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1. The following notes on the Jugoslavs arrested in Operation SOCKROACH are furnished for your information. Twenty Jugoslavs have been arrested. They comprise the followings:

- ced* a. *X* UVANOVIC, Daniel Ustas journalist
- ced* b. *X* KUSIN, Ignacije Ustas journalist
- ced* c. *X* MAGDIC, Milivoje Ustas journalist
- ced* d. *X* PEROS, Vilim Ustas journalist
- ced* e. *X* VERNIC-TURANSKI, Col. Janko - former Croat Military Attache in Rome.
- ced* f. *X* GEDJIC, Radmilo - Cetnik leader and Italian OVRA agent.

(All these appear on the Yugoslav list of Quislings and the handover of a, c, d, and e has been agreed upon by the Foreign Office and State Department. The State Department have yet to make their decision regarding b and f.)

ced g. *X* MAYREK, Stanko, former Stdsernik at Ustas H.Q. Zagreb and chief contact man between Ustascia organization in Rome and the Argentine Consulate. He has been mainly responsible for obtaining papers and passages to the Argentine for compromised Croats.

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ced i. *X* DOSEN, Drago, journalist and ex-officer in PAVELIC's bodyguards; may recently have been in touch with PAVELIC.

ced j. *X* KALERIC, believed to be a leading exponent of Ustascia culture in Ferme Camp.

ced k. *X* RAIC Ljubomir, known to have put his name as witness to false identity papers issued to war criminals (will probably be released shortly).

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Other arrested persons comprise:

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