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TO: PRIORITY **BELGRADE.**

FROM: LIMITED DISSEM CE/BOGYA INFO CE/BOGIS, CE/BOG, CED/CIC,
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SUBJECT: TRACE RESPONSE - NIKOLA KAVAJA

REF: **BELGRADE** 20520 97 9106046

TEXT:

1. ACTION REQUIRED: NONE, FYI ONLY.

2. PER REF, HQS HAS CONFIRMED THAT NIKOLA ((KAVAJA)) IS THE
SUBJECT OF 201-0764698. PROVIDED BELOW ARE EXCERPTS FROM THE
EXTENSIVE NVTAG SOURCE REPORTING COMPILED ON KAVAJA OVER THE
YEARS. BASED ON OUR REVIEW, THERE ARE NO INDICATIONS THAT KAVAJA
HAS EVER BEEN IN CONTACT WITH TQHIGHROAD. PER PARA 5 REF, BELOW
INFORMATION CAN BE SHARED WITH THE RSO AND COM.

3. FOLLOWING IS DRAWN FROM DIRECTOR 824658 DATED 17 FEB 84:

A. NIKOLA ((KAVAJA)) WAS BORN 3 OCTOBER 1933 IN ISTINIC,
YUGOSLAVIA. AFTER HIGH SCHOOL HE GRADUATED FROM THE YUGOSLAV
MILITARY ACADEMY. BETWEEN 1947 AND 1952, HE SERVED AS A FIGHTER
PILOT WITH THE YUGOSLAV AIR FORCE, HOLDING THE RANK OF FIRST
LIEUTENANT. IN THE COURSE OF THIS SERVICE HE BECAME DISENCHANTED
WITH THE COMMUNIST REGIME AND WAS COURT-MARTIALED. HE WAS ACCUSED
OF BEING A MEMBER OF A SECRET ANTI-COMMUNIST, TERRORIST
ORGANIZATION COMMITTED TO OVERTHROWING THE COMMUNIST REGIME OF
YUGOSLAVIA, AND WAS ALSO CHARGED WITH THE-ASSASSINATION-OF THREE
BORDER GUARDS (KAVAJA DENIED BEING GUILTY OF THIS CHARGE). HE WAS
FOUND GUILTY AND SENTENCED TO EIGHTEEN AND ONE-HALF YEARS OF
IMPRISONMENT.

B. ON 15 AUG 57, KAVAJA ESCAPED FROM PRISON WITH ANOTHER
YUGOSLAV. THE TWO MEN CROSSED INTO AUSTRIA ON 21 AUGUST 57 AT
DOLJNA RADONJA. THEY PROCEEDED TO SALZBURG AND TURNED THEMSELVES
IN TO THE POLICE. AFTER SPENDING 21 DAYS IN JAIL THEY WERE
GRANTED POLITICAL ASYLUM. ~~KAVAJA THEREAFTER WORKED AS A PAINTER~~
AND JOINED A LOCAL ANTI-COMMUNIST ORGANIZATION IN AUSTRIA. HE

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RECEIVED A REQUEST FROM ~~AUSTRIAN LIAISON~~ FOR INFORMATION ON NIKOLA KAVAJA. THE ~~AUSTRIANS~~ CARRIED SUBJECT AS A TERRORIST WHO MAY TRY TO DISRUPT THE SARAJEVO OLYMPIC GAMES USING AUSTRIA AS A STAGING AREA. THEY PLANNED TO ENTER INFORMATION INTO THEIR COMPUTERS AT BORDER CROSSING POINTS TO ENABLE THEM TO PREVENT KAVAJA FROM ENTERING YUGOSLAVIA VIA AUSTRIA.

5. ON 31 JUL 93, NVTAG PROVIDED AN ASSESSMENT OF POTENTIAL FOR YUGOSLAVIAN TERRORISM IN THE UNITED STATES, WHICH WAS SENT TO SEVERAL TQHIGHROAD STATIONS. THE ASSESSMENT WAS NOT PART OF THE U.S. TERRORIST THREAT WARNING SYSTEM, BUT JUST INTENDED TO PROVIDED INFORMATION TO ALL RECIPIENTS. IN THIS ASSESSMENT, NVTAG EVALUATED THE YUGOSLAVIAN DIPLOMATIC AND NON-OFFICIAL PRESENCE IN THE UNITED STATES. THE ASSESSMENT MENTIONED KAVAJA AS ONE OF THE INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN THE BOMBING OF THE YUGOSLAV EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, D.C. KAVAJA WAS ALSO MENTIONED TO BE A MEMBER OF SOPO.

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