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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION.

SUBJECT: Italian Air Force Personnel.

From a confidential source, usually reliable, it has been reported that Italian fliers and Air Force instructors are wanted in Yugoslavia. It is also rumored that some pilots have been planning to flee from Milan with stolen planes. It has been learned at the same time that Yugoslav diplomats and consular agents in Italy have increased their propaganda activities among Italian pilots, in order to persuade them to enlist in the Yugoslav Air Force. The following information on the subject has been received:

1. An Enlistment bonus of 200.000.- liras will be paid to Italian pilots enlisting in the Yugoslav Air Force as soon as they leave Italy.
2. Italian pilots agree to serve in military and civilian airlines.
3. After six months of service, their contract will become permanent.
4. The Yugoslav High Command is not concerned with the military or political past of these aviators, as long as they enlist in the Yugoslav Air Force.
5. Owing to this fact, pilots will be able to give false names, as it happens in the French and Spanish Foreign Legions.
6. The only document required by Yugoslav Authorities is the Flying book issued by the Italian Air Force.

It seems that these conditions have been well accepted by Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers that served in the Air Force of the Fascist Republican Army, as they could in this way solve their economic problems and have their political past forgiven. Many pilots, however, are somewhat doubtful, as they are afraid that they may be compelled to take Yugoslav citizenship papers. The main enlisting section is located in Rome. It has been noted that, although the economical advantage of such an enlistment offers remarkable privileges

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to ex-officers of the Italian Air Force, it is believed that Yugoslav propaganda is not going to have great success. This belief is substantiated by the fact that only 16 ex-members of the Fascist Republican Air Force have left for Yugoslavia up to the present moment.

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