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MEMORANDUM FOR: DEPUTY DIRECTOR (PLANS)

VIA: Chief, Political and Psychological Warfare

SUBJECT: Entrance of King Zog and Family to this Country.

1. Ex-King Zog of Albania has been for the last year and half the SE division's only valuable source of relatively high-level Albanian infiltration agents. Liaison is maintained with him through [redacted] (now in [redacted]). From all indications we judge that our connection with him may prove even more operationally profitable in the future than it has in the past. Because of this we are assisting him in his project of transferring himself and eight members of his immediate family to his house on Long Island. He intends to remain there for an indefinite period, or until the political situation in Tirana permits him to resume residence in that city.

2. Arranging for his entrance has proved complicated. Zog does not wish to take any action which will in any way prejudice his present or future political claims in Albania; therefore he feels that he must not enter the United States on any kind of visa which might carry the connotation that he intends to become a citizen of this country. In his estimation his entry into America under a DP or immigrant visa would detract from his claim to the Albanian throne and impair his prestige in the country. On the other hand, once he comes to this country he does not plan to leave it except for short periods, a fact which seriously prejudices any application he might make for entry under a visitor's visa, which is designed for visitors who intend to stay in America for only a short period.

3. Representatives of this division have agreed with interested political officers of the Department of State (Messrs. Harsey, Leverich, Haroy) that perhaps the best solution is to bring Zog to this country under a waiver of all documents, and the matter has been discussed in this context with [redacted] and [redacted] of I & S. [redacted] has employed his good offices with Immigration and Naturalization in order to obtain their concurrence in this solution, but finds that entry under complete waiver of documents is regarded by I & NS as equivalent to entry under a visitor's visa, a document to which Zog and his family probably are not entitled under a strict interpretation of the law. The SE division has stressed to [redacted] that if Zog is found admissible under a visitor's visa, I & NS should be under no illusions about his intending to leave the country (except temporarily) for some period of time. While the division wants Zog's entrance expedited, it wishes to avoid any future complications which might arise out of any misunderstanding now, and I & NS must be prepared to accept

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repeated extensions of the visitors' visas of the principal and family.

4. It may be that I & NS and State will be willing to admit King Zog and his entourage under a waiver of documents decision or as visitors (legally the same thing). The question is now before the Commissioner of I & NS, who, if he decides positively, will require for his files a memorandum from the Agency that Zog's travel to the United States is in the national interest. If his admission as a visitor is found to be impossible, this division will probably request that Zog and his family be admitted under Section 8. You will be advised well in advance if it is felt necessary to fall back upon this solution.

[Acting Chief, SE]

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