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ARTUKOVICH, Dr. Andrija

GER-4

YUGOSLAVIA
Belgrade

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JICAME
4/14/44

Cannot be relied upon in view of outstanding services to the puppet state of Croatia. Close collaborator of PAVELICH. Brothers and cousins live in Los Angeles, California. Their "leader" John ARTUKOVICH is well-to-do road and sewer contractor and they are among the founders of Ustashi organization in California.

Croat from Dalmatia. Advocate. Fled 1932. Involved in Marseilles conspiracy and in preparation of similar attempts in Paris and London in event of failure in Marseilles. Joined PAVELICH 1941. Minister of Interior in puppet government. Appointed Oct. 11, 1943.

CID 75251
May 1944

After arrival of Germans in ZAGREB, an "Independent Croat State" was proclaimed under Ante PAVELIC as Poglavnik, who combined the functions of chief of state & prime minister. Ministry of Interior was assigned to Dr. ARTUKOVIC.

XX-4811
Croat-Ustasi
Int. Serv.
11/10/44

Report on TISC, executive body said to be directing Ustashi movements on a world wide scale. Subject is given as the secretary in France and is said to be visited by the Allied authorities. Group, including OTTERFELZ, Nikola MOGAN, and Branko PESHEL (PESELJ) known to Allied authorities and consequently are planning to leave and continue work where not known.

KFL-105
2 Jan 47
Source: F/BD
Eval: B-C

Report on "Ustashi Political Criminals" lists subject as advocate, old Ustashi terrorist who participated in the assassination of King Alexander and was the first Minister of the Interior of the NDH (qv Ger). Lives in Liechtenstein and comes once a month to Innsbruck to visit his mother in law, Maria HEIDLER of Silerstr. 16/II (right hand door). (Original copy marked "from JONAH")

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KEL-3699
20 apr 47
Source: SLCC
Eval: none

Minister of Police under Pavelic and the brain behind the organization of the assassination of King Alexander. Subj visits frequently his lawyer Desbous (qv)Fr). Has visited the office of Macek on several occasions. Address unknown. A member of USTASHA

KFP 2259
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July 47

On 16 March, source reported that Subj was hiding in the American Zone of Germany. Subj was formerly Pavelic's Minister of Police and for a while keeper of the State's seal. Subj was with Pavelic before the last war. He is married to a German girl and has two children.

TAB 838
4 May 48
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Memo to Immig. & Naturalization 10 Aug. '49 upon request.
(See P-6 DB Memo File.)

*Entered U.S. illegally. Entry validated 1949.
Yugo. requests extradition May 51.*

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4-8-8-186 One Rev. Stephen LACKOVIC, former secretary to Archbishop STEPINAC who
TAB 2982 now resides in Lackawanna, N.Y., allegedly was asked by PAVELIC to
Aug 51 intercede for Subject with Cardinal SPELLMAN.
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SO DB-30687 Earlier report from same source as above - PAVELIC writing LACKOVIC.
TAB 2756 Source claimed ARTUKOVICH and PAVELIC have been in constant contact since
Jun 51 Subject came to U.S.

Cong. Rec. Remarks of Hon. Ray J. Madden of IND. concerning protests to the
18 Oct 51 Yugo request for deportation.

DFB 13521 Filing of complaint against Subject in Los Angeles by Pafu
Jun-Aug 51 IVANCEVIC before U.S. Commissioner on 29 Aug 51. Charged
with being a WC.

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2991 (47)

Memo 10 August 49

39587 (51)

Memo 1 August 1951

43469 (51)

Memo 9 Oct 51

45221 (51)

Memo 10 Aug 51

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For biographic info Subject see Memorandum of 10 August 1949 at Yug. Desk File.

Memo
10 Aug. 49

The Yugoslav Gov't. has demanded that the U.S. Gov't. extradite the war criminal (Subject) who now lives in Los Angeles. Subject is one of the top war criminals. He was interior Minister in Pavelic's Independent Croatian State and is responsible for innumerable crimes and massacres perpetrated against the Yugoslavs. The Yug. Gov't. expounds its demand in a note which the Yug. Embassy in Washington has presented to the State Department. (See reverse side for clipping re above).
Belgrade, Yug. Home Service, 8 May, 1951, 1400 GMT--K.

FBI. No. 96
10 May 1951
76-7-11

See Card in War Criminals Section, Yug. card file.

See Memo 1 August 1951

See SO DB 43469 (Oct 51)

New York Times
6 May 1951

N. Y. Times
15 Aug 51

YUGOSLAVS SEEK AN EXTRADITION

Ask U. S. to Extradite Croat Accused of War Crimes

WASHINGTON, May 5 (AP).—The State Department said today that Yugoslavia had formally asked the United States to extradite Andrija Artukovich, who is now living in Los Angeles, to stand trial for alleged war crimes.

M. Artukovich was a Minister of the Interior in the Axis puppet state of Croatia during World War II. He served in the Croatian Ustasha Government of Ante Pavelich.

A department spokesman said the State Department was now assembling facts on the case and still yet had not made any reply to the request, filed by the Yugoslav Embassy.

The official said he understood the Yugoslav extradition demand did not extend to M. Artukovich's wife and three children, now with him in Los Angeles.

There was no immediate information here on when the Yugoslav had entered the United States but the department spokesman said M. Artukovich apparently had come to this country legally.

CROAT LOSES BID TO STAY

Ex-Alde Is Wanted by Belgrade as Nazi Collaborator

Special to The New York Times

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Aug. 14.—Andrija Artukovich, former Croatian Cabinet member, has been denied a request to stay in the United States and immigration authorities here said hearings would begin soon for his deportation to Yugoslavia where he is wanted as a war criminal.

The 50-year-old Croat, although denying the war criminal charge, has said that he is marked for certain assassination or execution if returned to Yugoslavia.

A resident of Southern California since 1946 on a temporary immigration quota, M. Artukovich had requested that he be allowed to stay in the United States under the Displaced Persons Act.

M. Artukovich says he is strongly anti-Communist. He denies he had jurisdiction over Yugoslavia's brutal secret police when that country was under Nazi domination. He fled that country when it was overrun by Communists.

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- EXEMPTIONS Section 3(b)
- (2)(A) Privacy
- (2)(B) Methods/Sources
- (2)(G) Foreign Relations

NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT