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MEMORANDUM FOR: PB II

SUBJECT: Guidance for PW Phase of BGFIND

1. In carrying out its assignment, the PW phase of BGFIND will inevitably touch on issues involving the foreign policy of the United States and its relations with other countries. In addition, situations may develop which will require that stands be taken committing the Committee for Free Albania on matters of great concern to any future Albanian regime. I am therefore requesting guidance from you on the following points:

a. What position should the PW phase take on the question of Greek-Albanian relations?

b. What position should be taken on Italy, its past involvements in Albania and its current attempts to restore some of its influence?

c. What can be said about possible American aid to a free Albanian government?

d. What should be said about relations between Yugoslavia and Albania? Here several questions raise themselves:

(1) Does the PW phase, speaking in the name of the Committee, maintain neutrality in discussing Yugoslavia's current difficulties with the Cominform? If so, what attitude does it take toward current Yugoslav efforts to influence the situation inside Albania.

(2) Does the PW phase actively seek to encourage "Titoism" in the bosom of the Albanian Communist Party?

(3) Is there any objection to playing on traditional Albanian hatred for Slavdom in building hostility toward the Soviets? It should be recalled that when the term "Slav" is mentioned, the Albanian thinks immediately of the Serb, for whom he has a traditional animosity.

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