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DD/P PROJECT APPROVAL SHEET

Project Cryptonym: OBLIVIOUS TERMINATION
Amendment No. _____
Originating Division: SE/Albania

Approved-Disapproved: []* 29 June '56
Deputy Director (Plans) Date

COMMENTS:

* Authority to terminate Project OBLIVIOUS effective 30 June 1956 approved, subject to submission of a memorandum to CPP when liquidation has been effected, as prescribed in CSI 230-63, dated 1 April 1956.

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PROJECT: OBLIVIOUS						
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STAFF CONCURRENCE				MEMORANDUM ATTACHED		
ORGANIZATIONAL ELEMENT	SIGNATURE	COPY NO.	DATE	YES	NO	DATE
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RECOMMEND APPROVAL						
A CPP	SIGNATURE			DATE JUN 29 1956		
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director, Plans

SUBJECT : Termination of OBLIVIOUS Project

1. Approval is requested to terminate OBLIVIOUS project effective 30 June 1956.

2. Project Identification:

a. OBLIVIOUS Project: This project has as its aim the maintenance of the National Committee for a Free Albania (NCFA) as an overt vehicle for CIA's PP and PM covert activities against Albania. Further, the NCFA acts as a focal point for exiles interested in the ultimate liberation of Albania. The current (FY 1956) allotment for the project is \$84,840.00.

b. Original Project Objectives: Same as 2 a., above.

3. Reason for Termination:

a. Explanation: For some time the NCFA has not been operationally useful to SE Division. The Albanian desk with limited personnel finds itself in the position of sponsoring covertly a large overt organization which requires a disproportionate amount of servicing in return for limited operational usefulness. This is to say that SE Division has operational responsibilities for Albanian operations which are not directly served by manipulation of Albanian political groupings, a field of activity more directly the responsibility of IO Division. When the IO Division was apprised of SE Division's desire to disengage from the sponsorship of the NCFA, a study was made of the question of supporting an Albanian Committee by IO Division and the Free Europe Committee. The result, concurred in by the Department of State, recommended termination of CIA support to the NCFA and the replacement of the NCFA by a small and more easily manageable Committee under the aegis of the Free Europe Committee and IO Division.

b. Effectiveness of the project: The NCFA served CIA adequately in the past as an overt source of attribution for SE Division's PP-PM activities against Albania. However, a notional organization now can serve the same purpose for SE Division's PP-PM activities. With regard to the NCFA's role as a focal point for exiles, it is generally agreed that the NCFA has become weak and ineffective because of poor leadership and internal strife.

c. Cost per fiscal year since inception:*

FY 1953
FY 1954
FY 1955
FY 1956



* From FY 1950-1952; NCFA activities were financed and accounted for partly through TPTONIC and BGFIEND project for which no breakdown of figures is available.

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4. Termination Proposal:

- a. Effective date of operational termination: 30 June 1956.
- b. Estimated date of final liquidation of commitments: 30 June 1956.
- c. Status of commitments to be settled: On 28 April 1956, the NCFAs were notified of plans to terminate the existing relationship on 30 June 1956. The only commitment remaining to the NCFAs is the financial one, i.e., the FY 1956 budget, which will be completely discharged on 30 June 1956.
- d. Disposition of funds, materiel and personnel: There are no personnel commitments outstanding. Funds and materiel will be disposed of in accordance with the liquidation plan of the project prepared and concurred in by PAPS and interested offices and which is to be submitted separately to the Deputy Director, Plans for approval.
- e. Estimated cost of liquidation: The project will be liquidated with funds authorized for OBLIVIOUS project for FY 1956. It is anticipated that no additional funds will be needed in excess of the current authorization.

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Chief, SE

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Plans)

SUBJECT: Liquidation Plan for SE Division Project OBLIVIOUS

I. Objective

1. The purpose of this Administrative Plan is to provide procedures and controls for the liquidation of HTNEIGH, the cover committee under this project, and the realization of assets and the settlement of liabilities which are carried on its books.

II. Instrumentality

2. The instrumentality under this project is HTNEIGH, a nonprofit, unincorporated committee, organized in 1949 through the efforts of KUBARK.

III. Background

3. Under a succession of program and project designations (BGFIEND, OBOPUS, and HTNEIGH), KUBARK has, since 1949, provided operational guidance and financial support to HTNEIGH. At the same time, the Committee has provided KUBARK with an overt mechanism for its PP activities directed at the target country. The Committee operated from two offices: one in New York, which until September 1953 constituted in effect a subactivity of Project TPTONIC, and one overseas.

