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SAFE PASSAGE GUARANTEE FOR CHETNIK TROOPS

During the fourth week in December 1944 Von Schubert, German Embassy Councillor in Zagreb, is said to have stated that he had completed his mission with the Poglavnik.* The latter had agreed, readily, to all measures to guarantee the safe passage of the Pop Djuic and his Chetniks. On 22 December Von Schubert had been informed of the directive issued by the Poglavnik whereby all units of the Croatian Army and of the Ustashi had been ordered to guarantee safe passage to Pop Djuic with 6,000 Chetniks, in accordance with the agreement between the German and Croatian Governments, and warned that whoever disobeyed these orders would be court-martialed. Plans had also been made for a Croatian detachment to accompany Pop Djuic to vouch for his safety. Also, all details as regarded the route the Chetniks intended to take to Slovenia, were being discussed between the Germans and Croatian military authorities.

* Croatian fuehrer, Dr. Ante Pavelic

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