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Request for Name Traces on Djafer DEVA

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1. Djafer DEVA (true name) is the subject of reference. Now about 45 years old, he is believed to have been born in Kosovska Mitrovica, Albania. An Albanian national and a Mohammedan, DEVA was the owner of considerable property in his homeland. He leased some 30,000 hectares of wooded land in the Ibar Valley, where he also owned a saw mill. Since the days of early manhood he had been one of the leading members of the Koserov Albanians. After the Italians were expelled from Albania in September 1943, DEVA took a hand in setting up the Albanian government and became Minister of the Interior. Throughout the war he maintained very friendly relations with the German military authorities but not with the SS or SD. He was in touch, however, with personnel of FAT 125 in Beograd. From 1943 until the end of the war DEVA lived in Tirana. After the war he moved to Austria, staying first in Graz and later in the Tyrol and the Vorarlberg. At no time, reportedly, was he arrested.

2. Subject was married to a native of Vienna. They had three children but are now divorced. He is presently married or engaged; his wife or fiancée comes from the Tyrol. DEVA is about 5'5" tall, sturdy of build, with dark hair. He wears glasses. His face is smooth-shaven; his features are somewhat blunt, and his expression is intelligent. He now lives in Rome at Albergo Londra. He travels frequently to the Near East; he has a travel pass for Egypt. He is one of the leading figures in the Albanian emigration. He speaks Albanian, Serbo-Croatian, German, Italian, and perhaps Turkish.

3. In respect to para. 2 b of reference, the person here mentioned has the true name Erhard BUERGER. Further identifying data and a request for traces will be submitted in a separate memorandum.

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