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FROM : Senior Representative, []

Date 17 November 1952

SUBJECT: GENERAL- BGFIEND
SPECIFIC- Monthly Survey Report, 15 October - 14 November 1952

With the acquiescence of field authority, we are transmitting the enclosed monthly survey report. It is almost identical in subject matter and format to previous reports submitted by BGFIEND, but slight modifications have been made to avoid duplicating material presented in the new monthly activity report. Our decision to continue monthly surveys is based largely on comments contained in 1770-CWUAG and our belief that this review, although not emphasizing the quantitative in presentation, may continue to be of interest and use to Headquarters. You are requested to advise us if this is no longer the case.

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BGFIEND MONTHLY SURVEY REPORT, 15 OCTOBER-14 NOVEMBER 1952

1. Air Operations

None

2. Personnel

a. [] left Athens 30 October to return to Washington leaving [] as Acting Chief of BGFIEND.

b. Gash remains at the Ekali safehouse where he is conducting himself well. Apart from mild exercise, no training has been initiated to date.

c. Gacuity and Gadummy are now living at the Paradise safehouse. Advanced W/T training will begin for these men as soon as operational clearances are obtained.

d. Gadull is being held in Rafina. A decision will be made on his retention after a carriage test which is to be conducted in the near future.

e. Gadryer was assisted by Galatea in gaining admission to a hospital for a kidney operation. He will be sent to Lavrion upon completion of the operation.

f. Gaducal and his brother were released on 11 November and sent to Lavrion.

g. ~~Dhino Papa~~ is presently being interrogated and a full report will be forwarded soon. A PRQ Part I on this man was transmitted in ()

3. Operations

a. Apple Tree

(1) The following W/T contacts were made with Apple Tree during the report period:

#39 15 October ()

40 24 October ()

41 27 October ()

42 3 November ()

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#43 6 November

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#43 6 November ()

44 12 November (not yet sent)

(2) Highlights of the month's traffic are:

(a) A large truck convoy left Kukes for Scutari 25 September.

(b) The team advised that it can muster 100 men with leadership ability prepared to fight the Communist regime. Most of these men do not have arms.

(c) Contact has been established, through a cutout, with an officer of police in Peshkopi. He is in a position to provide useful information.

(d) We are advised that RNDOMINO has broken his W/T sending hand.

(3) Our request for couriers from Apple has been acknowledged. We are advised we will be notified as soon as appropriate candidates for the job are found.

(4) The news that RNDOMINO has broken his hand is very possibly an indication that the team is controlled, even though the operator continues to send negative Commo control signals. Commo doubts that RNDOMINO is capable of left handed sending and the case officer control challenge transmitted on 3 November was not answered in contacts on November 6th and 12th. This later fact can not easily be interpreted because Apple has mis-handled the case officer control challenge in the past. To review our use of the case officer danger signal, we first challenged Apple with it in our second contact with the team on 27 May. Apple subsequently answered our challenges with the correct negative control signal six times (on 3, 12, 15, 18, 24 and 27 June). We again challenged Apple on 12 August after our 4 August resupply drop. Apple did not respond to the challenge in the contacts of 13, 15, 16, 18 and 24 August. We challenged Apple again on 24 and 27 August and Apple responded on the 28th of August with the control signal answer to our challenge. This message was received in the same exchange in which our challenge was again sent and we again received the control signal from Apple in a message on 3 September. As there was evidence that these responses from Apple were due to a misunderstanding of instructions concerning the signal's use, and as Commo challenges were favorably answered, the decision was made to resupply Apple. The resupply mission was executed without incident on 6 September. Because the content of Apple's messages were consistently normal and we were able to confirm the accuracy of some of the information transmitted, we continued to work the team as probably safe. The alleged damage to RNDOMINO's hand dictates a change of procedure and extreme caution until we can determine Apple's true status.

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b. Willow Team

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(1) Willow made its third successful infiltration of Albania on 16 October and recrossed into Greece October 27th. This was Willow's last trip for the 1952 operational season.

