

4 November 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR: OD/CO
VIA: SE/CPP
SUBJECT: Daily Progress Report for Monday, 3 November 1952

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1. 1. A report from Athens states that two members of an Albanian team (Red Team) crossed into Greece on about 26 October 1952 and were expected to arrive in Athens on 3 November for debriefing. This team originally infiltrated by air into Northern Albania in November 1950 with a mission to contact resistance groups and leaders and to collect information. After moving back and forth between Albania and Yugoslavia and engaging in an action with Albanian security forces in which several of the enemy were killed, the team apparently spent the bulk of 1951 on Yugoslav territory. The team returned to Albania in April 1952. (reported in Daily Report for 27 May 1952). A full debriefing is expected shortly. (IN 49698)

2. A report from Athens states that the British representative for the SIS Project VALUABLE has received a letter in secret writing mailed by a British team (Satisfaction Team) from Yugoslavia. The British representative has been unable to develop the secret writing and proposes to try to contact the team through the British representative in Belgrade. The team in question was infiltrated by sea into the Scutari area on the night of 20-21 July (reported in Daily Report for 28 July 1952). (IN-49603)

3. [redacted], SE-1 Branch Chief, returned 2 November 1952 from three months TDY in Athens.

4. [redacted], BGFRIEND Field Chief, arrived in Washington on 3 November for a week's consultation before returning to Athens.

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5. The preliminary debriefing of a three-man Bulgarian team which returned from Bulgaria on 28 October (reported in Daily Report for 30 October 1952) has yielded the following information on accomplishments in addition to the collection of valuable Order of Battle data:

- a. Recruitment of an organizer in a machine shop who will begin spotting future members of a sabotage group. This agent claims to have been engaging in private sabotage of machine bearings for some time past and says he has already earmarked fellow workers of a similar bent.
- b. Further development of contacts with a view to setting up a communications and safe house support system.

The teams' initial reports suggest that they may be somewhat over enthusiastic as a result of their successful expeditions and that their claims will be found to have less substance when analyzed carefully.

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