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17 April 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: []

FROM: []

SUBJECT: BGFIEND Monthly Activities Report for the Period 15 March -
14 April 1953, Inclusive

1. Personnel

The BGFIEND Desk [] is composed of 15 persons. They are assigned primary duties and responsibilities as follows:

Direction, Plans and Administration	- 5
Case officer duties	- 4
Training	- 4
Operational support	- 1
Secretarial duties	- 1

2. Production

a. Positive reports	- 1
b. Dispatches	-44
c. Cables	-48

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3. Support functions

Provision of material to [] for P/W activities on a routine basis.

4. Operational activity

a. Operational activities implemented or acted upon

(1) Apple Tree Team remains in Albania and continued normal activities. In addition, the team was engaged in making preparations for exfiltration of the team leader, the original W/T operator who is being exfiltrated for health reasons, and a Communist sympathizer. This exfiltration operation will get underway in late April.

(2) Observant. Gadance is still working on interrogations of the recent Albanian exfiltrates.

(3) Oblavate. Gaccant continues to report on activities in Lavrion.

b. CE Activities

None

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c. Personnel for the

c. Future operations in planning stage - recruitment and training program

(1) Personnel for the Apple exfiltration operation (RNPULOG, GABNEGATE and GABOARD) have been assembled and are currently undergoing preliminary training.

(2) Arrangements for future RNCASTING operations are proceeding on schedule. [redacted] is currently spending 2 days in Egypt laying on final arrangements for delivery of agent personnel for coming operations.

(3) The W/T training program is proceeding on schedule.

(4) An operation into Northeastern Albania utilizing the Yugoslav Services for support is under active consideration and has been tentatively added to the 1953 schedule, pending recruitment of the agents who have been spotted for the operation.

d. Inactive operations

(1) Willow Team members are being sustained on the local economy pending their next assignment.

(2) Fig Team members are being sustained on the local economy pending their next assignment.

(3) Throttler Team members are being sustained on the local economy pending their next assignment.

e. Terminated operations

None

f. Conclusions

With the commencement of the operational season near at hand BGFRIEND believes that it is prepared to handle the year's activities and is keenly interested in the Apple exfiltration operation as the team leader has signified a strong desire to come out of the country and report at length in person.

The OBATLANTIS construction project is proceeding on schedule and it is hoped the area will be ready for occupancy by mid-June.