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SUBJECT: Military Situation in Yugoslavia

TO : GSI(b), 2 District

1. Forwarded herewith is a military situation report emanating from Yugoslavia and passed to this office by a fairly reliable informant.

2. No comment from this office.

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I. Fourth Army

A. Forming part of the Fourth Army is the 15th Assault Division which has four assault brigades:

1. The 4th assault brigade "Matija Gubec"
2. The 5th assault brigade "Ivan Cankal"
3. The 12th brigade "Styriana"
4. The 15th brigade of "Bela Krajina"

B. The 31st assault division is composed of:

1. The 3rd assault brigade "Ivan Granik"
2. The 7th assault brigade "France Presera"
3. The 16th "Vojkova Brigata"

C. The 7th proletarian division is situated in the Aidusina-Tolmin Sector. The 17th, 23rd, and 14th assault divisions form a part of the Fourth Army, as does also the 43rd division, with headquarters at Maribor. The 1st Division "Knoj", with headquarters at Divaccia and the 1st proletarian Division are also under the Fourth Army Command. The 1st Brigade "Niska", the 1st "Makedonska" brigade, and the "Arnaustska" brigade are in the vicinity of Maribor. The headquarters of the 24th brigade "Srpska" and the 1st Engineer's brigade are at Ptuj.

D. According to information of unknown reliability the headquarters of the Armored Army was established at Belgrade and is under the direct command of the Ministry of National Defense. The 1st Armored Division, with headquarters at Krain, has two armored brigades: The 1st and 2nd; each brigade has four battalions, 3 armored and one engineer. The armored cars are type T-32 with .76mm calibre guns. The 1st brigade of this division is still at Vrhnika, with the 2nd at Krain (headquarters at the artillery barracks). The 1st brigade is called "Gerni Orel" (Black Eagle) and has its headquarters at Vrhnika.

E. Definite information reveals that the 2nd Division is in formation with supplies and equipment in the south Macedonia-Serbia region and in the neighborhood of Skoplje and Stip. A brigade has already been formed and individual battalions are directed, by squads and companies, towards Tetovo and Bitolj.

II. Motorized Artillery:

A. Each army has received its artillery under the direct command of General Headquarters. This artillery is formed in brigades of heavy weapons, motorized artillery. A

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brigade is equivalent to the strength of a division (?). The heavy-artillery (motorized) brigade of the 4th Army has its headquarters at Postumia. The commander of this artillery brigade is Capt. FILIP BUJAN. The Politico Commissario of this brigade is Major CVRLJE ZDENKO - student, 22, from Spalato. The C.O. of Headquarters is Capt. BUKO DRASKO.

B. The composition and formation of the motorized heavy artillery brigade:

3 divisions with 3 batteries with a total of 900 men.

1. Commanding Officers of the heavy artillery brigade of the 4th Army are:

Commander of the 1st division	-	1st Lt.	PODKONJAK			
"	"	"	2nd	"	"	BULJ
"	"	"	3rd	"	Capt.	BLONISA VUK

2. The armament of this motorized artillery brigade is:
32 cannons, long, .105 calibre /German origin/
4 " " " .152 " /2 Russian pieces & 2 German/

3. Each division has a company of infantry for protection of the artillery.

C. ORGANIZATION OF THE ARTILLERY BRIGADE:

Composition of the brigade headquarters:

Headquarters;

1. Operations detachment
2. Personnel detachment
3. Organization detachment
4. Political detachment (which has its organization "The Club" and headquarters of the rear echelon.

1. OPERATIONS DETACHMENT:

Consists of:

- a. C.O. of headquarters
- b. Intelligence officers
- c. Topography officers
- d. Draftsmen

2. PERSONNEL DETACHMENT:

- a. Main detachment
- b. Secretary
- c. Typists
- d. Reports for Lieutenants

3. ORGANIZATION DETACHMENT:

- a. Main detachment; second in command and writers

4. POLITICAL DETACHMENT:

- a. Detachment of political propaganda

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- b. Detachment for youth
- c. Detachment of censors
- d. Detachment for discipline

Capt. IVO NOVAK is commander of the "Club", his deputy is 1st Lt. Lukas Marinko: It is composed of the art and cultural sections. It has an economist and a treasurer. The OZNA of the brigade collaborates the political detachment of the brigade.

D. ANTI-AIRCRAFT

Forming a part of the 4th Army is an Anti-Aircraft brigade with headquarters at Maribor. It is divided into two sections of 3 batteries each. The armament of this brigade is Italian, .20mm Breda, and German .20mm calibre guns.

E. The Tank-destroyer brigade

1. The headquarters of the brigade is located at Lubliana and is composed of 3 divisions with 3 batteries for each division. The senior officer is JURISIC JERKO. German type armament; PAK 88mm. anti-tank cannons.

