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Project Cryptonym **OBOPUS**

Amendment No. _____

Sub-Project Cryptonym _____

Originating Division **SE**

Approved ~~Disapproved~~

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16 July '54

Comments: * Project Renewal for FY '55 per CSI 234-1 approved in the amount of [] subject to the availability of funds.

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SENIOR STAFF PROJECT CLEARANCE SHEET

1. Identification

a. Project Cryptonym: OBOPUS	d. Division: SE
b. Sub-project Cryptonym:	e. Branch: 1
c. Amendment No.:	f. Desk: Albania

2. STAFF COORDINATION

Element	Copies	Date	No. of Copies	Date of Memorandum
a. DD/P-Adm(R&A)	1	24 June		
b. C-DD/P-Adm	1	24 June		
c. AC-PP/P&C	1	15 July 54		
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3. Concurred in and forwarded to HQ by

16 July 54

4. (This space reserved for use of the project manager)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Chief, SE Division

DATE: 8 June 1954

FROM : Assistant Director for Communications

SUBJECT: Project Outlines: OBOPUS, OBLIVIOUS, OBTUSE, OBTEST, OBHUNT

1. Subject Projects have been reviewed by this office and no communications support beyond that indicated by the basic Communications Annex, dated 2 January 1954, (Project BGFIEND para 1B, sub para 1) will be required for the support of Project OBTEST, for fiscal year 1955.

2. No support will be required from this office for Project OBHUNT, for fiscal year 1955, however, before the communications phase of this project for fiscal year 1956 is implemented, a new Communications Annex will be required.

3. No communications support will be required for Projects OBLIVIOUS, OBTUSE and OBTEST.

4. It is intended that this memorandum shall accompany subject Projects, when presented for approval, in lieu of a Communications Annex.

FOR THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR COMMUNICATIONS:


Chief, Operations and Training
Division

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1.	[]	1/SE-1		<u>24 May 1954</u> Date
2.	[]	1/SE/CPP		<u>24 May 1954</u>
3.	[]	SE/CPM		<u>24 May 1954</u>
4.	[]	SE/CAL		<u>25 May 1954</u>
5.	[]	SE/PI/CE		<u>25 May 1954</u>
6.	[]	C/SE		<u>26 May 1954</u>
7.	[]	FI/Plans/Cover	204	<u>28 May 1954</u>
8.	[]	STG	2	<u>9 June 54</u>
9.		PP/OPS		
10.		CPP		
11.	[]	PM/OPS	sgd	<u>8 June 54</u>
12.	[]	C/PM	sgd	<u>9 June 54</u>
13.	[]	DDP/ALBELLIN	sgd	<u>22 June 54</u>
14.	[]	DDP	sgd	<u>24 June 54</u>
				<u>16 July 54</u>

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PROJECT OUTLINE

Project Cryptonym or Subject: OBOPUS

Sub-Project Cryptonym or Identification: None

Amendment No. None

Originating Division: SE

a. Division Chief: [] Ext: 2445

b. Branch Chief: [] Ext: 671

c. Case Officer: [] Ext: 671

Target Area: Albania

Type of Project: Support

Financial Mechanism: Direct Purchase of Service

Funds Requested: Fiscal Year 55 []

Current Status: Approved as BGFIEND 22 June 1949 by ADPC

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1. OBJECTIVE:

The objective of Project OBOPUS is to furnish administrative support to the PP and PM operations which are run under the projects OBLIVIOUS, OBTEST, OBTUSE and OBHUNT.

2. ORIGIN and POLICY GUIDANCE:

a. Origin. BGFIEND (now OBOPUS) Project Outline, approved 22 June 1949 by ADPC. OPC Country Plan for Albania. NSC Directives 10/2; 58; 58/2, 5412.

b. Whence proposed. Project originated in Headquarters CIA/opc.

3. SITUATION:

The country program for Albania has been divided, for greater efficiency in controlling and administering the various phases, into four projects. None of these provides for the payment of staff personnel whose duties are related to all of the said projects or for travel, and administrative and operational expenses not properly chargeable to any single project. It is proposed that such costs be covered by Project OBOPUS, inasmuch as these costs may not be charged to [] or Headquarters administrative accounts.

4. PROPOSAL:

OBOPUS will be solely an administrative device and is not in itself operational or productive. It is proposed to incorporate under this project the necessary funds and authorization to cover administrative overhead and certain operational expenses of the PP and PM projects which cannot be isolated into a specific project and are not chargeable to Station or Headquarters administrative accounts.

5. OPERATIONAL OUTLINE:

NA

6. SECURITY:

a. Cover. Personnel to be paid out of OBOPUS are staff employees or staff agents under both official and unofficial cover. In all cases the cover is considered adequately protected.

b. Knowledgeability. All personnel included in this project are American citizens, fully cleared and witting employees of CIA.

c. Operational Security. NA

d. Risks. NA

e. Personnel Disposal. NA

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6. SECURITY (Continued)

f. Disaster Plan. All personnel are included in the disaster/evacuation plans of the stations to which they are assigned.

7. COORDINATION:

a. Relation to other projects. OBOPUS is the administrative project under the Albanian Country Program and as such is directly related to the PP and PM projects directed against Albania.

b. Significance within over-all program in area. OBOPUS is an integral part of the Albanian Country Program.

c. Extent of coordination. [

Internal co-ordination in CIA is carried out with all interested units.]

8. CONTROL:

a. Nature of. Controls are the normal security clearances and briefings given all CIA staff employees and staff agents, as well as the normally high motivation of U.S. citizens plus the provisions of the Espionage Act.

b. Administrative Plan. NA

c. Reports. Normal financial accountings by all employees covered by this project.

