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15 July 1952

MEMORANDUM

TO: ()

FROM: ()

SUBJECT: Monthly Survey Report - BGFiend - 15 June-15 July 1952

1. AIR OPERATIONSa. Apple Resupply Mission

A resupply mission was flown to Apple Tree on 6 July. The mission report is forwarded in 1814-CAGWU. Only five of the nine containers prepared for this mission were dropped due to a misunderstanding on the part of the dispatcher regarding a new type cargo chute used for the first time. On the first run over the DZ five containers were dropped on three chutes. When the static lines were pulled back into the plane the dispatcher noted that there were no chute bags attached to them as had always been the case in the past. He concluded that the new, unfamiliar chutes had malfunctioned and the plane returned to base without dropping the four remaining containers. After a careful inspection of the new chutes it has been determined that the chute bag is designed to remain with the chute rather than with the static line. Baring some unforeseeable circumstances, therefore, the supplies dropped to the team arrived on the ground in good order. As the arms, ammunition, food, medical supplies and barter items that comprised the cargo load were apportioned evenly among the eight cargo containers, the team should have received enough of each of these items to support it for at least a month. Of the five containers dropped, four were packed with supplies and one contained two agent radio sets and 50 gold sovereigns.

Apple's situation of the DZ on the side of a wooded mountain made it almost inaccessible to the covert plane and raises some doubt as to the accuracy of the drop. We are advising the team by radio that their poor selection of a dropping area was responsible for the partial failure of the resupply mission and that we will supply them again during the August moon period.

b. Leaflet Missions

1. Valuable made a successful leaflet raid over KMwaahoo on the night of 24 June (LOND 3086).

2. Twenty seven 100-pound containers of "Symbol with Instructions" leaflets and "Shqiperia" were used as a cover for the resupply drop to Apple Tree on 6 July.

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3. In the interest of an evenly spaced leaflet delivery schedule, the mission scheduled for 1 July has been postponed to the end of July per ATHE 0543.

2. PERSONNEL

a. () arrived in LCDrink on 30 June for a permanent change of station (). A salary increase has been recommended for him in 1673-CAGWU.

b. A salary increase was recommended for () in 1672-CAGWU.

c. ()'s assignment to LCDrink in February 1952 was requested in 1655-CAGWU.

3. OPERATIONS AND TRAINING

a. Apple Tree Team

1. Airometer, (RNPutlog and Identity (1) exfiltrated to LCFlake on 15 June (C 0439). RNPutlog and Identity (1) came out because their assignment as guides for Apple Tree had been successfully completed. Airometer was directed by Identity (2) to accompany the exfiltrates as his presence was no longer vital to the success of the mission and food was very scarce.

The three Apple exfiltrates were moved to a safe house in the LCDrink area on 17 June and were held there until their debriefing was completed on 25 June. RNPutlog and Airometer were then moved to Identity (3). Identity (1) was permitted to return to his family living in the vicinity of LCDrink. The formal debriefing of this group was submitted to ZRMetal in 1656-CAGWU. Perhaps the most significant facts revealed in the debriefing are:

(a) Identity (2) and RNDomino are fairly securely established in the operational area;

(b) agent teams are severely handicapped by our inability to provide them with indigenous currency (C 0483);

(c) contacts of great potential value have been made by the team. (Background Information on contacts made prior to the exfiltration of the three Apple Team members was forwarded in 1667-CAGWU and 1668-CAGWU).

2. W/T message exchange #7 through 15 have been made with Apple during this reporting period. They have been transmitted in 1634-CAGWU, 1657-CAGWU and 1693-CAGWU. These contacts were established on the 15th, 18th, 24th and 27th of June and the 3rd and 6th of July.

We learned from "IN" messages that the police in Apple's area are quiet and that RNCertain could not yet be received. A greater part of the exchanges were devoted to details of the resupply drop plan.

3. Per WASH 48050, we will continue to hold Airometer until we receive disposition instructions from ZRMetal.

4. In early July, a man by the name of Merseraj representing himself as RNCasting's chamberlain contacted RNAduana in LCDrink and asked to see "the Colonel" (presumably [redacted]). RNAduana passed the message to [redacted]. This information was forwarded to ZRMetal with a request for guidance in [redacted] 0656. Upon receipt of the reply in WASH 49426, Merseraj was told that "the Colonel" was out of town and that all contacts should be made through RNCasting's established channel.

b. Pine Tree Team

1. On 16 June we received SI Letter #11 from Pine Tree, (forwarded in 1614-CAGWU), advising us of its intention to return to LCFlake through TProach. Little Pine wrote they would begin their trek on the 10th of June. We were informed by the LCFlake Service on 26 June that Pine had crossed the TProach border ([redacted] 0581). The team was picked up by plane at Identity (4) and moved to the BGFiend LCDrink safe house on the 28th of June. The team remained there until the debriefing was completed on the 11th of July and then removed from the LCDrink area. Big Pine and Little Pine were left in Identity (5), RNDevote and RNDefine were deposited at Identity (6). All four men were given enough money to live and advised to await contact from us. The debriefing of Pine is forwarded in 1725-CAGWU.

c. Willow Tree Team

1. The Willow Team infiltrated KMwaahoo on the night of 14 June ([redacted] 0571) after having received the briefing forwarded in 1630-CAGWU. They successfully recrossed the LCFlake border on 9 July. Due to bad flying weather they could not be moved from the border to the safe house near LCDrink until 14 July. At this writing the debriefing of Willow is in process so a complete summary is not possible. From information now available the highlights of the mission are:

(a) One Identity (8), first cousin of the Willow Team member Identity (9), was approached by the Identity (10) and asked to turn in Identity (9) whom they understood was in the country. Identity (8) found Willow, told them this story and asked that they take him to LCFlake with them as he would be in jeopardy if he returned without having fulfilled his mission. Willow acceded to his request. (Identity 8 will be given a carriage test and removed to QKDimple).

(b) A chain of dead drops was established for the passing of intelligence per our instructions.

(c) Some OB material was procured.

(d) The team brought out several newspapers, samples of currency, postage stamps, local stationery, and 3 rolls of film taken of subjects having propaganda value.

(e) We have secured Identity (8)'s Identity (11).

(f) We have definite confirmation that HTGrubby is reaching the target area.

The formal debriefing report will be forwarded as soon as possible.

d. Cedar Team

The Cedar Team, conducted by C arrived in LCDrink from JBHomer on 30 June (). The members of this team were removed immediately to Identity (7) to await a vacancy at the BGFiend safe house where they will be briefed and equipped.

4. MISCELLANEOUS

a. C met with C in TPCredo on the 18th through the 21st of June. A summary of this meeting was forwarded from TPCredo.

b. Negotiations are underway to secure one of three available islands in the Identity (12) as a site for agent training and holding. The details of this matter will be forwarded at a later date.

Footnote: Paragraph 1 a. of this report was prepared prior to receipt of the information contained in 1746 - CAGWU.