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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
May 4, 1955

Re: MARIJAN JOHN MARKUL

On April 20, 1955 MARIJAN JOHN MARKUL, home address 3234 Griffin Avenue, Los Angeles, California, furnished information which concerns the question of the identity of Marshal JOSIP BROZ TITO of Yugoslavia. Mr. MARKUL stated that in his opinion the man representing himself today as Marshal TITO is not the real JOSIP BROZ TITO but he is a Russian agent who adopted the identity of JOSIP BROZ TITO in 1937, at which time the real TITO disappeared in Russia.

The following background information concerning MARIJAN JOHN MARKUL is set out: He was born at Livno, Yugoslavia November 27, 1909. He was naturalized as a U. S. citizen March 14, 1944. He served in the U. S. Army from October 9, 1942 to November 30, 1944, when he was honorably discharged as a Corporal, Army Serial No. 36609131. He emigrated to the United States in May, 1936. His wife is INGRID KLIMO MARKUL, who is employed as a laboratory technician at the Los Angeles County Hospital. She is a native born American citizen. At the present time MARIJAN JOHN MARKUL owns and operates the Larchmont Coffee Shop, 236 North Larchmont Boulevard, Los Angeles.

MARIJAN JOHN MARKUL furnished the following information concerning TITO and concerning his trip to Yugoslavia. It is not known how much credence can be placed on the allegations made by MARKUL. He advised he is a Socialist and that he desires to furnish information which might be of importance to the security of the United States.

MARKUL visited Yugoslavia in 1953, at which time he talked with TITO on two different occasions. During the first visit with Marshal TITO, MARKUL had an audience with him for about an hour. During this time he noticed that TITO had five fingers on each hand, whereas he stated that the real TITO had two fingers missing, the middle and forefinger of the left hand. He noted that the TITO he met in 1953 seemed to be very well educated and was an accomplished pianist, whereas he said the real TITO was not well educated and to his knowledge could not play the piano. Moreover, subject stated that the real TITO,

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known to him as JOSIP BROZ, was about 5'11" in height and the man that he met in 1953 as TITO was only 5'4". Furthermore, MARKUL noted that the man he met in 1953 as TITO had a slight Russian accent and spoke in a rather soft voice, whereas the TITO he knew spoke in a more brusque and sharp voice. MARKUL advised that the real TITO was not healthy and had tuberculosis and that he disappeared in 1937 when he was in Russia. He advised that he had seen and talked with the real TITO in 1928 in Yugoslavia, and that he again saw him about 1936 in Paris, France. He believed that he saw him in January or February of 1935 or 1936 in Paris on the street and was positive that this was the real TITO.

After this 1953 visit to TITO which took place in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, he visited a married sister in Zagreb, Yugoslavia, ANNA MARKUL, who was married to Dr. BORIS GORIC. MARKUL's sister ANNA is a doctor and her husband is also a doctor. His sister ANNA asked him about his interview with Marshal TITO and then asked him if he thought it was the real TITO, and he answered "no." His sister then said that she and her husband as well as some other Yugoslavs do not believe that the man representing himself as Marshal TITO is the real TITO. They told him that after 1937 they heard TITO talk on the radio and noted a change in his accent, and that it appeared to them that the man now representing himself as TITO has a Russian accent. MARKUL further said that his father, age 89, is still living; his name is IVAN MARKUL and that he knew the real TITO inasmuch as he had worked in the same town in Yugoslavia, and that in the father's opinion the man representing himself now as TITO is not the same TITO who was Secretary of the Communist Party in Yugoslavia previous to 1937.