IV. Approval

4. A memorandum requesting permission to liquidate this project is being prepared for forwarding to the DD/P and the DD/S in conformance with paragraph 24 of the extant Administrative Plan.

V. Recommendation

5. The attached Administrative Plan has the concurrence of the respective offices and staffs of interest and is recommended for your approval.

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Project Administrative Planning Staff, DD/S

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Project Officer

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**Liquidation Plan
SE Division Project
OBLIVIOUS**

I. Liquidation Supervision

1. The liquidation of HTNEIGH, the instrumentality of this project, will be conducted under the supervision of the SE Division with such concurrences as are set forth in the following paragraphs. Activities necessary to realize the assets and liquidate the obligations will be carried out by the Chairman of the Committee, who is a KUBARK Covert Associate.

II. Liquidation Procedures - Stateside Office of HTNEIGH

2. The SE Division notified the Committee on 28 April 1956 that its sponsor was terminating all financial support and relationship with the Committee as of 30 June 1956, and to conduct its affairs accordingly. In this respect, all financial commitments to the Committee will have been completely discharged by 30 June 1956, except as noted in paragraph 3(c), below, and the SE Division shall, with the advice and concurrence of interested staffs and divisions as noted, proceed with the liquidation in the following manner:

(a) Instruct the Committee to continue the bookkeeping process through 30 June 1956, as usual;

(b) Convert to cash all outstanding deposits (rent, utilities, etc.), and deposit the proceeds in the Committee bank account;

(c) After the Committee's books have been completely posted and all funds received and accounted for, satisfy all outstanding legal obligations, including payroll taxes, etc., of the stateside office;

(d) The fixed assets of HTNEIGH consist of office furniture, files, and equipment. The SE Division shall return such assets to the Agency in a method and manner prescribed by the Office of Logistics and the Office of Security; and

(e) After all costs of liquidation have been paid, the balance of cash in the HTNEIGH bank account will be remitted to KUBARK in a method and manner devised by the Finance Division with the concurrence of the SE Division. The Office of the Comptroller shall recommend to the DD/S the disposition of all funds received from the liquidation.

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III. Liquidation Procedures - Overseas Office of HTNEIGH

3. The assets of the overseas office consists of the following:

(a) Office furniture and equipment consisting of a desk, a few chairs, file cabinet, and a typewriter, value unknown;

(b) A prepaid deposit with the printers of the Committee's overseas publication amounting to \$480.00; and

(c) A rental deposit amounting to \$272.00. (The overseas office lease expires on 31 December 1956. The unexpired term of the lease, i. e., 1 July to 31 December 1956, six (6) months rent, at \$145.00 monthly, less a deposit of \$272.00, or a total of \$598.00. In addition, incidental charges for damage of property, etc., during the occupancy may be required by local custom.)

4. The cash realized from the deposits and any other assets will be used to satisfy any liability remaining with the lessor as set forth in paragraph 3(c). As the liabilities will cancel out the assets, nothing is determined recoverable. The Finance Division is authorized to credit the investment account and charge the project cost account for the value of the assets referred to in paragraph 3(b) and (c).

IV. Liquidation Expenses

5. The SE Division, with the concurrence of the Commercial Staff, shall have the authority to approve all expenses incurred in the liquidation of HTNEIGH, including all necessary travel and related expenses. All travel shall be performed and paid in accordance with KUBARK regulations. No approval for additional Agency funds will be necessary.

V. Completion of Liquidation and Writeoff

6. The SE Division case officer shall, as soon after 30 June 1956 as possible, prepare a final report of liquidation for the proprietary aspects of the project. This report shall have the concurrence of the Commercial Staff and the Office of the Comptroller, after which the liquidation report shall be forwarded to the Finance Division.

7. The Finance Division shall have authority to credit KUBARK's investment in the project with all receipts from liquidation and to charge

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the project expense with all expenses incurred in the liquidation on the basis of a final report of liquidation.

8. The SE Division shall advise PAPS when liquidation of the project is complete. PAPS shall notify, in turn, other signatories to the Plan.

VI. Audit

9. Upon termination of KUBARK's relationship with the Committee, effective 30 June 1956 the books and records of the Committee will be returned to Headquarters for a final audit by the Audit Staff.

APPROVED, by direction of DD/P

AUTHORIZED

LS/ []
Special Support Assist- DD/S

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Assistant Deputy Director (Support)

29 June 1956
Date

6 July '56
Date

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