(2) The various debriefing reports have been forwarded in SGAA-1252, 1277 and

(3) Although the scope of the mission assigned to Willow was limited due to the calibre of its members, the team has provided us with a quantity of valuable positive, operational and P/W intelligence. It has recruited informers and established a chain of dead letter drops for the communication of information. It has identified an abduction possibility and a possible informer within the ranks of the Sigurimi. Perhaps its most significant accomplishment, in the light of recent planning for 1953 operations, is its contact with leaders who are prepared to provide a total of 70 men in the event of an insurrection. The team members have acquitted themselves with a bravery, resourcefulness and loyalty that permits us to count them among our important assets in planning for 1953.

c. Fig Tree Team

(1) The following W/T contacts were made with Fig during the report period:

#4	20 October	()
5	21 October	()
6	23 October	()
7	26 October	()
8	4 November	()
9	4 November	()
10	5 November	()
11	6 November	()
12	6 November	()

(2) Highlights of the month's traffic are:

(a) Fig received the information from one of its sources that the Albanian Government is preparing for war and that materiel is being moved to more defensible depots outside towns.

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(b) Host forces apparently

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(b) Host forces apparently made up a group which posed as a nationalist agent team and succeeded in identifying one of Fig's bases (in Krushove).

(c) The Albanian Government is issuing German arms to loyal citizens in the Gores area.

(d) The radio base established by the team is not satisfactory and difficulty is being encountered in making contacts with base.

(e) The team has 200 adherents in the Gore area, all in need of weapons and ammunition, but ready to take to the mountains or exfiltrate to Greece.

(f) HTGRUBBY is heard and is well received by the populace.

(3) Per DIR-27143 a message has been prepared for Fig advising the team to prevent any mass defection now, as time and weather are not right. It will be transmitted on the next contact. As in the case of Apple and Willow, it appears that Fig has been extremely successful in locating nationalist elements. These developments would substantiate the frequent reports that lack of arms and/or leadership have prevented open insurrection and that the will to depose the present regime still exists.

d. Obsession Team

(1) Per [] [], the Obsession mission was cancelled primarily because of an apparently accurate report that a Yugoslav agent team had effected the mission planned for Obsession in July, 1952.

e. Second RNCASTING Mission

(1) Per DIR-27644, the mounting of this mission has been postponed due to the advent of bad weather.

f. Throttler

(1) Throttler returned to Greece on 21 October to complete its third successful infiltration of the 1952 season. Gadud and Gaduffer were moved to Athens on 25 October for debriefing. They are both in good health and expressed a desire to continue with clandestine missions next year. As further infiltration attempts this year would be too hazardous, the Throttler team was moved to Patras for the winter on 5 November.

(2) We have assured Gaduffer that we would make an effort to send aid to Gadulcet's family in Albania. (Gadulcet was killed while on a Throttler mission in 1951.) Gaduffer made his agreement to continue to work for us conditional on our promise to make this effort as he felt obligated to get a job that paid him enough to send aid himself, unless we undertook doing

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it for him.

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it for him. Our decision to accept Gaduffer's condition is based on his value to us as a W/T operator.

(3) A complete debriefing of Throttler will be forwarded shortly.

g. Observant

(1) Gadunce has completed the interrogations he was conducting in Salonika of Albanian refugees from Yugoslavia. Most of the information he obtained concerns Yugoslav activities against Albania and Albanians in Yugoslavia.

(2) Gadunce is presently interrogating recent Albanian exfiltrates at Lavrion.

h. Throwoff

(1) Throwoff/2 has been sent to Milos for safekeeping. No further problems have developed.

(2) Throwoff/3 has been taken to Nauplion where he will remain until a decision is made concerning his future.

i. Oblavate

(1) Gaccent has continued to report on activities at Lavrion.

(2) On 12 November Gaccent had minor oral surgery performed. Hospitalization was not necessary.

4. Action Outstanding - Washington

a. Provision of Albanian currency for operational use.

b. Processing and dispatch of [] to Athens.

c. Effecting salary increase for [] recommended in 1854-CAGWU, dated 8 August 1952. As over three months have transpired since this recommendation was made, you are requested to acknowledge its receipt and provide us with a report on its status.

5. Action Outstanding - Athens

a. Assistance in the construction of the island training site authorized in DIR-27076.

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