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1. During the current "enlightenment" lectures given by the Communist Party of Albania there has recently been an intensification of the propaganda about the imminent attack against Albania by Italy, Yugoslavia, and Greece. Informant believes that the recent calling-up of reserve non-commissioned officers is a pre-mobilization measure, so that those called up will form the cadres of the new units that are to be formed.
2. During other "enlightenment" lectures the people are told that the Americans in Korea have used two atomic bombs which caused serious losses among the non-combatant populace.
3. During the current month the majority of the food ration cards of all the State and Party agents were taken up. Only the Party leaders retained their ration cards. [REDACTED] this to be indicative of the shortage of food.
4. The price of bread (made of maize) at the beginning of January 1951 was about 50 lek per kilogram, but it has now risen to 150 lek. Recently there has been an unusual scarcity of foodstuffs even in the Vurg region which is the richest area in food production.
5. A mine-field was observed extending from Hill 1425 to point B, 568-677. This is located within Albanian territory and is from two to ten meters from the border line. The mine-field consists of four parallel rows of mines. These rows are about two meters apart. The mines were attached one to another by a white (sic) wire but only in the direction parallel to the border.
6. During January 1951 handbills were scattered from airplanes in the Vurg area. The handbills ridiculed the subservience of Hoxha to the Soviet Union. On one side of the handbill was a sketch showing Hoxha pulling Stalin in a cart, and on the other there was a proclamation urging the Albanian people to help the Albanian forces outside Albania to throw off the Communist yoke from the neck of Albania. Informant does not know whose signature appeared on these proclamations.

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7. A month ago in the Delvine-Sarande area there was a considerable movement of alien civilian and military persons. The inhabitants' gossip says that they were Hungarians, Rumanians, and Soviets, but no details were learned concerning these persons.

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1. ~~SECRET~~ Comment: These ration cards are possibly the special privilege cards which enable purchase of food over and above that allowed the general populace, since it is improbable that the regular ration cards would be taken away from State and Party agents.

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