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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION.-

SUBJECT: Yugoslav Activity in Venezia Julia.

From a confidential informant coming from Trieste, considered reliable by this Agent the following information on Subject has been submitted:

1. On 4 October 1946, in the Casa dei Lavoratori Portuali in Trieste, a conference of the various communist organizations of the Trieste area was held. The initiative to hold the conference was undertaken by the UAIS of Trieste. The topic of discussion was the methods of operation as soon as the Trieste area becomes an international zone. The most important problem discussed was the manner in which chiefs of the various organizations would operate undercover once the PNOO was liquidated.

2. On Saturday, 5 October 1946, another conference of all the heads of PNOO in Zone "A" was held in Capodistria. This conference lasted 7 hours. Again the principal topic of discussion was underground operations of leaders of the various communist organizations after the Peace Treaty was signed. Instructions were given for collocating the offices of an underground movement before PNOO was liquidated. The Yugoslav Consulate in Trieste was suggested as a cover for the various offices of the covert organizations.

3. It was also decided that a branch of the Yugoslav Bank would be established to conceal certain sections of communist organizations as well as to handle all financial deals of the organizations in the Trieste area.

4. The Communist Party headquarters will exist openly and legally and would be again located in the Casa dei Lavoratori Portuali. Welfare and cultural societies (Italian and Slovene) will be used as covers by the important members of the Communist Party.

5. In case that Yugoslav non-residents of Trieste are forced to leave the free zone when it is established, leadership of the Communist Party will fall to those born and reared in the area. For that reason many young people who are faithful to the Party will have to be given special instructions to enable them to assume important posts in the Party in the Trieste area.

According to this Agent's informant, the center of activity of the Communist Party is slowly moving to Capodistria from where instructions for the Trieste area originate even at present.

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He also reports that clandestine presses which have been printing illegal leaflets in Trieste have been transferred to Capodistria.

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