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SUBJECT: Xhafer DEVA

1. Xhafer DEVA was born in Mitrovica, Kosovo (now a part of Yugoslavia), approximately 50 years ago. He has long been recognized as a leader of the Albanian Kosovo groups. DEVA was educated in England and speaks English and Italian as well as Albanian. He has also studied at Roberts College in Istanbul and completed his education as an engineer in Berlin and Vienna. It is also said that he has some proficiency in the Yugoslav, Turkish and German languages. He is an energetic and dynamic man—honest, active and courageous. However, he is said to be too proud and too easily influenced in his ardent desire to serve the Kosovars.

2. DEVA led in the fight against TITO and Albanian Communist partisans in the 1942-44 period and as a Kosovar has been known as violently anti-Yugoslavia (TITO) as well as anti-Communist. He was pro-German, having studied in Germany and he served as Minister of Interior in Albania during the German occupation there. It is reported that he used this position to perpetrate extreme brutalities against the National Liberation Movement, Communist led movement in Albania during the war.

3. Subject was one of the founders and important leaders of the Second League of Prizren, an organization formed to unite all Kosovars for the defense of Kosovo against the Slavs. It might be said that DEVA is a single-minded anti-Communist Nationalist (or more particularly, pro-Kosovo) who is motivated by purely patriotic considerations. This has apparently been his code as an independent Albanian political personality in exile in Italy in the years since the war.

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