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In my letter to you dated February 10, 1953, I furnished information received from an informant indicating that the Soviets intended to "eliminate" Tito within three months from January, 1953. It was stated that 160 Croatsians were being trained to do the job. That information was received from an informant who has given the Bureau reliable information in the past, and it was purported to represent statements made by Soviet officials stationed in Europe who were believed by the informant to be important officials of the Soviet Ministry of State Security (MGB).

I have just received information from the same informant that eight individuals were leaving for Yugoslavia (probably from Vienna) for the purpose of assassinating Tito on or about March 28, 1953. One of these individuals is a Soviet official (name unknown) who reportedly left Vienna last week (possibly for Yugoslavia). He is described as follows: Age - 32; Height - 5 feet 3½ inches; Weight - 165 pounds; Eyes - blue; Full head of dark blond hair. The physical descriptions of the other alleged assassins are not known, but it was stated to the informant that the Soviet official and three others would be dressed as priests, one would be dressed as a naval officer (country unknown), one as an air force pilot (country unknown) and two as civilians.

It was also stated to the informant that, if the attempt to assassinate Tito fails, they will not, for reasons unknown to the informant, be able to make another attempt until June, 1953.

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