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Washington, D. C.

MEMORANDUM FOR: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR POLICY COORDINATION

SUBJECT: ^o Albanian Operation - Contact between Nuci Kotta and the Albanian Legation in Rome

1. [] is in receipt of a report from a fairly reliable source that Nuci Kotta is in close touch with Filip Keta, First Secretary of the Albanian Legation in Rome. The two are reported to have communicated by telephone only in order to avoid being seen together.

2. In this connection it is of interest to note that Filip Keta is the only member of the Albanian Legation staff who does not belong to an Albanian Intelligence Service. However, it has come to our attention that Sotir Kosmo, identified to you as an agent of the Albanian Intelligence Service (see our Top Secret Memorandum SO DB-21144a, dated 21 December 1949, Subject: Albanian Operation - Albanian IS Activities in Connection with the Committee for Free Albania), has indicated that he was attempting to accomplish the defection of the said Filip Keta. Under the circumstances we have no reason to believe that there is the slightest truth in Kosmo's allegation.

3. We shall keep you advised of any further information which we may obtain in this connection. In the meantime it is urgently requested that no action be taken on the basis of this memorandum in view of the delicacy of the case. It would also be of great assistance to us if you would give us any information which may already be in your possession regarding the nature of the contact ascribed to Nuci Kotta and Filip Keta.

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Assistant Director
Special Operations

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