9. BUDGET DATA:

a. Total over-all CIA funds required for Fiscal Year 1955: []

b. Availability of CIA funds required. Funds have been budgeted for FY 55.

c. Non-CIA funds. None

d. Foreign currency. To be supplied as needed by the local stations to which personnel are assigned.

e. Funding. Salaries, allowances, travel expenses, and all other expenditures to be paid and accounted for through normal agency channels.

f. Financial History. All expenditures included in OBOPUS have in the past been paid out of OBOPUS (formerly BGFRIEND) funds.

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9. BUDGET DATA (Continued)

Total OBOPUS obligations for previous fiscal years:

FY 1949 - 1950

1951

1952

1953

1954

~~1955~~

Hand-drawn bracketed lines indicating data ranges for fiscal years 1949-1950 through 1955. The lines are arranged in two columns, with the left column corresponding to the years listed on the left and the right column corresponding to the years 1951 through 1955. The lines are drawn in a way that suggests a range of data points for each year, with the 1955 line being crossed out.

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9. BUDGET DATA (Continued)

g. Future requirements. It is anticipated that expenses will continue at the same level through FY 56.

10. SUPPORT DATA:

a. Total CIA Personnel:

7 Staff Employees
2 Staff Agents
3 Contract Agents

All personnel available and working on project. In event of personnel replacement contract agents might be used in lieu of staff personnel.

b. Materiel. Official vehicles needed by personnel covered by OBOPUS will be maintained and when necessary replaced out of funds allocated to this project. Certain photographic and copying equipment and supplies will be purchased. Safehouses will be rented as needed.

c. Communications. [] provide
the usual official channels of communication.

d. Other CIA support. NA

e. []

11. GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS:

a. Current status. OBOPUS has been operative since 1949 under the over-all project OBOPUS (formerly BGFRIEND).

b. Commitments. There are no commitments beyond the usual commitments to staff employees.

c. Effectiveness. OBOPUS is expected to provide adequate administrative support for the PP and PM projects.

d. Anticipated results. Provision of funds for administrative expenses not provided for in the PP and PM projects.

e. Evaluation. Accomplishments of the individuals covered by this project will be reflected in the operations projects upon which they are working.

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11. GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS (Continued)

- f. Policy questions. NA
- g. Congress. NA
- h. Extra-Agency action. NA
- i. Proprietary companies. NA
- j. Special considerations. NA
- k. Liquidation. NA

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SECURITY INFORMATION

PROJECT FINANCIAL DATA		PROJECT CRYPTONYM OBOPUS			
		FISCAL PERIOD COVERED 1 July 1954 THRU 30 JUNE 1955			
*MAY NOT EXCEED SECRET CLASSIFICATION					
RESPONSIBLE STAFF OR DIVISION SE		CASE OFFICER []			
A. PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS					
Indicate number and type of personnel required and estimated total compensation for salary, allowances, travel and related employee benefits. Include everyone paid from project.					
TYPE	NUMBER		ESTIMATED COMPENSATION		
	U. S. PERSONNEL	FOREIGN NATIONAL	BASE SALARY	ALL OTHER	TOTAL
STAFF EMPLOYEES	7		57,400	18,812.50	76,212.50
STAFF AGENTS	2		16,400	5,375.00	21,775.00
CAREER AGENTS					
CONTRACT AGENTS	3		19,500	8,062.50	27,562.50
CONTRACT CONSULTANTS					
DETAILED PERSONNEL					
FIELD AGENTS					
MILITARY					
ALL OTHER					
TOTAL A.					125,550.00
B. SUPPLIES, MATERIEL AND EQUIPMENT					
Indicate amount required in applicable spaces. Attach complete supporting list for each.					
COMMO	CHEMICAL	QUARTERMASTER SUPPLIES		OTHER SUPPLIES	
\$	\$	\$	\$	[]	[]
MEDICAL	ORDNANCE	SPECIAL DEVICES		OTHER EQUIPMENT	
\$	\$	\$	\$	[]	[]
TOTAL B.				[]	[]
C. OTHER OPERATIONAL EXPENSES					
Indicate volume and nature of expenses such as (1) maintenance of two operational houses abroad (2) spot purchase of information, etc.					
Rents and Utilities		[]			
Operational Entertainment		[]			
Miscellaneous Operational Expenses		[]			
TOTAL C.					
D. SUBSIDY OR PROPRIETARY PAYMENTS					
If funds are to be turned over to individuals or groups in large lump sums to be expended by the individuals or groups at their discretion to accomplish an agreed-upon objective, explain the type of financial accounts, factual verification or statements, if any, other than a receipt for the lump sum, which will be obtained.					
TOTAL D.					
TOTAL FUND REQUIREMENTS (A + B + C + D)	\$			[]	[]

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Financial Data Supporting List

7 Staff Employees	\$57,400
2 Staff Agents	16,400
3 Contract Agents	19,500
Travel	21,250
Transportation	11,000
Rents and Utilities	[]
Miscellaneous Operational Expenses	[]
Supplies:	[]
Photographic	
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Equipment:	[]
3 Vehicles	
Photographic and Copying Equipment	
Operational Entertainment	[]
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E. FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

APPROXIMATE DATES AND AMOUNTS OF MONEY REQUIRED

Monthly basis

FORM REQUIRED

U. S. DOLLARS

FOREIGN (SPECIFY)

NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS (SPECIFY)

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SPECIAL SECURITY REQUIREMENTS OR METHODS OF TRANSMISSION

F. SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

(Within security limitations, list any other facts or circumstances which will enable Special Support Staff to lend adequate logistical support to this project. Indicate specificationally the "RUSH" or "TIME" factors involved.)

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