2. A division of this brigade is equipped with Italian anti-tank .55mm guns. The agent from Zagreb informed on 28 March that on about the 20th of March troop concentrations of the 13th Croat proletarian brigade "Rade Koncar" were noted in the vicinity of Krsko and elements from the 7th brigade "Montenegrina di gioventu" at Cazma.

III. 2nd ARMY

A. The following form part of the 2nd Army:

- 1. The 6th proletarian division of Lika with:
 - a. The 2nd proletarian brigade
 - b. The 4th Krajiska brigade
 - c. The 8th Montenegrin brigade
- B. In the Gospic-Zadar area
- 2. The 19th assault division at North Dalmatia, composed of:
 - a. The 5th brigade
 - b. The 6th brigade
 - c. The 14th brigade
- C. At Bukovacka, all three in the Velebit-Kain-Split sector.
- 3. The 34th assault division at Caprag
- 4. The 8th assault division at Karlovac
- 5. The 30th division at Sisak
- 6. The 32nd division at Zagreb
- 7. The 3rd montenegrinian assault division in the region of Bjelovar
- 8. The 28th assault division "Slavonska" at Varazdin.

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D. The 2nd and 4th Armies each have at their disposal a motorized battalion.

A very well equipped motor pool is situated at Ajdussina, where new automobiles are mounted for the 2nd and 4th Armies, the automobiles coming dismounted direct from Belgrade.

IV. Aviation

- A. The air base for Slovenia is Lubiana, where:
 - 1. The 113th fighter regiment of (3 squadrons with a total of 40 planes, make JAK-1)
 - 2. The 442nd Bombardier Regiment (Stormovik) with 31 planes make IL-2) are stationed.
- B. A new airport is about to be completed between Ratece and Skofja Loka, (about 860 hectares)
- C. The operations section of the aeronautical headquarters for the Austrian and Italian frontiers is located at Zagreb.
- D. At the PLESO airfield near Zagreb the:
 - 1. The 112th Fighter Regiment (with 40 planes, make JAK-9)
 - 2. The 423rd Bombardier Regiment (with 29 planes, make IL-2) are located
- E. At the Zemunik airport near Zara is the:
 - 1. "Spitfire" fighter regiment (with 42 planes)
 - 2. and 10 "Haward" type.

V. Countersigns of the divisions:

- A. The divisions are named:
 - (1) Divisions
 - (2) Assault divisions
 - (3) Proletarian divisions
- B. The countersigns for these divisions are:
 - (1) XY.....division
 - (2) YX.....assault division
 - (3) YX.....Proletarian division
- C. Each of these divisions is composed of:
 - (a) 1 infantry brigade
 - (b) 1 artillery division
 - (c) 1 service battalion

VI. MILITARY SCHOOLS ON THE 2nd and 4th ARMY TERRITORY:

- A. The following schools are found in the 2nd & 4th Army territory.
 - (1) Officer's and non-coms and an artillery range school at Zagreb.
 - (2) Navy school at Split (Spalato).
 - (3) A non-com school, school for elite troops, and a school of people's militia are located at Lubiana.

- (4) A school for mines is at Sussak.
- (5) A pilot training school is at lesce at the local airport. Lessons in theory are frequented by 50 students. The second group of 50 students are at Bled. A new airport is being constructed at Serske polje, 20kms. north of Lubiana.

VII. ARMAMENT OF INFANTRY AND ARTILLERY:

In spite of all efforts to standardize the armament and unify it with that of Russia, the arms themselves are of all varied types. The first steps have been taken to improve the arms but as yet no conclusion has been reached. The Russian officers, who are found in the headquarters of various supreme commands and in the same General Headquarters, insist upon this policy.

A. The armament of the infantry is the following

- 1. Types of rifles:
 - a. Manlicher
 - b. Mauzer
 - c. Russian "Vintovka Moskovaka"
 - d. English rifles
- 2. Machine-guns, rifles:
 - a. "Breda"
 - b. "Brno"
- 3. Heavy machine-guns:
 - a. Schwarzlos
 - b. German machine-guns M.34
 - c. British "Brenal"
- 4. Light-rifle grenade launcher
 - a. .38mm and medium "Stoks orand" .81mm.

B. The artillery ammunition is of the SKODA, KRUPP, ANSALDO types. The Russian field equipment contains .76mm, motorized pieces of artillery. 120mm., and long German cannons. 105mm "haubizen".

VIII. DEPOSITS IN SLOVENE:

- A. The IX Transit Depot, engineers depot, and munitions storehouse of the 4th Army are located at Logatec (Longatico).
- B. At Litija there is a storehouse.
- C. At St. Vid, near Lubiana, the munitions depot for the 4th Army and the storehouse for the needs of National Defense (Narodna Odbrana) are located.

