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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** KOSUTIC continued as Consul at Yugoslavia Consulate General, San Francisco during this period. He visited Colorado, Wyoming, and New Mexico in June, 1951, and Montana, Washington, and Oregon in July, 1951, the latter trip being with his family as a vacation. His reports indicate he is interested in political orientation of Yugoslav emigrants.

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**DETAILS:**

During this period SILVIA KOSUTIC continued as the Consul at the Yugoslavia Consulate General, San Francisco, resided at 355 Pacheco Street, San Francisco. On July 20, 1951, San Francisco T-1, of known reliability, advised that KOSUTIC received his monthly pay of \$634. DEJAN KOSTIC, a cousin of KOSUTIC, at the Yugoslav Embassy in Washington during June, advised that Ambassador VIADLER POPOVIC was very pleased with the work and the progress of the Consulate and especially with the good relationship among the members of the Consulate. DEJAN KOSTIC then expressed the belief that this last comment of the Ambassador was not correct. (T-1, 6/8/51)

KOSUTIC made a trip to Colorado, Wyoming and New Mexico in June, 1951. T-1 noted that in May KOSUTIC began to make plans for this trip and he informed MIKOLAJ SLAVOTA, 1204-9th Street, Rock Springs, Wyoming, that he contemplated a trip about June 11, which would take him to Colorado and Wyoming and he desired to use this opportunity to meet "our people" in that colony. KOSUTIC said that he had obtained her name from mutual friends in San Francisco who had described her as being sympathetic to "our people" and he wanted to meet the group there and exchange ideas. He stated he expected to stay in Rock Springs June 11 and June 12. T-1 also advised that KOSUTIC contacted JOSEF MILOSEVICH, Apartment 765 M, telephone 810 J,

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Coronado Court, Gallup, New Mexico, about visiting that area. (T-1; 6/15/51)

KOSUTIC traveled to Denver via United Air Lines, flight number 613, on 6/11/51. After traveling to New Mexico he returned to San Francisco from El Paso 6/19/51. Upon his return KOSUTIC indicated to T-1 that he had had a great deal of help in Denver from MICHAEL POKOVIC. KOSUTIC called him a true friend to Yugoslavia and its people and KOSUTIC hoped that MICHAEL POKOVIC would work and be active in the various organizations to spread the true facts about Yugoslav conditions. KOSUTIC hoped also that his visit to Denver would prove beneficial to MICHAEL POKOVIC and the colony. Others whom KOSUTIC said were helpful were JOSE KLARICH, Darling Street, AUSTIN SHELLEY, 2540 Quitman Street, WATO WANKOR, 1281 Garfield Street, GEORGE SVETI KOS, 1729 Curtis Street, and SPIRO TROVIC, 659 Albion Street, all Denver, Colorado. KOSUTIC told JOSE KLARICH that he hoped that KLARICH would do all he could to inform emigrants of the true facts about Yugoslavia as well as to work for better relations between that country and the United States. KOSUTIC said he would like to see JOSE KLARICH more often and the next time he came to Denver he hoped that more people would attend. (T-1, 6/22 and 6/27/51.)

KOSUTIC also told T-1 about a GEORGE (Last name unknown) of Box 195, Firestone, Wyoming. KOSUTIC indicated that GEORGE had been very cordial to him during his trip to Wyoming and he regretted that he had not had more time to spend with GEORGE. KOSUTIC said that GEORGE was a true patriot who would do anything to help his people in the old country. (T-1, 6/27/51.)

KOSUTIC said he was grateful to ~~ALBERT~~ JERGIN, Secretary of the Eastern Slavonic Association, 4676 Washington Street, Denver, Colorado. (T-1, 6/27/51.)

