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WELFARE/WHEREABOUTS: DESTAN BERISHA. INTEREST CAS. INTEREST
CONGRESSMAN CONTE.

1. EMBASSY HAS UNOFFICIALLY, THROUGH DEFENSE LAWYER, RECEIVED
FULL TEXT OF INDICTMENT AGAINST BERISHA WHICH STATES THAT
BERISHA TRAINED BY AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE SERVICE IN BARI,
ITALY 1949 AND THAT ON BEHALF OF THAT AGENCY HE UNDERTOOK
TO CREATE BASE ON YUGOSLAV TERRITORY WHOSE OBJECTIVE WOULD BE
SEPERATION OF KOSMET FROM YUGOSLAVIA TO CREATE AN ETHNICAL

ALBANIA. ONE WITNESS WILL BE HAYREDIN VUCITRN, PRESENTLY SERVING
PRISON SENTENCE, WHO ALLEGEDLY MEMBER OF BERISHA ESPIONAGE
GROUP.

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2. TRIAL EXPECTED COMMENCE JANUARY 29 PRIZREN. CONSUL VON
DEN STEINEN TO ATTEND IN NORMAL CONSULAR CAPACITY. CASE HAS AS
YET NOT REPEAT NOT RECEIVED ANY LOCAL PUBLICITY BUT IN VIEW
OTHER PREVIOUS PRESS STORIES HINTING AT CIA CONSPIRACIES,
SOME COVERAGE PROBABLE. UNLESS OTHERWISE ADVISED, CONSUL
WILL MAKE NO STATEMENT REGARDING CHARGES. ELBRICK.

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