

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

TO : Deputy Assistant Secretary for Security  
 Department of State

FROM : Deputy Director, Plans

SUBJECT : Visit of King Peter II of Yugoslavia to the U.S.

1. It is requested that this memorandum be referred to Mr. William J. Barsdale, Officer in Charge, Yugoslav Affairs, Office of Eastern European Affairs.

2. [Redacted]

a. The Serbian Emigre Press, Srbobran, official organ of the Serb National Federation, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Sloboda, a newspaper published by the Serbian National Defense Council, Chicago, Illinois, recently announced the impending visit of King Peter II of Yugoslavia to the United States.

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 King Peter plans to visit New York, Washington, D.C., Los Angeles, Chicago, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and possibly other cities where there is a concentration of Yugoslavs (Serbs).

b. [Redacted]

[Redacted] Serbian Organizations, Church Groups, fraternal societies, and American-Serbian circles to arrange appropriate receptions and to organize festivities during the King's visit in this Country. King Peter's itinerary in Washington, D.C., will include visits with members of the United States Congress and meetings with Yugoslavs residing in Washington, D.C., who were formerly associated with the Royal Yugoslav Government.

c. King Peter's presence (as in past visits to the United States) is ostensibly designed to revive the old political theme of exiled Serbs, that by giving aid to Tito, America is supporting

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a Communist dictatorship over the people of Yugoslavia, thus preserving oppression of its people and forcibly delaying their fight for liberation from Communist tyranny.

CC: Federal Bureau of Investigation



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