IX. SIGNAL CORPS SERVICE

Besides the radio center of Lubiana there are also installed radio centers at Maribor and Kranj. According to confirmed

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information, the construction of a railroad near Borevnica is about concluded. The railway is 11 kms. long is separated from the old railway near the bridge towards Ljubljana at Preserje and goes along the Borovnica Valley on the high banks where 26 small bridges are situated.

X. MISCELLANEOUS

A. An unconfirmed report from our friend of Slovenia communicates: In the Ruse-Slovenska Bistrica-Vojnik-Konjice, region 3 Soviet Divisions are concentrated, 1 artillery, 1 armored, and one infantry.

B. A detachment of chetniks at Pokljuka-Jelovica, which was headed by Lt. MEHLE, suffered heavy casualties with a superior enemy which was directed against the Morgan Line during the last days of March. The unit was left without any ammunition and after heavy losses was forced to retreat. Lt. MEHLE died in battle. At the beginning of March, in the Labos Valley in Styria, a battle was raging for two days with elements of the Royal Yugoslav Army. A day later a squadron of planes bombed the positions of the Royal Troops. The report from the partisans (TITO) announces that their forces were attacked by "armed Bands" near Dravograd and as a result 63 partisans were killed.

In the last days of March many wounded of Tito's army arrived in the hospital at Zagreb. It is supposed that these are the wounded that fought against E.R.Y. (Royal Yugoslav Army) at Gorski Kotar. Krisari (crusaders) also fight Tito. The Krisari were also noted at Skofja Loka and one was taken prisoner at Visnja Gora. They are strictly Allied with the forces of Mihajlovic.

XI. POLITICAL REPORT:

A. Information received from our informer 25 March communicate that in Prague Tito met members of the Russian General Headquarters with whom he discussed the problem of reorganizing the Yugoslav Army and in the event of war to place it under the command of the Russians.

B. Tito spent a certain amount of time in Zone "B" and also some time at Rijeka (Fiume). In Zone "B" there are 2 Russian generals with a certain number of high-ranking and other officers. In general they obtained control in commanding the Tito troops on the Morgan Line. During the beginning of May manifestations against the Catholic Church were organized by the Tito government, especially against Archbishop Stepinac, who was interned in his palace at Zagreb. The Nunzie Appostolice who had arrived

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28 March from Yugoslavia spoke of a general discontent of the people against the present dictatorship and regime. He himself was hampered. He refused to sleep in Lubliana in the hotel apartment previously assigned by the Tito government and he asked for the Archbishop's apartment where the soldiers of Tito were lodged. When he visited the rooms the soldiers belittled him with diverse insults.

XII. ACTIVITY OF THE "OZNA" IN ITALY

A. From all our information centers confirmed reports are received that the OZNA in the last days, attaching itself the Italian Communist Party, has increased its activity in Italy for the annihilation of the Yugoslav nationalist forces in Italy and to reinforce its espionage activity against the Anglo-Americans. All this is performed by the OZNA under a legal aspect employing its members under any form of social endeavour, "Red Cross", Commercial Missions, etc.

B. A few days ago a partisan colonel AVDO ZULFIKARPASIC, now in the service of OZNA, arrived in Rome. He succeeded in presenting himself as a "refugee" and he received a place in the San Geronimo mess. Unconfirmed reports indicated that the Col. is destined to engage in Communist activities among the Mohamedans.

C. ANDRIJA DEMIROVIC came to Rome from Naples to receive instructions from the OZNA headquarters which is under the auspices of the Yugoslav diplomatic mission in Rome. On Via Barlet, Piazza Bologna, there is a secret office where members of the OZNA use for confidential meetings. Our informer will soon be able to participate in these conferences as a "member" of the Italian Communist Party and we shall know the particulars of these gatherings. The III Section of the OZNA of Belgrade despatched to Naples 81 members to conduct disruptive propaganda amongst the employees of RAF and other employees of the Allies. These individuals are mostly youngsters and women. They speak English, and arrived under the pretext of studying and live in the "Malcolm Club" in Naples. The base is Via Roma. These Communists scatter their leaflets daily in the English camp "Lamija Camp" where one of our regiments (Yugoslav) is stationed. The manifestees incite our soldiers to return home and not to serve the English.

XIII. THE SITUATION IN ALBANIA:

A. According to information received from our informant on 20 March, there were 102 Russian officers, of all ranks, in uniform and in civilian clothes, in Tirana on 17 March. Those in uniform control the armed forces, while those in civilian clothes perform other services: control of industry, commerce, finance. A Strong mission for Tito is in Tirano. The national resistance

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is strong. The Albanian nationalists are in contact with the forces of General Mihailovic. Their forces are calculated about 10,000 men in North-Albania. The resistance is not too strong in Central and Southern Albania.

