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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

INFORMATION REPORT

COUNTRY  Yugoslavia

SUBJECT  Concentration Camps/Locations/Number of Prisoners

PLACE  Italy

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SOURCE  Foreign, refugee now residing in the US. He has developed a network of sources throughout Europe. He has major collection points in Austria, Germany, France, Italy, Yugoslavia, Turkey and the UK, and through these points information is channeled to him. The following information came to him from a point in Italy. As the original source of this information is unknown, due to use of sub-sources, an F grading is given to source.

1. "There are at present 39 concentration camps in Yugoslavia, according to a direct report from Belgrade. Following is the description of some of the camps:

2. "Nova Gradiska. This camp is situated in the same place where about 30,000 people were massacred by the Ustashas during the last war. The inmates of the camp, totalling about 5,000 persons, are composed of prisoners serving sentences of from 20 years penal servitude to life imprisonment. They are employed in vicinity of Lonjsko Polje on excavation works and are taken to and from work under the guard of heavily armed mounted militia men. They have to accomplish a daily norm of digging out 4 cubic metres of soil and transporting it by hand-pushed trucks for a distance of 200-300 metres. Among the inmates there are 20 priests.

3. "Gredanj. In this camp there are 6,000 inmates employed as lumberjacks in forests situated 8 kilometres from the camp. They are composed of 'non productive bourgeoisie', intellectuals, former industrialists, commercialists etc. They are organised into 'battalions of discipline'. The majority of inmates are Moslems from Bosnia.

4. "Bela Crkva. This camp is reserved for political prisoners only. Their daily ration amounts to 150 grams of bread made of corn flour and 350 grams of peas boiled in water.

5. "Botovo. This camp, situated near the Hungarian border, contains as inmates peasants sentenced for breaking food regulations or for failure in delivering the government imposed delivery quotas. They are working on fortifications on the Hungarian border, digging trenches and anti-tank ditches.

6. "Scutari Lake. This camp contains more than 10,000 inmates. For the most part they are 'Cominformists' from Montenegro and southern Serbia. They are working on drainage.

They live under tents, are badly dressed and work constantly in water. The death rate is extremely high. Last year 65 prisoners were shot during their attempt to escape into Albania.
7. "Jasenovac. The camp contains 3,000 prisoners.

8. "Camp near Mostar. The number of inmates 2,200.


10. "Apart from above enumerated large concentration camps there are 31 other smaller camps run by the governments of the different Yugoslav republics.

11. "It is estimated that there are at present more than 200,000 people detained in concentration camps in Yugoslavia. The number of prisoners in prisons is said to be about 85,000, while the number of inmates in camps of 'voluntary labor brigades' amounts to 100-150 thousand."

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