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26 April 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR: [] (SOO)

SUBJECT: Implementation of the Comm Phase of QKSTAIR and BGFIND.

1. This memorandum will confirm the substance of the discussion held on 26 April, at which yourself and [] of Comm were present, and at which the following decisions were made with regard to responsibility for the implementation of the communications phase of projects QKSTAIR and BGFIND. Since certain of the decisions made require immediate action from you in support of the two projects, it is desired to make them a matter of record:

a. Comm Material Required.

(1) In conjunction with [] it was agreed that you would investigate immediately under highest priority, the availability and respective technical feasibility of the three types of broadcasting units currently being manufactured. With regard to the condition of Greek roads, FB-I felt that they permitted the use of the one-HW transmitter mounted in a train of two 6 X 6 trucks, each having a trailer. By Monday morning, May 1st, it was agreed that you would present your availability findings to FB-I together with your final technical recommendations. Upon receipt of FB-I approval, it was agreed that you would immediately initiate procurement of three portable broadcasting units together with necessary trucks and trailers and that assembly of the components would take place in the OSO Warehouse, Washington with [] as Project Engineer. It was stressed by FB-I that the first of these transmitters must be in operation in the field by the end of July, which would entail sending it forward by Army transport at the end of the first week in July at latest. It was agreed that the antennas must be so arranged as to permit the transmitters shifting base twice a week if necessary. A top priority to permit the above work to be undertaken at maximum speed by Comm will be established by Planning through the Joint Comm Board.

(2) Work should also be commenced to procure the necessary monitoring sets for both Project STAIR and Project FINE, and the necessary requisitions should be drawn to procure all recording equipment to meet the July deadline.

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(3) It was further requested that a 500-watt S/W transmitter be also procured for installation aboard the broadcasting vessel being procured for Project FIEND. It is understood that you will supply the Naval Support Officer with the full dimensions and weight of this transmitter for his information in selecting a suitable broadcasting vessel.

(4) It is understood that both the Motorola sets and the VHF equipment for the Commo aircraft for Project FIEND have been procured, are boxed for shipment, and are in working order. It is requested that certain reported "bugs" in the recording equipment for the aircraft be adjusted in the near future.

(5) It is requested that a minimum of 15 W/T "agent sets" be requisitioned for Project STAIR out of your current stock, be packed for air shipment, and that FB-I be notified upon their readiness.

(6) It is envisioned that a complete radio station, to be under the OPC [redacted] will be required to be established in Greece to implement Projects STAIR, FIEND, and BRIGHT. This station will communicate (1) with the FIEND boat, (2) with STAIR personnel in Istanbul, (3) with the STAIR mobile transmitters, (4) with agents inside Dremland and Pinokland, and (5) with the various FIEND and STAIR covert training areas. You are therefore requested to prepare a list of the technical people required to operate [redacted] and a list of the additional technical equipment required to permit the above functions. Approval for the establishment [redacted] will be secured through channels upon receipt of these lists from you.

b. Personnel Required.

(1) It was agreed that you, in conjunction with [redacted] would undertake a search for, and the screening of, all technical personnel required for the implementation of the Commo and Propaganda phases of Projects FIEND and STAIR. These personnel are listed in our memorandum of 14 April entitled "The Organization of the Combined Propaganda Field Staff - BQFIEND and QMSTAIR" attached hereto. When suitable personnel have been located and screened by you, FB-I will engage them as covert contractual agents and arrange details of their cover and transportation to the field. To the list in the attached Memorandum should be added such technical personnel as you deem necessary to instruct small groups of Finics and Fremers in four covert training houses, two each for Projects FIEND and STAIR. The men in these houses are to be trained in both W/T and crypt. It is suggested that the training personnel in this case might be Commo men on temporary loan from Headquarters.

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(2) It is envisioned that [] will depart about May 10th for Athens. It was agreed that [] should brief him prior to this time on all technical Requisites for sites for (a) the recording studio, (b) the receiving station and (c) the control station in order to permit his looking for space prior to [] arrival. The latter will leave in early June for Athens after the work on the assembly of the equipment is well on the way to completion. *js*

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