

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Attorney General
Department of Justice

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SUBJECT : King Zog of Albania

1. The Central Intelligence Agency has a strong direct interest in having permission granted to King Zog to enter this country for residence under indefinite, temporary conditions. The circumstances are as follows:

a. Clandestine operations of this Agency aimed at the interior of communist-dominated Albania must surmount serious obstacles to obtain any success. Our earlier attempts using such persons as could be located by us who seemed suitable for the purpose were either total failures or failed to achieve the ends desired. For almost two years we have been in direct touch with King Zog and through him have obtained the services of relatively high-level Albanians willing to carry out clandestine operations under our direction. The success achieved as a result of this contact has been notable, and it is our estimate that with the assistance of King Zog operations will continue to improve. In addition, King Zog has given us valuable information from his own sources.

b. King Zog and his family were admitted to this country on temporary visitors' visas in 1951. At that time he purchased an estate in Long Island, New York, and since that time has expressed the hope of taking up residence in this country for the purpose of giving his son an American education. He does not, however, desire to be admitted as an immigrant for permanent residence, as it is his apparent desire to return as the head of the Government to Albania in the event that country is liberated from the present regime. He has expressed to us his present strong desire to come to this country on a temporary basis, but for a stay of indefinite duration. This presents considerable technical difficulty under the normally applicable laws and regulations pertaining to entry into the United States.

c. We are informed that the Department of State has no objection to his entry under these circumstances if it can be accomplished under the law, and will take such action as may be required of it to achieve this end. We are further informed, however, that the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization has ruled that under the present circumstances King Zog and his family cannot be considered bona fide nonimmigrants, and under this ruling the Consul concerned cannot issue visitors' visas.

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d. Consideration has been given to use of the authority granted to this Agency in Section 8 of the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, which permits the Director of Central Intelligence, with the concurrence of the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization and of the Attorney General, to bring up to 100 persons per year into this country without regard to any other laws pertaining to entry of aliens. Section 8, however, is directed toward entry for permanent residence where such entry is in the interest of national security or essential to the furtherance of the national intelligence mission. This was designed primarily for protection of high-level defectors or persons who, by reason of their service to this country, were in danger of their lives or whose continued residence abroad would be a security hazard to the operations of this Agency. By agreement with the appropriate members of the Congress, Section 8 is not to be used as a substitute for normal immigration procedures.

e. The publicity attendant upon the visit of King Zog and his family in 1951 was not of such scope or volume as to indicate the likelihood of an undesirable volume of publicity at the time of a future entry. In the unlikely event, however, of subsequent inquiries from appropriate committees of Congress, it would be only with the greatest reluctance that we would expose our sensitive operational interest in King Zog in order to undertake a justification of the use in his case of Section 8.

2. The entry of King Zog and his family through the exercise of discretionary powers pertaining to the Office of the Attorney General would be substantially less likely to arouse speculation regarding the nature of the interest of this Government in his entry than would the application of Section 8, were such use appropriate. Were entry ultimately refused King Zog and his family we must anticipate at least a decline in the degree of his cooperation now available to us, if not an outright refusal to continue his valuable assistance.

3. It is requested, therefore, that you review the question of entry of King Zog and his family and, in so doing, that you consider the national interest in continuing the cooperation of King Zog on important clandestine activities of this Agency.

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