B. The spiritual leader of the resistance is BAZI CANO who was transferred to Cairo at the moment the Russian troops arrived, and from where he exercised influence on the individual leaders of the resistance: MUHAREM BARJAKTAR, PRINCIPE ALE (died recently), the more active are the MIRIDITI. The army of the government has the strength of 76,000 men armed with light infantry arms of various types and models. They have a few .75mm cannons and some AA guns of the Italian model.

From a confidential source it is ascertained that 75% of the members of the armed forces are against the regime.

C. On 27 March a report arrived stating that the Italian Communist Party actively collaborates with the Yugoslavan and Albanian OZNA on a pre-established plan. The Albanian OZNA at Rome is directed by Dott. HICO KORAINI, doctor from Djirekaze, who is head of the OZNA. He lives at Via Patrici 6 B: He conceals his activity under his official duty as President of the Albanian Red Cross. Dangerous members; ZEF MIRIDIT, medical student from Skadar, lives in Rome; POLUM KAKO from Delvin, Law student, agent of the Albanian OZNA, acts as courier between Tirana-and Rome, seen often on Rome, Bari, and Tirana.

XIV. TITO'S YUGOSLAVIAN NAVY:

A. On Via Kneza Pavla #1, Belgrade, the Navy Headquarters namely the Fluvial Fleet; are located. The administration office of the fluvial communications is located on Via Krunska #31 where the military are employed along with members of the N.K.V.D. In these institutions the first word is had by the Russians while the Yugoslavs adopt themselves to less important tasks.

B. The base of the Fluvial Fleet at Novi Sad is completely in the hands of the Soviets (Russian). There the Russians are constructing the largest base on the Danube. The Hungarian firm "KOVAC" is constructing assault motorboats for this fleet while the Russians gather a great deal of material. The traffic on the Danube is great. At the present the Russians are in exclusive command of the Fluvial Fleet.

C. The Fluvial Fleet of the Yugoslav Ministry of War is at ZEMUN with about 700 men. At the dockyard of Dott. RASIC (or NASIC) 11 'vedettes' (torpedo boats) are being constructed from material confiscated from the Germans. They are about 15-20 meters long, speed about 20 kms, armed with a cannon and 2 or 3 heavy machine guns. They are also capable of navigating in the sea.

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D. The NAVY has about 12,000 men formed into the following:

1. 6-7,000 men form a marine unit (infantry)
2. 2,500 are assigned in the headquarters and auxiliary services.
3. 2,500 are on the ships, speedboats etc. The ones on ships are the ones being punished. The headquarters of the Fleet is on the "HVAR" at Sebenice (Sibenik). Operations officer is SRDJAN PRICA, career officer of the Ex-Royal Navy. With him is also an officer of the Ex-Royal Navy BRANKO VOGLAR, both of anti-partisan sentiments. Of the men in the Navy more than 85% are against the regime. The General Headquarters of the Navy remains at Split (Spalate), Headquarters of the North-Adriatic (SEJA) at Rijeka, Central-Adriatic Command (SREFA) at Sebenike, and South-Adriatic (JUJA) at Beka Kotorska.

E. The infantry (Marines) of the Navy is formed similiar to the Army. The Command of the Navy is similiar to that of an Army, and the Commands of SEJA, SREJA, JUJA are in reality the infantry divisons of the navy. The Navy Commander is JOSIP CERNI, General-Major, (Major-General) until now in service at General Hqs.

F. The Political Commissario is Lt. Col. DRAGISA JOVANOVIC
C.O. of Headquarters is Lt. Col. IKICA MLADEN
Head of Political Section: Lt. Col. STOJOVIC
Head of General Operations Hqs.: DJURO DERETIC
Personnel Head: Commissario-Major ZANKO ALJOSA
Head of Technical Branch: Col. ARMANDO
Head of Navy Technical Administration: Commissario-Major
Mate PALAVERSIC
Head of Economic Section: Commissario-Major ILIC
Head of Transportation Section: Major FILICIC
Head of War Equipment Section: Lt. Col. FRANJA FLEGA
Commander of OZNA - name unknown - a Montenegrion Colonel
Substitute for the Commissario of the Navy is GLIGO MANDIZ
Major General, ex-sergeant of the Royal Yugoslav Navy

Great changes are expected in these days in the headquarters of the Navy when new men who underwent courses in USSR arrive. Substitute for this section is Major-General MANOLA SRECKO. Second substitute is Lt. Col. ZEMOVNIK VLADA.

In each unit of the Navy infantry there exists:

- a. A commander
- b. Commissario
- c. OZNA
- d. Political section

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