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1. The following traces are submitted as a roundup of all pertinent information on Subject who appears with considerable frequency in reports from and

a. JRX-1223, 7 November 1945: Dobroslav JEVDJEVIC, alias Giovanni St. ANGELO, was born at Milosevac, Bosnia, on 28 December 1895. A Serb of Yugoslav nationality, he holds the Orthodox faith. By profession a lawyer, journalist and politician, he enjoyed, as a younger man, a certain success as a writer and poet. He speaks Serbian, Italian, German and French. He attended the High School of Sarajevo, and studied Law at the Universities of Zagreb, Belgrade and Vienna. His father was Dimitrije JEVDJEVIC, who died in 1916. His mother is Angela JEVDJEVIC, nee KOSRICH. A cousin, (Colonel) Dusan RADOVIC, left Yugoslavia in 1941 and trained as a pilot in the R.A.F.

b. Salzburg CIC No. S-5083, 12 August 1949: Subject was one of the outstanding Serbian politicians in Bosnia. In addition to being one of the leaders of the "Independent Democratic Party" of Yugoslavia, he also headed the "Orjuna", a para-military organization of some political party, which went so far as to terrorize the Serbian element of Bosnia, Hercegovina and Croatia that did not belong to and was not willing to join the party.

c. PHN-1712, 26 June 1947, B-3: JEVDJEVIC stayed in Trieste, during the German occupation, at the Hotel Continental. After January 1944 he collaborated with the Germans in activities directed against Yugoslav partisan and communist groups, and later with the Fascists. His associates were Janko DEBELJAK, another German collaborator; Momcilo GUVJIC, a Chetnik leader; and Carez NOVAK, a Slovene leader who later collaborated with the Allies. Just after the liberation, they all disappeared.

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d. Salzburg CIC, No. 5083, 12 August 1949: Although he nominally took orders from General ~~Draga~~ ~~MIRAILOVIC~~, he was actually completely independent of any control. In early 1942 JEVDJEVIC arranged an understanding and agreement of mutual non-aggression between the Chetniks and Italians, without the concurrence of MIRAILOVIC. He compromised himself by collaborating with the Italians and immediately following the war, he spent most of his time, money and effort in feuding with emigrant Yugoslav politicians and "proving" that the collaboration with the Italians was an evil into which he was forced in order to protect the people of Bosnia and Hercegovina from slaughter by the Tito partisans and the Germans. JRX-1242-21 November 1945: In August 1945, Subject was living as a Commandant at an Allied camp for disarmed Chetniks at Cesena, Italy.

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e. PIRA-1003, 3 July 1947, B-2: JEVDJEVIC and DJUJIC, well known independent Chetnik leaders at one time wanted by the British police as requested by Tito authorities, enjoyed a considerable amount of Allied support in Italy. The Chetniks they brought into Italy numbered about 10,000 and in mid 1947 JEVDJEVIC and DJUJIC were fiercely fighting General TAMJANOVIC for ascendancy of control of them. Both the Vojvodae were very active and ambitious; from a hiding place they were engaged in editing the newspaper "Srpske Novine" which followed a pan-Serbian and anti-Croat line. Claiming to be the direct political heirs of General MIRAILOVIC and the only true Serbian leaders, with the exception of King PETER with whom they were in permanent contact through General RADOVIC in London, they did not recognize any other authority. It was reported that they controlled a more or less complete net of informants and propagandists in Italy, that they had bases in Greece, Albania and Bulgaria and that they had a channel into Slovenia through Trieste.

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f. PIR-3281, 1 March 1949: Subject was a member of the "Association of Free Journalists of Central-Eastern Europe". MIR-961, 13 March 1952: In 1951, a resident in Rome, he had resumed his journalistic activity. His publications, which were of anti-Communist character and which glorified the Chetnik movement, were published irregularly. They were printed on a press located in an unidentified religious institute and sent to exiled Yugoslavs, ex-Chetniks, resident in various European countries, in the U.S., in Canada, in Australia, from which Subject received financial assistance. The articles published were in part attributed to Subject and in part to his collaborators abroad.

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g. NIR-3755, 26 September 1952, B-2: JEVDJEVIC departed by air from Rome for Canada on 26 May 1952 to attend the Congress of the "Srpska Narodna Odbrana" (Serbian National Defense) in Niagara Falls, Canada, on 21 and 22 June 1952, and regarding developments in Serbian refugee circles in Italy.

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