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To : Chief, SE  
Attn: [ ]  
FROM : Senior Representative, [ ]

Date 9 December 1952

SUBJECT: GENERAL- BGFIEND/PSYCH  
SPECIFIC- Reorganization of Athens BGFIEND P/W Effort

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1. As of 1 December 1952 [ ] has assumed [ ]'s responsibilities for execution of the BGFIEND P/W effort in Athens while [ ] will act as Chief of the overall BGFIEND P/W effort. For purposes of administration, [ ] will be under the jurisdiction of the Athens desk of BGFIEND. [ ]'s responsibilities include the operation of the propaganda workshop, the mail campaign and the supervision of all BGFIEND P/W and N.C.F.A. activities conducted at this [ ]. With the exception of guidance [ ] will receive from [ ] on finances and from [ ] on policy, and the limited administrative support he will require from the BGFIEND Athens desk, [ ] will have full independence in the performance of his duties, with [ ] supervising P/W themes.

2. Upon [ ]'s assumption of the above duties, he and [ ] briefed the BGFIEND desk on details of the BGFIEND P/W operation. An outline of this briefing follows:

a. Personnel

The propaganda workshop in Athens is comprised of the following Albanians:

Ishan Toptani, Independent, receiving \$300. a month in salary of which \$50. is deducted and applied to the rental of his apartment at 30 Queen Sofia. This apartment is the official headquarters of the N.C.F.A. in Athens.

Gani Hamiti, BK, receiving a salary of \$200. a month.

Luan Gashi, BK, receiving \$200. per month in salary.

Faik Bukmiri, Legalitet, receiving \$200. a month salary.

Mahmud Memisha, Independent, receiving \$200. a month salary.

(Beginning 1 January 1953 each studio staff member will receive an additional \$50. per month as a cost of living allowance.)

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In addition to this staff, the following men are presently retained by [ ]:

Anton Konomi, a recent exfiltrate who provides radio material to the propaganda workshop. His salary is one million drachmae per month.

Ijup Binaku monitors Radio Tirana for about six hours daily for which he is paid 2,250,000 drachmae per month. Because he has recently been assigned the additional task of mailing Shqipëria, the newsletter and other material, he will also receive the \$50. cost of living allowance as of 1 January 1953.

Sotir Toka is a source of P/W intelligence. He will receive 1,500,000 drachmae for December 1952 and each month thereafter for as long as his services are needed.

The following men are potential employees:

Ymer Sharra, now being contemplated for the position of translator at the Rome Station.

Loro Brahim - a source of P/W intelligence.

[ ] advised that Toptani is at least casual in his financial transactions and is in debt to several Albanian exiles in Rome. These exiles, members of the Committee, requested that we intercede to force Toptani to pay these debts. A system has been devised whereby \$50. a month is withheld from his salary. This procedure will continue until the debts are liquidated.

Toptani, Memisha and Juka are all expected to leave for the U.S. within three months under the Albanian quota. Luan Gashi's number on the Albanian immigration quota is also expected to be called sometime during 1953. Gani Hamiti's Albanian quota number for Canada came up about seven months ago, but he has asked [ ] to keep his case in suspension until further notice.

b. Real Estate

In addition to the apartment at 30 Queen Sofia, which we provided Toptani, there are offices of the propaganda workshop located on the top floor of an apartment building at 24 Rigillis Street. Luan Gashi is given one million drachmae per month to cover the expenses of operating the workshop. Galatea has provided a maid who goes to the studio to clean. The apartment was rented from a Mrs. Melas on 24 August 1952 for 6 months with a 6 month renewal option. The rent is fifteen pounds monthly.

c. Administration

[ ] will arrange to have the following P/W intelligence sources routed to this office: The raw USIS Bulletin, RFE material, Cypress FBIS reports, positive intelligence reports from [ ] and KMFORGET material.

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