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The question of continuation of the Radical-Croatian coalition will depend much upon the solution of this conflict for, as stated before, Mr. Raditch has succeeded in gaining the approval of his party and a break in the Radical ranks might lead to some other political combination. It should be noted that the present Government has not a majority in Parliament without the support of the Croatian Party. It is, therefore, possible that it may resign before the meeting of Parliament on May 5th next.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant

Gordon Paddock⁴⁷⁵

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Chargé d'Affairs ad interim.

Enclosures:

- 1.- Translation of statement by Mr. Ouzunovitch in the Belgrade press of April 15, 1926.⁴⁷⁶
- 2.- Translation of Resolution of Central Committee of the Croatian Agrarian Party in the Belgrade press of April 23, 1926.⁴⁷⁷
- 3.- Translation of summary of statement by Mr. Pashitch in the Belgrade POLITIKA of April 23, 1926.⁴⁷⁸

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82. 1926., svibanj 18., Dopis State Departmenta poslaniku Johnu Dyneleyju Princeu od 18. svibnja 1926. u kojem se traže detaljnija izvješća o „Bijeloj ruci, tajnom vojnom društvu“ za koje se prema izvješću američke vojne obavještajne službe vjeruje da ima izniman utjecaj na državnu politiku. Dodatno, traže se i podatci o njima suprotstavljenom vojnom društvu „Crnoj ruci“.

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⁴⁷⁵ Vlastoručno.

⁴⁷⁶ Sažetak „iz beogradskih novina od 15. travnja 1926.“ Vidi: „Radićevci ne napuštaju Radića – Izjava g. Uzunovića“, *Politika* (Beograd), 15. travnja 1926., 2.

⁴⁷⁷ Sažetak „iz beogradskih novina od 23. travnja 1926.“ Vidi: „Za sporazum s radikalima – Rezolucija“, *Politika* (Beograd), 23. travnja 1926., 4-5.

⁴⁷⁸ Sažetak „iz beogradskih novina od 23. travnja 1926.“, „G. Pašić o pismu g. Lj. Jovanovića“, *Politika* (Beograd), 23. travnja 1926., 1.

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The Honorable

John D. Prince,
American Minister,
Belgrade.

Sir:

The fortnightly intelligence summary for the period ending April 16, 1926 issued by the Military Intelligence Division of the War Department General Staff, in the account of recent political changes in Yugoslavia, stated that the White Band, a secret military society, exercises a great influence in Yugoslav politics and is a force to be seriously considered by the political leaders. Mention was also made of the Black Hand, a similar society, alleged to be in opposition to the White Hand.

The Department would appreciate a report from you regarding the activities of these two organizations with an expression of your opinion as to the character and extent of the influence they enjoy and as to the ends they may be serving.

A copy of the intelligence summary of April 16th will doubtless be available to you by the Military Attaché.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,
For the Secretary of State:
Joseph C. Grew⁴⁷⁹

83. 1926., svibanj 4., Izvješće privremenoga otpravnika poslova poslanstva u Beogradu Gordona Paddocka State Departmentu o političkoj situaciji u Kraljevini SHS, raširenosti korupcije, razmišljanjima kralja Aleksandra Karađorđevića o Radiću i njegovoj koaliciji s radikalima, uvjerenju da Radić „ne uživa povjerenje obrazovanih klasa u Hrvatskoj“.

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Belgrade, May 4, 1926.

⁴⁷⁹ Grew, Joseph Clark, Undersecretary of State.

⁴⁸⁰ Državni pečat.