As to persons he contacted in New Mexico, KOSUTIC said that WILLIAM B. SHELLEY, 501-519 West Griggs Street, Las Cruces, attended cooperation and hospitality towards him. KOSUTIC indicated that he thought that SHELLEY would be attempting to contact a girl named BLAVKA and he offered the aid of the Consulate in every way possible. T-1 said that KOSUTIC had tried to convince WILLIAM B. SHELLEY that SHELLEY had a sister living in Yugoslavia but SHELLEY told KOSUTIC that he had always been informed that he was an only child and he, therefore, could not believe that the woman in Yugoslavia was his sister.

KOSUTIC reported concerning his visit to New Mexico in the following manner, according to T-1, on July 2, 1951.

"On June 14 I left Denver, Colorado to visit Gallup, New Mexico in order to pay a visit to our largest colony in that state.

"Our emigrants, IVAN COLIC, FRANK KAUZLBERG, IVAN GRENKO all formerly from Pazin, MIKOLA WELER from Dalnjar and M. S. KOSOVIC from Lica all came to New Mexico in 1894 from Gorski Kotar. Up to about the time of the First World War, 3000 of our people came into this territory after the original five had moved in and the majority of the emigrants obtained employment in Gallup and its vicinity. Today there are only about 50 families left from the original emigrants. The majority of them died out and others have moved away since the mines have stopped

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working. Besides the old families residing there now, there are about 200 families living there that were born in America. The majority of this group works in general commerce and various businesses.

"Our people there are living under difficult times. A few of them have made some money but the rest live on a day to day basis. An exception of this group is found in GEORGE EURELL, who has made several million dollars and has been the Mayor of Gallup for several years now. Our people do not like him because he is a reactionary and tied in with the Catholic Church through whom he has made his capital.

"As I have been informed from our emigrants and also from GEORGE EURELL himself in our conversation, he states that he is in direct contact with the Ustashi Center in Argentina, and as an influential person he is working towards and also helping financially in bringing a number of these people into the state of New Mexico.

"On June 17 we held our meeting and to which approximately 60 of our emigrants attended.

"During this meeting I gave a lecture concerning Yugoslavia and at the conclusion of which the present emigrants asked questions concerning different problems. EURELL was one of the people that was present there and he made several questions which were out of place and to which several of the other persons present there protested and objected. After this he quieted down and apologized.

"This is the first time in the history of this colony that any one representative of Yugoslavia had visited this colony in order to see how our people are living there. Many of the emigrants brought this out and they were very happy about it.

As set forth previously, KOSUTIC made a trip to Utah and Montana in March, 1951. Details of this were reported earlier but T-1 has supplied further information concerning this trip. KOSUTIC explained the situation in the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, as follows:

"The International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter workers in the city of Butte has approximately 5,000 members of which number more than one half are our emigrants. The president of this union is an emigrant by the name of WILSON, and his brother W. WILSON is a member of the executive board of this union for the entire United States of America. Both individuals have turned around since the visit and are now completely on our side. W. WILSON is very popular among the working circles not only in the city of Butte but also for the entire state of Montana. He was very active during my stay there and was very helpful to me at all times. He organized the already mentioned meeting and where he addressed the people for the first time concerning any Yugoslav questions. He promised that he will support and help our emigrants in the future and that he will also take up our side and defend our position in the executive board of the union.

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"The mine, mill union was organized in 1893, and was the oldest union in the CIO. On January 17, 1950 the CIO accused this union of following the identical program of the communist party, and on February 15 this union was thrown out of the CIO after a number of long hearings. The CIO is now waging a bitter fight in Montana with the specific goal in winning back the membership and throwing out the present leaders. With this in mind the CIO has thrown several hundred thousand of dollars for propaganda purposes but with little success because up to now they have not been able to achieve their goal. On the contrary the mine mill unions have been able to recruit a large number of new members this year and has also been able to strengthen itself instead. Nevertheless this fight continues. A very important position in this fight is held by W. NELSON in the State of Montana.

