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SUMMARY: (U) THE YUGOSLAV MILITARY-HISTORICAL INSTITUTE CONTAINS EXTENSIVE DOCUMENTATION ON GERMAN OPERATIONS ON THE BALKANS DURING WORLD WAR II, BUT MOST HAS BEEN PURCHASED FROM THE U.S. GOVERNMENT NATIONAL ARCHIVES.

TEXT: 1. (C) RO, WITH AN EMBASSY POLITICAL OFFICER, VISITED THE YUGOSLAV ARMY (JNA) MILITARY-HISTORICAL INSTITUTE ON 861128 AND 861105 IN CONJUNCTION WITH A DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE REQUEST TO REVIEW DOCUMENTS CONCERNING THE WARTIME ACTIVITIES OF KURT ((WALDHEIM)) IN YUGOSLAVIA.

2. (C) ACCESS WAS COORDINATED BY THE LOCAL MILITARY FOREIGN LIAISON SERVICE. THE INSTITUTE, WHICH IS DIRECTED BY COL ALEXANDER ((MILETIC)), IS LOCATED AT 5 BIRCANINOVA ON THE SOUTHWEST SIDE OF A BUILDING BELIEVED TO HOUSE ELEMENTS OF THE YUGOSLAV MOD AND GENERAL STAFF. OFFICES ARE LOCATED ON THE GROUND FLOOR IMMEDIATELY BEYOND THE GUARD POST AT THE BUILDING'S ENTRY POINT. THERE ARE SEVERAL STAIRWELLS IN THE AREA WHICH PROVIDE ACCESS INTO OTHER PARTS OF THE BUILDING. RO WAS GIVEN ACCESS TO A RECEPTION ROOM, A STUDY ROOM WITH MICROFILM READERS, AND TWO CATALOG ROOMS CONTAINING CARD CATALOG DRAWERS INDEXING THE DOCUMENTARY HOLDINGS. RO HAS NO INFORMATION ABOUT OTHER FACILITIES WHICH THE INSTITUTE MIGHT HAVE. ON ENTRY INTO THE FACILITY, RO WAS MET BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR LTC ((JOVANOVIC)), REQUIRED TO PRESENT HIS DIPLOMATIC IDENTITY CARD AND COMPLETED A STANDARD FORM GIVING HIS IDENTIFICATION, OUTLINING HIS RESEARCH INTERESTS AND ASSURING THAT THE DOCUMENTARY RESEARCH WOULD NOT BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE INTERESTS OF THE SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA OR THE JNA.

3. (C) IN ONE CATALOG ROOM ARE FOUND INDEXES TO DOCUMENTS CONCERNING YUGOSLAV PARTICIPATION IN WORLD WAR II; GERMAN, ITALIAN AND HUNGARIAN DOCUMENT INDEXES ARE IN THE SECOND. THE FIRST ROOM CONTAINS 19 INDEX CABINETS WHICH DEAL WITH PARTISAN FORCES FROM BRIGADE/DETACHMENT LEVEL UP TO THE SUPREME COMMAND (ALL CABINETS HAVE SEVEN SHELVES EACH, EACH SHELF BEING ABOUT TWO FEET DEEP WITH TWO ROWS OF CARDS PER SHELF). FIVE FILE CABINETS INDEX RECORDS OF THE PARTISAN POLITICAL ACTIVITIES; SEVEN INDEX DOCUMENTS FROM THE INDEPENDENT STATE OF CROATIA (USTASHI); ONE IS LABELED A CHRONOLOGY AND THE LAST IS UNMARKED. IN THE SECOND ROOM THERE ARE SEVEN FILES INDEXING GERMAN DOCUMENTS; FOUR INDEXING HUNGARIAN; AND TWO INDEXING ITALIAN.

4. (C) RO EXAMINED CARD CATALOGS DEALING WITH GERMAN ARMY GROUP E WHILE THE EMBASSY POLITICAL OFFICER LOOKED AT HOLDINGS ON THE 714TH INFANTRY (LATER 114TH JAEGER)

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DIVISION. DOCUMENTS INCLUDED COMMAND ORDERS/DIRECTIVES, LOGISTICS/OPERATIONS/ INTELLIGENCE REPORTS, MINUTES OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS OF THE COMMANDERS/CHIEFS OF STAFF, DAILY BRIEFING SUMMARIES AND THE COMMAND LOGS/HISTORIES. TOPICS INCLUDED ORDER OF BATTLE, INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION, LOCAL PROCUREMENT, POPULATION CONTROL, POTENTIAL FOR ALLIED AIRBORNE OPERATIONS ON THE ADRIATIC COAST, LOCAL RECRUITMENT, OPERATION "BLACK" (SCHWARTZ), REAR AREA OPERATIONS, MALARIA PROBLEMS, AIR/AIR DEFENSE/ COASTAL/ RIVER OPERATIONS, RAIL/ROAD TRANSPORT CONDITIONS, EVACUATION MEASURES, OPERATIONS DIRECTIVES, SOPS, ETC.

5. (C) EXAMINATION OF THE DOCUMENT MICROFILMS INDICATED THAT THE VAST MAJORITY HAD INFACT BEEN PURCHASED FROM THE U.S. GOVERNMENT ARCHIVES OR OBTAINED THROUGH THE NURMBERG TRIALS COMMISSION. HENCE, THEY APPEAR TO HAVE

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