Now somewhere in France.

17. RISILIA Enver, 37, landowner, criminal, leader of civilian group working with German Army in performing operations and massacres. Cousin of Vishdan, (below); both served in Valona area. Gestapo agent, dishonest, opportunist. No education. Belongs to no party in exile. In British concentration camp since January 1946. (Ref. JZX-6402)

18. RISILIA Vishdan, 40, landowner, Prefect of Valona during German occupation; major of Gestapo. Responsible for massacre and deportation to Germany and Belgrade of 300 men. Dishonest; no party affiliations. Now in Rome.

19. STRAVECKA Xholal, 38, officer, leader of civilian group under German Army. Responsible for massacre in Tirana of more than 50 men, 4 February 1944. Dishonest, opportunist, Escaped from Italy early in February 1946, when the Italian Questura tried to arrest him for complicity in the murder of 200 Italians after the Italian amnesty with Allied troops.

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