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ALBANIA

Fiscal Year 1954 Operational Program for Albania

I. Target Area--Albania

A. Albania, the smallest of the satellites, is an isolated outpost of Communism with practically no military strategic significance except as a minor threat to the western Yugoslav border or as a base from which to attempt to reactivate the Greek Civil War or to threaten the entrance to the Adriatic Sea. It might under certain international conditions be used as a pretext for consolidating Communist hegemony in the Balkans by forcibly extending the Bulgarian frontier across southern Yugoslavia to link up with Albania.

II. Long-Range Objectives

A. To obtain positive and operational intelligence on political, economic, and military matters in Albania including CE information.

B. To maintain and strengthen the hope of eventual liberation of the Albanian people and to bolster their will to resist Communism.

C. To undermine the military, political, and economic structure in Albania.

D. To develop basic assets and prepare the terrain for the eventual separation of Albania from the Soviet bloc.

III. Operational Intelligence Summary

A. Albania is a typical police state and rigid security measures are strictly enforced. Until 1953 the population was intimidated to the point of being afraid to offer any support to clandestine, anti-regime activity. During 1953, however, there was a basic change: infiltrated agents received considerable help from the populace, particularly in the mountain areas. The change is believed to have been due to a combination of PW effort and the fact that our agents were of a higher type and had better training.

B. The army cannot be considered a loyal instrument of the regime but the secret police (Sigarimi), numbering about 10,000 men appear to be completely faithful.

IV. Accomplishments to Date

A. Through infiltration teams and other sources, a general coverage of intelligence objectives in Albania has been attained. More detailed information is desirable.

B. A concentrated

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B. A concentrated PW campaign directed toward the Albanian population through the media of both leaflets and black broadcasts has helped to create an atmosphere in that country in which our agents can operate.

C. During 1953, about 20 penetrations and 75 W/T contacts have been effected. P/W leaflet raids, as such, have been run on an average of once monthly and in addition, leaflets have been dropped as cover for every agent re-supply flight.

V. Current Operational Capabilities

A. Over the past three years, approximately 1,300 leaders, claiming some 12,000 followers, have been reported as ready to cooperate with our agents, given the necessary material support and guidance. While this number may be high, there appears to be a substantial resistance potential which might be activated at a propitious moment.

B. Teams operating in 1952 reported recruiting 31 leaders with 599 followers at their command, 40 of whom are armed. (An attempt is being made to keep the spirit of resistance alive among these people without sponsoring any action that might prove to be premature.)

C. Physical facilities: The necessary safehouses, office space, and storage space to support operations against Albania have been obtained. In addition, a training base has been developed. The [] communications facility is used for broadcasting the black radio programs; a monitoring station is maintained at [] and [] for monitoring the black radio effective signal strength and for monitoring the Albanian official station.

VI. FY 1955 Projected Operations

A. OBOPUS (PP and PM Country Plan).

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| 1. OBOPUS/Administration | 69,000 |
| PM Admin | 6,900 |
| PP Admin | 62,100 |
| 2. OBOPUS/HTNEIGH (PP) | 61,298 |
| (Political front for covert activities) | |
| 3. OBOPUS/OBHUNT | |
| (Cross border agent operations) | |
| PM | |
| PP | |
| 4. OBOPUS/HTGRUBBY (PP) | 40,000 |
| (Black Radio and supporting operation) | |
| 5. OBOPUS/OBTUSE (PP) | 62,600 |
| (Propaganda drops) | |

B. FI Country Plan

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VII. Summary

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See Exhibit "C", Schedule G1 through G6.