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SUBJECT: GENERAL- BGFIEND/INTEL/PARAM
SPECIFIC- Proposed Operation in Lume-Diber Area

1. BGFIEND is presently developing an operation to be mounted against the Lume-Diber area in Albania. The objective of the operation is the establishment of intelligence and resistance nets in the area of operations. Primary intelligence targets of this operation are those outlined in the IPC paper on Albania dated July 1952. Headquarters is requested to forward information regarding additional targets in this area.

2. The personnel being considered for this operation are GASH, AIRBIND, subjects SGAA-3343, 3344, 3359 and 3389. (The four references mentioned are PRQ I's on subjects). GASH, who will be the leader of the group, is the only recruited team member; the remainder have not been approached directly by BGFIEND and are presently at Lavrion. PRQ I on AIRBIND was submitted with 1215-CAGWU and clearance was granted in DIR-17291. PRQ II's on AIRBIND and four subjects of references will follow. Local checks have been initiated.

3. It is not intended that all six individuals will be used to form one group; most probably, the "primary" group will comprise GASH, AIRBIND and subject of SGAA-3343. Two of the three remaining individuals will be used on a "test" mission explained below.

4. BGFIEND proposes to infiltrate the "primary" team through Jugoslavia, i.e., with the assistance of the proper Yugoslav authorities. The reason this method of infiltration was selected is that all members of the "primary" team have excellent knowledge of the area between Lume-Diber and Jugoslavia. In addition, the caliber of GASH is above average and BGFIEND desires to avoid the risks involved in a blind-drop.

5. In order to determine the extent of Yugoslav cooperation in an infiltration of this type, BGFIEND proposes to mount a "test" mission comprising two people. The test mission will be given a specific target in the operational area, but the duration of the mission will be no longer than two weeks. Should the test mission indicate that the Yugoslavs will cooperate in a secure manner, the "primary" team will then be mounted. It is intended that the members of the

test mission will

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test mission will be held in reserve, to be used with GASH when needed.

6. In view of the fact that this method of infiltration represents a departure from the regular methods of infiltration, Headquarters' views and comments will be appreciated.

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