"On March 21 I left Salt Lake City, Utah where I met our emigrant MARTIN BLAZETIC, who was very helpful during my stay there. Through this man I was able to meet several other emigrants there. MARTIN BLAZETIC attempted to call up a general meeting however, this did not succeed. This is a very small colony. Our emigrants do not live in any organized community and they rarely meet each other. Individually some of them are interested in problems of our country but there are no conditions under which a successful action to organize these people could be undertaken. Generally speaking this is a working element (working class) and they are very poor. I remained here two days waiting for possible contacts with our colony in Wyoming and when nothing was forthcoming I returned to San Francisco on the 24th." (T-1, 5/18/51)

KOSUTIC had the following recommendations concerning WILLIAM HANSON:

- "1....Send him all the literature we have.
- "2....Notify DRADIC to send this man his literature regularly.
- "3....Get him to subscribe to "Borba."
- "4....Send him a catalog of our books which can be bought in San Francisco and the Information Bureau should inform him of the possibilities to buy our literature in Yugoslavia.
- "5....Send him 50 copies of "New Yugoslavia."
- "6....Notify DRADIC to send receipts for NOVI LIST." (T-1, 6/8/51.)

T-1 also related that KOSUTIC reviewed the history of JOHN HERBOLICH, 716 East Park Street, Anaconda, Montana, as follows:

"He was born in Yugoslavia in 1905 and came to the United States 30 years ago. He is the most influential member of the C.F.U. in Montana. He was a delegate to the last convention and supported BULGOVIC but will not support him this time. He is an open enemy of Communism. He agrees with the position of the Yugoslav Government versus the U.S.S.R. but avoids speaking about the leadership of TITO. He declines to attend in the campaign but believes that individual aid to friends and relatives is the best way." (T-1, 5/31/51.)

KOSUTIC reported the following observations concerning this trip. Portions of this report are missing and the continuity of his statements are shown by parenthetical inserts:

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"In a mutual meeting which we had prior to visiting the emigrant colonies in the state of Montana, we worked out, in accordance with the Embassy directives, a plan which we took upon ourselves as a goal, to obtain information in detail concerning the situation prevailing in the individual chapters of the HEZ as well as the situation existing in other emigrant organizations in that territory and furthermore to create a direct and close contact with individuals, and influential emigrants with whom we had had no connection in the past.

"We also decided at this meeting that if we could assure our contact beforehand that we would also visit our colonies in Utah and Wyoming with the same purpose in mind.

"Through certain Montenegrin families locally we were able to get contacts for our colony in Butte. As far as the colony in Utah was concerned we obtained the addresses from the "NOVI LIST".....As far as Wyoming is concerned we were not able to get in touch with anybody because the local emigrants did not.....(have) any addresses, people whom we could contact there.

"I started on my trip March 16 and the same day I arrived at Butte where I met our emigrants BOROVAN and MILANOVIĆ with whom I had already gotten in touch. I attempted to immediately make out a program.....(which would outline the time that) I intended to remain in that colony. However the above named individuals.....(informed me) that it was impossible to get a general meeting called because..... the people just wouldn't come. Nevertheless they left the question open.....(until the return) of our emigrant W. M. CO who was at that time on a trip. Therefore.....(I was forced) to start visiting on March 17, individual families.....(whose addresses) I had obtained in San Francisco. In general these Montenegrin.....(families gave us) a friendly welcome.

"I also.....(met a number of) officers of the Croatian Fraternal Union (HEZ) in Butte and Anaconda and during which time.....(I was able to find out concerning the situation prevailing) in the individual chapters of the Fraternal Union, not only in the two main chapters.....(but also the situation prevailing) in the other smaller chapters in Montana.....

"Upon my return from Anaconda Sunday.....(I was visited) by W. M. CO, with whom I talked and decided.....to call a general meeting with our emigrants.

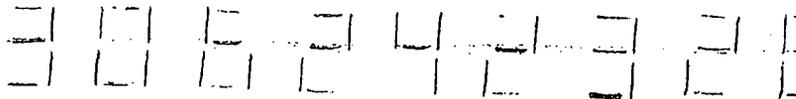
"After the meeting I gave the local representatives of the press a release for their papers. Which release (copy) I'm enclosing with this report.

