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CLEMENTIS, HUSAK AND NOVOMESKY IN LEOPOLDV
PRISON ?

CLEMENTIS Vlado, former CSR Minister for Foreign Affairs and HUSAK Gustav, former Slovak Chief of cabinet, are currently held and being prepared for trial in the infamous "kuklove oddelenie" at the LEOPOLDV prison at NOVA VESNICA. The kuklove oddelenie is in a three-story building called "novy trakt." HUSAK, NOVOMESKY and CLEMENTIS must wear a hood whenever they leave their cells. The hood is made of black cloth and has two holes for the eyes. From LEOPOLDV the prisoners are taken for interrogations to BRATISLAVA and after several days returned to LEOPOLDV. CLEMENTIS and HUSAK are held in the prison under assumed names.

One SISKÁ (fnu), aged 25, a criminal prisoner at the LEOPOLDV jail, is engaged by the STB to beat the prisoners confined at the "kuklove oddelenie".

The "kuklove oddelenie" was established in June 1950. The first prisoners interrogated in this section were Major ZINGOR, Engineer FRANK, Staff Captain TROJAN, Lt. Col. LIPKA, Lt. PAKAN Jan and Major USIAK.

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Previous information had it that CLEMENTIS is interrogated at a STB training center near PRAGUE or at SLEMENSKA in the Tatras mountains.

All names in above report are confirmed by other evidence.