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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2
Department of the Army

SUBJECT : Request for Special Military Estimates on Albania

1. To assist this Agency in current operational planning of an extremely sensitive nature, it is requested that a military intelligence estimate be prepared covering the following specific subjects:

a. Overt Soviet or satellite opposition to an anti-Soviet coup in Albania (sponsored by the West, Yugoslavia, or both):

(1) Do Soviet satellite countries adjoining Yugoslavia have the capability of successfully overrunning that country without the participation of Soviet armed forces in event of an anti-Soviet coup in Albania? What is the minimum period of time which adjoining satellites would require to prepare and launch a military invasion?

(2) What is the capability of the Soviet Union and/or satellite countries to provide military assistance for the Soviet controlled regime in Albania? By sea shipments of troops, materiel and supplies? By air shipment? What time factor would be involved?

2. In addition to the information requested above, an estimate on the points listed below is desired:

a. Covert Soviet or satellite opposition to an anti-Soviet coup in Albania (sponsored by the West, Yugoslavia, or both):

(1) What are the communist capabilities for launching major paramilitary reprisal attacks (revolutionary action) against areas which are allied with or of vital strategic significance to the U.S. as a "face-saving" action at the time of a coup in Albania?

(2) What are communist capabilities for covert infiltration of arms, materiel, and "volunteer" forces into

Albania during 1950-51

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Albania during a revolution in that country in order to assist the Soviet controlled regime? By sea? By air? What time factor would be involved? From what major sources and areas could such covert assistance be provided by the communists?

3. It would be greatly appreciated if the completed estimates could be delivered to CIA by 15 December 1952, or as soon thereafter as possible.

4. In view of the sensitivity of the matter, this request is being handled through special channels.

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