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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. F. G. Winner

SUBJECT : Progress Report on BGFIEND

1. I confirmed to [] via [], instructions to the Committee to expedite the preparation of a communique in reply to the Greek government's statement welcoming the formation of the Albanian Committee. Additionally, I relayed to Lew your thoughts on the material Lew might call upon in reassuring the Committee of the position of the American Government with respect the continued territorial integrity of Albania.

2. [] will be in Washington this weekend and representatives of the CPP and the COP will confer with him on the following general points:

(a) Procedures to be followed by the Committee in resolving the physical problems attendant upon the establishment of their Headquarters in New York. (these to be concerted in advance with SADO)

(b) Determination of method for provision to the Committee of public relations and overt propaganda assistance and guidance.

(c) Preliminary steps to prepare a Committee budget.

3. [] reports that Pali and Kryeziu arrived in Rome on the 26th of September but that Kupa remained in Paris for a few days. [] has asked the British to locate and dispatch Kupa forward.

4. We have directed [] to expedite the recruitment of Albanians through Kryeziu, Kupa and Ermendi. We are pressing [] for a reply to our question on the possibility of securing, by charter, or other arrangements, British aircraft to be used for the reconnaissance phase.

5. As you are aware [] is now in Rome for detailed conversations with [] and the British Station people on BGFIEND problems in general. I would guess that our first communications from [] will reach Washington this weekend.

6. The sea infiltration area for the second group of Albanians utilized by the British was changed to a point north of Valona and an attempt was made to land the parties on the night of 23 September. Heavy seas prevented debarkation and the group was returned to Cerfu. A second attempt will be made this evening.

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