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SUBJECT: GENERAL— MERCURY/INTEL

SPECIFIC— Organization of Albanians in Europe by the British

1. The following information was obtained by GOLARCE from unidentified refugee circles in Rome. It is probable that the information was obtained by the Rome subcommittee of the Bulgarian National Committee and GOLARCE learned it from that organization. Evaluation: C/3. Date of Information: Late June 1953.
2. An increase of British activity among Albanian refugee circles in Europe has been noted. The British are in the process of creating a new organization of Albanians under the name of the Albanian Central Committee.
3. The seat of this new organization will probably be in Switzerland. The British are permitting all Albanian emigrant parties, except Balli Kombetar, to join it.
4. The British are extending the new organization into Yugoslavia where, with the probable approval and assistance of the Yugoslav Government, they have been contacting Albanian emigrants and refugees. Among those whom the British have attempted to bring into the organization is Apostol TANEV, now residing in Prishtina, Yugoslavia. TANEV is a well known and influential Albanian refugee who at one time held Bulgarian citizenship.

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