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Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of LHM dated and captioned as above.

Source mentioned in attached is NK [2221-S], who departed the U.S. for Yugoslavia on 7/16/67 and returned on 8/24/67. NK [2221-S] said that he briefly visited friends in Paris, France, prior to proceeding on to Yugoslavia. He said that on his day of arrival in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, on 7/21/67 he reported his presence in that country to officials at the American Embassy.

NK [2221-S] said he was warmly received by all in Yugoslavia, particularly by the various government officials he had met, as mentioned in attached. It will be recalled that RADA GLUSAC, IVO VECCIC, and ISMET REDZIC were all former Yugoslav principals of NK 2221-S when they were assigned in the U.S. (S) Informant had said that these individuals were assigned to UDBa and that they are presently in the Foreign Intelligence Section of the Secretary of Foreign Affairs.

(S) NK [2221-S] said that while conversing with RADOMIR UROSEVIC he was asked to extend best regards from UROSEVIC to the following persons:

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UROSEVIC described above as a wealthy Negress with whom he dined a number of years ago at her home in Plainfield. Newark indices negative concerning this individual.

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Meridian House
1630 Crescent Place
North, Washington, D. C.

GAIL SILVER
2165 Stratford Street
Oak Park, Michigan

Dr. JACK C. FISHER
Resources for the Future
1755 Massachusetts Avenue North
Washington, D. C.
(or possibly Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.)

DRAGL IVKOVIC
2614 South Roman Avenue
Chicago 23, Illinois

NK (222) S said that as a result of his trip to Yugoslavia, he cemented his relationship with those former friends and made concrete relationship with other persons in the Yugoslav Government. He said that he was asked by many of these friends to return to Yugoslavia next year.

The enclosed is classified confidential to protect a source of continuing value.
A source of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), who has furnished reliable information in the past, recently returned from a visit to Yugoslavia. The following are the results of contacts he had with former friends, who are connected with the Yugoslav Government, contacts with other Yugoslavs including family members and observations of his of the thinking of the Yugoslav people he encountered during this visit, with some emphasis on their political views.

This source advised that shortly after his arrival in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, he visited with a friend since boyhood, Radomir Urosevic, presently a Supreme Court Justice of Serbia, and formerly a Deputy in UDBa after World War II, under the recently deposed Yugoslav Vice-President Aleksandar Rankovic. This source said that the wife of Urosevic, Dusanka, is not a Communist Party member and joked about the fact she does not agree with her husband's political philosophy. She is a medical doctor.

This source said that later in the evening, Momcilo Dragoic, who reportedly was a high-ranking official with the Secretary of Foreign Affairs, and a friend of Urosevic, appeared at their home. Dragoic, who had just returned from Moscow, USSR, brought gifts and vodka to Urosevic. This source had never before met Dragoic but was introduced to him by Urosevic as "a friend of ours."
In reply to the question as to current conditions in Moscow, Dragoić made some general statements. He said that the Muscovites were greatly aroused by the Mid-East crisis, however, added that the Soviet Union definitely does not want a war. He said he heard that when the American fleet was in the Mediterranean Sea, both the American and Soviet fleets were playing 'checkers' with one another. He said that within the area were many Soviet submarines who were present to challenge any undesirable steps taken by the United States.

Dragoić said it was the feeling that all action in the Mid-East was under the direction of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). He related there is suspicion that all of the Jewish businessmen who travel the world, businesswise, are contacts of the CIA and report their impressions to that agency.

Dragoić said that after the visit of the Soviet Minister to Egypt, the Soviets dispatched many military instructors to Egypt. He said that the Mid-East problem will evolve as another Vietnam.

Koca Popovč, former Yugoslav Vice-President and presently a ranking Yugoslav official, traveled to Egypt to confer with Egyptian President Nasser. It was the consensus that the Arabs were surprised that the war terminated as quickly as it did; however, when the Egyptians recuperate, they will again become active.

Concerning the question as to whether the Israeli victory was a setback for the Soviets, it was felt that because of this crisis and Soviet commitment to the Arabs, they now have a green light to openly support the Arab nations. Further, the Soviets are in a better position to display some control over the Mediterranean Sea and the Suez Canal Area since when the American fleet departed the area, the Soviet fleet moved into a better position.

Source questioned as to why Yugoslavia supported the Arab nations when Yugoslavia continually refers to itself as a nonaligned nation and one who desires peace.
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Drugoic replied that they did not take any positive action, but reflected support to the Arabs because they felt that the Arabs were victims of an aggressive Israel, which is a branch of Wall Street; and secondly that they did not want to lose the friendly relationship Yugoslavia enjoys with the Arab world.

Dragoic condemned Israel for being impatient and not allowing the United Nations to find the solution to this Mid-East problem. He said that the action taken by Nasser was primarily to protect all of the Egyptian interests. He said that Israel is attempting to enslave the Arabs and that if Israel does not return territory confiscated during this conflict, there will exist a constant war between the Arabs and the Israelis.

Dragoic said the Israelis were fortunate to have conquered the Arabs with such rapidity since crack-armed Algerian forces were on their way to lend support to the Arabs. He said the Syrians were considered to be poor soldiers.

Dragoic repeated that the CIA worked for the Israelis since the Israeli forces knew all of the positions of Arab troops and equipment at the time the conflict commenced.

Dragoic said the Soviets feel that their greatest enemy is Red China. He said the Soviets are prepared for any conflict with China although they are taking all measures of precaution so as not to initiate any aggression. He said it is felt that the Chinese would not fight, but would merely surround the USSR with manpower.

Dragoic asked source why President Johnson and the United States are supplying support and arms to a nation (South Vietnam) which is completely corrupt from top to bottom. Source merely mentioned that he does not know how the Yugoslavs will interpret the Vietnam situation, but indicated that most of the people of the United States support this cause, this, he said, being especially noticeable when he has witnessed long lines near United States Army Recruitment Centers.
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It was conceded that among the Yugoslav officials, President Johnson is not very popular, mainly because of the Vietnam situation. The source was surprised to learn that a number of Yugoslavs questioned as to whether President Johnson was behind the assassination of the late President John F. Kennedy. According to source, Kennedy was extremely popular with the Yugoslavs and that many Yugoslavs were in tears at the news of his assassination.

This source said that he subsequently was in contact with Rada Glusac and Ivo Voeovic, both with the Office of the Secretary of Foreign Affairs. This source, who knew these individuals in the United States, said they discussed the bombings of the Yugoslav establishments in the United States and Canada during January, 1967, and appeared to have all of the reports on these bombings. He said Voeovic related it was their impression that the American authorities responded very quickly when these bombings occurred. Voeovic mentioned the names of a few Yugoslav immigrants in the United States, known also to source, who are highly suspected for involvement in these bombings. They agreed they have always enjoyed excellent cooperation with American police authorities, particularly when President Tito visited the United States in the past.

This source said he again met with these individuals on the following day for a luncheon engagement. He said as they drove in Belgrade, they pointed out the "famous UDBa building", which is near the Secretary of Foreign Affairs building. Source said they had a general conversation, with emphasis placed on Yugoslav immigrants in the United States.

Source said on the following day, he traveled to his place of birth, Negotin, Yugoslavia, where he visited with his relatives. Source said on the first day, he was obligated to report to the Chief of UDBa in Negotin, since it is a rule that all visitors must so report. Source said no problems arose from this visit.

Source advised that it was his opinion, from talking