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MEMORANDUM

TO: DC

FROM: FBP-3 **AD**

SUBJECT: Notes Taken in Course of Conference on Friday Afternoon,  
16 September 1949, at Statler Hotel Among [ ]  
[ ] ANGLETON [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] and [ ]

[ ] and [ ] (both British) arranged for setting up Korfu base. This was cleared with PAPAGOS and Governor of Korfu only.

STEVENS is a U. S. clerk at the American Embassy in Rome. Speaks Albanian. [ ] suggested that [ ] use STEVENS for translation work, after checking STEVENS. [ ] never did.

[ ] British officers did not go to IRO camps, according to [ ] ERAENJI and MACI did.

Mr. ANGLETON said, "The British betrayed their operational plans by asking the Greeks for 40 Albanian cards." [ ] agreed that this was a compromise of the operational plan.

[ ] stated that Mr. HERBERT's father is a wealthy man and is not connected with BIS. He served in the Balkan Wars in Albania and was to be made King of Albania. He did become British Ambassador to Albania and they have estates there. The British are unwilling to use him in Albania as a liaison officer. His mother has a house in Genoa. They entertain many Albanians there. [ ] did not know what HERBERT did during the war. He asked [ ] but got no answer.

[ ] stated that they had gone to the Greeks through GRADY and got them to agree to make a statement that they would put no claims against Albania as Albania had a democratic government. [ ] stated that perhaps the Greek Foreign Office advised their

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Rome representative of the proposed statement and the Greek representative there asked for support of the Committee by the BAI.

|| ANGLETON pointed out how we lack operational information because headquarters OPC states it does not know the details other than as set forth in OPC's memorandum of 12 September.

The Italians have given the British one or two CE reports on U. S. and British activities concerning Albania, according to [ ] stated that the British gave him far more than he received from his own people. Mr. ANGLETON pointed out that the only thing he had seen of all this was one report concerning the drops in Albania and [ ] stated that he had reported the MIENGA material. [ ] stated further that he had received overlays of the southern Albanian coastal defenses and up-to-date airfield maps.

[ ] described [ ] as a character. The British told [ ] he is retired and not connected with their service and has nothing to do with this.

[ ] pointed out that BERRY and MINOR had been to Rome by June to boost FRASHERI as head of the Committee and that this may have acted on with June reports of the Greeks in Rome because he was sure the British did not jump the gun on telling the Greeks.

|| ZOPPI told [ ] they had always felt necessity of Albanians to unite and had always agreed in principle and they knew FRASHERI well.

[ ] (British) handled the French flap at arrival of Committee. [ ] worried less the Committee embarrass Government. [ ] was prevailed upon to see [ ] and brief him on questions which Committee would be asked. [ ] mentioned Gani KRYEZIU said he had just arrived in Rome. [ ] expressed disbelief that TITO would allow GANI to leave Yugoslavia. [ ] claimed to have Gani's Rome address. [ ] assured [ ] the Committee had connections with Yugoslavia. It later turned out that [ ] got the information about Gani from PETER's people. [ ] 2 days later asked to see the Committee and said that he would arrange an appointment. [ ] put [ ] on the spot about Gani's Rome address and [ ] had to admit that he had none.

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[ ] expressed the belief that KYKOS is circulating dangerous rumors.

[ ] said he had a message from PETER who felt that he should issue a statement in support of the Committee.

[ ] stated that the French never asked about operations. [ ] did try to get [ ] relationship to MacMILLAN and also the OPC-OSO connection. [ ] never gave answers to such queries.

With reference to TITO, [ ] stated that the British had sent Fitzroy MACLEAN in early May to Belgrade and that he saw TITO 2 or 3 times. He raised the question of Albania and TITO said he was horrified by the regime and would not be averse to a change of government if a new government were friendly to Yugoslavia.

The British Ambassador in Belgrade was in Trieste 22-23 August. [ ] was there at the same time, presumably on business. [ ] thinks [ ] went to see the British Ambassador and briefed him on what was going on. [ ] does not believe there were any other discussions with the Jugs. Committee had none as far as [ ] knows. Said KRYEZIU has had 2 or 3 letters from his sister-in-law, and a May letter said that Gani's wife was not sure that he had been released from prison. CARON also wrote a friend of Said that there were reports of his release, but no proof.

Re Greek-Albanian Federation, [ ] said Koco MUKA is working for ZOG and that ZOG is putting out feelers to all. Among the British there are some favoring partition of Albania. Pro-Greek Britishers would not like this, especially Colonel Godfrey HOBBS who has office next to PAPAGOS.

ZOG's disaffection is due to fact he wanted Committee to be instrument for his restoration. ZOG may be behind the Yugoslav rumors.

Abas KUPLI, according to [ ] is certainly under British control since [ ] and [ ] saved his life. However, he is also aware of United States power. Said KRYEZIU to a lesser extent than KUPLI, due to financial help from British. FRASIERI has no loyalty but to himself, has no funds. BBC had denounced him as a collaborator. Zef PALI no British influence and no British contact. Nuci NOTA definitely pro-United States; has an uncle in California who is a banker. Said KRYEZIU created the Agrarian League.

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C ] has much influence as the British, probably, with FRASHERI. FRASHERI was delighted to know that seat of Committee would be in New York.

C ] The general Committee is not important, according to J. Abas ERMENJI, like PALI, is an idealist, young and tough. ERMENJI is not pro-British. We got him out of jail, visa, plane, etc. Our prestige probably higher. Each party on Committee recruits for its area.

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