"At the suggestion of several of our emigrants I visited the copper mine of Butte on March 20 and that same afternoon went to see the mill in Anaconda. During this visit I met a number of our people while they were working. Several of our emigrants complained to me concerning the difficult life and the conditions under which they were working.

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"From my conversations with these emigrants and also from personal observation I was able to understand that our colony is divided into several groups and that the majority of our emigrants are without any orientation and particularly so in regard to the situation and conditions existing presently in our country. This is not surprising when one takes into consideration that the Communist party of Montana had approximately six hundred members as far back as during the World War, and which members were able to influence through the miner's union and still are influencing together with smaller forces upon the large number of emigrants. Besides this, one must take into consideration that the Serbian and Croatian emigrant organizations are all controlled and are in reactionary hands, and have been for many years, almost since their founding, and as such have poisoned our people with disunity ideology.

"A strong contributing factor to this was the fact that until this day not a single representative of our country had ever visited this territory nor had they attempted to influence any of the emigrants in producing a change in this situation. This particularly is true for the period since the passing of the Revolution. A large portion of our emigrants were left open to the propaganda and influence of..... (misleading) the rightist reaction.... Meanwhile the Cominform people worked and spread unopposed. However they did not ever have any major success, and although the people were erroneously informed concerning the situation prevailing in our country they have abandoned their activities in both social and political work.

"The notification of this colony will not be easy because they originally emigrated from Yugoslavia because of their political beliefs. The number of Communist members has decreased from 600 to 20 which is the present number and their influence has fallen off. The reason of the decrease of the CP members lies in that their leaders who became professional political workers saved themselves from the practical and everyday work of the people, for which these workers were fighting at each step."

After making his contacts on his first trip KOSUTIC planned a second visit to Montana, Washington, and Oregon in July, 1951. KOSUTIC took his wife and son on this vacation trip, traveling by the Consulate automobile. On May 11, 1951 T-1 advised that KOSUTIC told WILLIAM W. BROWN that he planned to leave San Francisco about July 1 on a vacation trip to Yellowstone Park. He expected to reach Butte July 7 and to stay there on July 8 and July 9. While in that area he desired to have a meeting in Helena. BROWN indicated he would arrange the time and a program. KOSUTIC planned to give a talk as long or as short as desired. (T-1, 5/11/51.)

KOSUTIC also advised that the JOHN PETRICHWICH family was informed of his plans and they were happy that he was coming again to their area. This family lives in Butte. T-1 said that PETRICHWICH had a wife and family in Yugoslavia whom he wanted to get into the United States. (T-1, 6/6/51.)

San Francisco T-2, of known reliability, on July 6, 1951 advised that KOSUTIC had arrived at Missoula, Montana and on 7/23/51 he returned to San Francisco. T-2

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stated that KOSUTIC had the address of MIKE KOJIC, 1507 Center Street, Beaverton, Oregon, and that of VINCENT KUZMICH, Portland, Oregon. The street address of VINCENT KUZMICH was not given to T-2. (T-2, 7/26/51.)

No further details of this trip were known as of July 11, 1951. KOSUTIC as seen above spent a large part of June and July, 1951, away from San Francisco and his contacts with residents of this area were not as frequent as previously noted. T-1 said that KOSUTIC was advised by the wife of CRIS SPREND, Route 1, Box 1463, Santa Clara, California, that CRIS was on his way to see his family. This source had previously advised that SPREND was one of the more frequent contacts of KOSUTIC. (T-1, 7/11/51.)

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reach the families to whom intended. KOSUTIC also stated that the policies of the Ministry of Finance, which made a practice of deducting a portion of each estate, should be changed in order to eliminate this condition. (T-4 8/10/51) KOSUTIC later on noted that this trend was still continuing and he was thinking that articles should be written for the Yugoslav press showing advantages for individuals who gave their powers of attorney to the Yugoslav Consulates. (T-4 8/30/51)

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