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SUBJECT: Alleged Vatican Protection of Yugoslav War Criminals.

1. At No. 7 Via Carlo Alberto, Rome, in a building under extra-territorial Vatican jurisdiction, are located the COLLEGIUM ILLIRICUM and the COLLEGIUM ORIENTALIS.

2. The Ustasche of PAVELIC's Independent Croat State formerly championed the theory that the Croats are not Slavs, but are of Gothic origin. Subsequent to the fall of Nazium this theory was repudiated, and the COLLEGIUM ORIENTALIS is engaged in advancing the theory that the Croats are of Porsian origin.

3. Both theories, that of the Gothic and that of the Porsian origin of the Croats, are supported by the Vatican which wishes to strengthen Croat separatist tendencies and to assure their support of the Vatican-inspired "Catholic State" which is projected to include CROATIA, BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA, DALMATIA, SOLVENIA, CARINTHIA, ISTRIA, and the JULIAN MARCH linked to AUSTRIA.

4. This same separatist tendency, is evident among the Slovenians, too, and the "Strazar" Party supported by the Jesuit Academy at No. 6 Via Borgia, Rome, is its principal propaganda organ. The Academy is headed by Father PRESEREN himself of Slovenian origin, a member of the Supreme Directorate of the Jesuit Institutions. Hesitation of Slovenian People's Party leader Dr. Miha KREK to join the Yugoslav Central Committee in London, despite his strongly maintained position regarding the necessity for the creation of a democratic Yugoslav Federation, is surely to a great extent based on a knowledge of what is taking place in the Croat San Girolamo degli, Illirici Foundation in Rome and in the Jesuit Academy.

5. In Austria, following their withdrawal from Jugoslavia with the Germans, the members of the NEDIC and the Dimitrijo LJOTIC Quisling organizations, and the Montenegrin Separatists proceeded to draw up a deed with Croatian Ustascha organs by means of which they hoped to obtain Vatican sponsorship with a view to escaping possible war-criminal prosecution. Such Vatican sponsorship was accorded the Ustascha, chiefly in order to assure their silence regarding the atrocities committed by Clergy-led Croats who had indulged in a ruthless program of extermination of Jews and Orthodox Serbs.

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6. The mission of resquing war criminals was assumed by
at the COLLEGIUM
SAN GIROLAMO, took over the matters of sheltering and administering
sheltered NEDIC-LJOTIC war criminals, Montenegrin Separatists,
Bosnian and Albanian Moslems, as well as Ustascha members and Croat
war criminals. The terms of the mutual deed, which was applicable to
war criminals of all parties, were carried out by sending the fugitives,
provided with forged papers, from Italy to Spain via France, in groups
of three. In order to avoid too stringent police check, top-drawer
criminals were allowed to travel by sleeping car.

7. Save RADONIC, former Minister of Justice of the Montenegrin
Separatist Quisling Government, previously sheltered by the COLLEGIUM
ILLIRICUM, disappeared from Rome a short time ago, and it is believed
that he, too, was sent to Spain. RADONIC was apparently well-provided
with money, having brought with him the funds remaining to the
Montenegrin Government at the time of withdrawal from Yugoslavia. It
is difficult to estimate the amount of such funds, but it is rumored
to be in the neighborhood of 50 million Lire; this sum was well-hidden
and remained unknown even to Vatican experts.

8. The following fugitives are reported to be sheltered by the
COLLEGIUM ILLIRICUM in Rome at the present time:

- a. Steve VUJOVIC, ex-Minister of Montenegrin Separatist Quisling
Government;
- b. Lazar SOSKIC, ex-Police Chief of Montenegrin Separatist Govern-
ment;
- c. Dr. Stevan IVANIC, Director of the Belgrade Institute of Hygiene
under NEDIC-LJOTIC Quisling Government;
- d. Eng. VALILJEVIC, ex-Commerce Minister under the Puppet Govern-
ment;
- e. Marisav PETROVIC, formerly Colonel of LJOTIC SS formations.
- f. The two VRIONI brothers, former members of the Albanian puppet
government;
- g. Jusuf KOSOVAC, well-known Albanian assassin, sentenced to 20
years imprisonment for murder in pre-war Yugoslavia.
- h. Isa NOLJETINAC, Chief of Police of the Albanian puppet govern-
ment, responsible for the slaughter of 200 Serbs at Prishtina.

9. Others, not actually sheltered in the COLLEGIUM ILLIRICUM but who otherwise enjoy Church support and protection are reported as follows:

a. Dr. Dimitrije NAJDANOVIC, formerly a professor of theology at the University of Belgrade, is presently living in a private apartment in Rome at No. 13a Via Capedistria ;

b. Dr. Salih BALIC, Bosnian Moslem, formerly a deputy of the late Dr. Mehmed SPAHO's Moslem Party, he later adhered to PAVELIC and became the latter's Consul at LJUBLJANA. A short time ago he was arrested by the Italian Police in the vicinity of the COLLEGIUM SAN GIROLAMO; checking on his illegal sojourn in Rome, the Police discovered his name on an Allied war-criminal list, and sent him to the Ustascha Camp at Forli. Escaping from the camp, BALIC returned to Rome and is said to be hidden

c. Dr. HEFER, ex-Minister of the PAVELIC government and a Ustascha war-criminal, is said to be hidden