MARKUL while in Zagreb was invited to attend a reception for TITO and he did so. This was his second meeting in 1953 with Marshal TITO. There were about 80 people present at the reception in Zagreb. During the second meeting he and his wife, INGRID MARKUL, were treated coldly by Marshal TITO and he, in fact, hardly spoke to either of them. After this reception he then talked for three hours with ALEKSANDAR RANKOVIC, who MARKUL said is head of the Security System for Yugoslavia and who, in the opinion of MARKUL, is the most important man in Yugoslavia, not excepting TITO. MARKUL advised that he also talked with RANKOVIC for three or four hours after his first visit with the man representing himself as Marshal TITO. During both these talks with RANKOVIC, MARKUL reported that he told RANKOVIC that in his opinion Marshal TITO, who is now the leader in Yugoslavia, is not the real TITO and that he knew he was not because the real TITO had two fingers missing on his left hand. On both occasions ALEKSANDAR RANKOVIC told MARKUL that he should not concern

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himself with such things but should enjoy his visit to Yugoslavia. Then RANKOVIC changed the subject and did not let MARKUL talk about TITO.

MARKUL went on to say that he knew RANKOVIC very well inasmuch as he had been in prison with him in Yugoslavia in 1927. MARKUL advised that he and RANKOVIC were both arrested in connection with trade union agitation and that he and RANKOVIC spent seven days in one room in a jail in Yugoslavia shortly after being arrested, and that he became well acquainted with RANKOVIC. He said RANKOVIC used to be a tailor but that he is now a very shrewd individual and in his opinion RANKOVIC actually has the most power of anyone in Yugoslavia. RANKOVIC did not ask him, he said, about America or Americans, but he did ask him about ANDREW ARTUKOVIC who is now residing in Los Angeles and whom the Yugoslav Government is attempting to extradite as an alleged war criminal. RANKOVIC told him he could not understand why the American Government permitted a man like ARTUKOVIC to stay in the United States, and MARKUL said he told RANKOVIC that in the United States everyone is entitled to a fair trial, which is not the case in Yugoslavia.

MARKUL advised that in his opinion the Yugoslav Government is secretly cooperating with the Soviet Union and that within four or five months this fact will be evident to everyone. He further stated that in his opinion the man representing himself as Marshal TITO is actually a Russian agent and is subservient to the USSR. MARKUL advised that he, himself, speaks Russian and that he lived in Russia for three years from 1930 to 1933, and he noticed many people in restaurants in Yugoslavia and in other public places who he believed were Russian agents in plain clothes. He further stated that it was clearly evident to him and to many other Yugoslavs that if the Soviet Union had wanted to dispose of the head of the Yugoslav Government, it could have done so very easily at any time. MARKUL advised that in 1930 he himself went to Russia thinking that the social conditions were good there, but that he was arrested there for not fulfilling his work quota and he spent most of his time there in Russian prisons. In 1933 he escaped from Russia by way of Siberia.

MARKUL said that Dr. ZIVKO TOPALOVICH, who lives at the following address, could verify his statements: I. Av. du XV, Corps Hyeres-Var, France. MARKUL said that Dr. TOPALOVICH knew the real TITO well because Dr. TOPALOVICH was on the Yugoslav Army staff many years ago and had conferences with him. Dr. TOPALOVICH, according to MARKUL, said that he believed the man who is representing himself as Marshal TITO is very likely a Russian general whose real name is General NIKOLAI LEBKDEV (ph.). Dr. TOPALOVICH reported to MARKUL he had met this Russian general on a number of occasions prior to 1937 and that

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he knew this man was a trained Communist. MARKUL further stated Dr. TOPALOVICH had been sentenced by the Yugoslav Government to over twenty years imprisonment and that he cannot return to Yugoslavia without being arrested and jailed. MARKUL related that Dr. TOPALOVICH speaks Russian and in his opinion Dr. TOPALOVICH is a man of intelligence and good character. In this regard he said that he had heard that Dr. TOPALOVICH has spoken in connection with the Voice of America program in Paris, France. MARKUL advised that the Marshal TITO who is now head of the government in Yugoslavia is feared and hated by more than eighty per cent of the Yugoslav people. According to MARKUL, Yugoslavia is in a very bad condition economically. He stated the reason why the Yugoslav Government pretends it has a difference with the Soviet Union is so that it will get aid from America and that actually there is no real split between Yugoslavia and the Soviet Union.

MARKUL advised that he had read the official biography of Marshal TITO by VLADIMIR DEDIJER and had noted that there are numerous discrepancies in it concerning the personal history of TITO ("TITO" published by Simon and Schuster, New York, 1953).

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