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TO: DIRECTOR.

FOR: CE/EE/YA INFO C/CE/EE, CE/PLANS

SLUGS: WNINTEL [ ] BGFIEND

SUBJECT: NEWSPAPER ARTICLE ON BGFIEND PROJECT

REF: NONE

TEXT:

1. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE IF ILMI, AHMET AND  
SHAQIR ((KABASHI)) WERE MEMBERS OF THE BGFIEND PROJECT.

2. THE 30 SEPT EDITION OF LOCAL PAPER "GAZETA SHQIPTARE"  
(ALBANIAN GAZETTE) CONTAINS A FRONT PAGE ARTICLE WITH THE HEADLINE:  
"CIA TRIED TO OVERTHROW HOXHA", DESCRIBING THE BGFIEND PROJECT IN  
CONSIDERABLE DETAIL. AN INSERT IN THIS ARTICLE, DATED LINED FIER,  
REPORTS THAT AFTER MANY YEARS OF SEARCHING, SHAQIR KABASHI  
HAD RECENTLY FOUND THE REMAINS OF HIS TWO COUSINS, ILMI AND AHMET.  
ILMI AND AHMET ARE DESCRIBED AS AGENTS OF THE CIA WHO PARTICIPATED  
IN A BETRAYED MISSION IN 1951. SHAQIR ALSO DECLARES THAT HE, TOO,  
HAD BEEN A CIA AGENT AND HAD PARTICIPATED IN THE SAME MISSION. THE  
ARTICLE STATES THAT THE COUSINS WERE PARACHUTED INTO THE VILLAGE OF  
MJESHOV. ILMI DIED OF WOUNDS CAUSED BY HIS LANDING IN SOME ROCKS,  
AND AHMET'S NAME APPEARS ON A LIST OF PEOPLE EXECUTED BY THE  
COMMUNIST REGIME IN APRIL 1954. IT IS ALSO STATED THAT HAMID  
((MATJANI)) DIED WITH HIM. THE INSERT CONCLUDES THAT MATJANI FELL  
INTO A TRAP SET BY THE SIGURIMI WHICH, USING THE SECRET CIA CODES,  
DIRECTED THE PARATROOPERS INTO AN AREA WHERE THEY WERE WAITING FOR  
THEM. WHEN HE (MATJANI) LANDED HE FOUND THE SIGURIMI WAITING.

3. FILE: BGFIEND. INDEX: ILMI, AHMET AND SHAQIR  
((KABASHI)). DECL OADR DRV HUM 4-82.

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