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② Have a look at this. It might help you + the [] in making an outline for his Friend Talks.

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PROJECT REVIEW

In reviewing the BGFIEND operation in the light of what has been successfully accomplished to date in carrying out the aims of this Project against its clearly defined objectives, I have referred to two specific documents which together constitute the most recent set of overall aims of this OPC Project.

1. Memorandum for: COP - 15 December 1949, Control #35654 - found in file: BGFIEND - Plan for Project.

2. Economic Warfare Against Albania - 28 December 1949 - Control #35769 - found in file: BGFIEND Economical Warfare.

The general policy laid down for future conduct of FIEND/VALUABLE operations envisages action under three heads:

- a. Infiltration of further operational reconnaissance parties and addenda by
- b. Propaganda
- c. Economic Action (CPB vi)

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(a) INFILTRATION OF FURTHER OPERATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE PARTIES

Outline of various steps laid down for accomplishment this objective and comments on progress to date.

1. Holding Camp

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Established and in operation in Germany; from present reports BGFIEND personnel must watch on general conditions in this camp to see that it is being properly run. Food, housing, living conditions, administration ---all have an important bearing on morale, attitude, and performance of recruits for the selected training base. IN THE FIELD.

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2. Selected Training Base

BGFIEND established its first training base in September, 1950. Property has been leased in Germany and an expansion of these facilities is planned in 1951 to handle larger number of recruits. The objective calls for establishment of several bases after the study of the following possibilities has been made:

- (1) U. S. Zone of Germany
- (2) French North African Territories and Corsica
- (3) Italy
- (4) Greece

Malta is mentioned as being available in March 1950. If the need for additional selected training bases has not changed, steps should be taken to obtain additional bases similar to that established in Germany. I recall statements to the effect Cyrenica was under consideration.

3. Staging Base

Adequate arrangements have been made in Greece to handle small groups following training and prior to infiltration.

4. Infiltration

The outline mentions only a small, slow yacht as being available. BGFIEND now operates a covert airplane for dropping agents and has a caique available in Greece. The arrival of the propaganda vessel in the Mediterranean means another potential method of infiltration, if need be. Nonetheless, the possibility of infiltration M.T.B. type craft, submarine (British have done a considerable amount of work in the development of small submarines), ~~Balkans~~(OPC is working on development), small aircraft of

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Lysander type, and Helicopters should not be overlooked as the Project develops.

5. Communications

Outline calls for W/T. BGFIEND has in operation a signal plan utilizing communication airplanes and V. H. F. sets and is planning training of W/T operators in 1951.

(b) PROPAGANDA

1. Methods

a. Free Committee Activities
Publicity, prestige, etc.

Outline calls for Public Relations expert.

b. BBC and VOA Broadcasts

Broadcasts to focus on Committee and states Committee to furnish material. No mention of NCFE Radio.

c. Clandestine Transmitter

Now being installed on propaganda vessel. Must insure material for broadcasts, will be available when vessel ready to begin its research activities.

d. Leaflet Drops

BGFIEND adhering to schedule of approximately one dated drop per month, using covert plane, Cartoons, and propaganda material printed in the Field, are also to be dropped in coordination with supply drops following infiltration teams and establishment of proper printing facilities. BGFIEND also plans joint drops with British commercial aircraft.

2. Organization

a. P. R. expert to be attached
to Committee Headquarters

Field now making personnel selection and determining functions.

b. Executive Center to be established in Athens

c. Vessel Staff

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3. Operational Requirements

This paragraph outlines personnel and supply requirements. A good check list.

(c) ECONOMIC WARFARE AGAINST ALBANIA

1. Steps for Immediate Initiation

- a. Albanian Foreign Trade - adulteration, sabotage, and delay of goods. Trieste is recommended as a focal point for this action and stress is urged on exclusion of spare parts for trucks and tractors.
- b. Overt Propaganda - exploitation fields of insecurity and dissatisfaction urged. Stress to be on willingness and desire of Western Powers to aid Albanian people economically.

Nothing whatsoever has been done to implement the suggested program. See Below.

2. Steps for Later Initiation

- a. Counterfeiting Operations - currency and ration coupons
- b. Foreign Exchange Operations - debasement Albanian Currency in Geneva suggested
- c. Trade Agreements - U. S. to bring pressure to bear where possible to derogate existing agreements, etc.
- d. Covert Propaganda - economic rumors, exploitation, ect.
- e. Pay-off of Communist Officials
- f. Sabotage of Industrial and Agrarian Complexes - sabotage to appear as nominal accidents in mines and oil fields.

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The project review readily shows that in some respects FIEND has successfully accomplished its aims while in others little has actually been undertaken.

The recent infiltration of three teams into Albania is an important milestone in the development of this project and is a logical stopping point for review and restatement of the objectives of FIEND. To guide future action these objectives must be clearly spelled out for all concerned with the prosecution of this important project.

With the mechanism firmly established the infiltration program is now on a going basis. What remains is to continue recruitment, training, and infiltration and provide a definite plan of action for the infiltrees to follow as the operation gains ~~in~~ stature. Strength in depth is essential and initial successes must be exploited to the maximum. Albania's unpopular Russian controlled satellite government provides a tempting target to the opposition and the infiltrees must put emphasis upon rallying all possible support to a movement aimed at the overthrow of the existing government. Albania's isolated geographical position, her undeveloped weak economic system representing a liability to the Russian masters, her traditional hatred of foreign domination all point to the desirability of giving full support to the teams now established within Albania and rapidly augmenting their strength and numbers. The special assassination mission now being prepared is an example of the ~~type~~ breadth this phase of the FIEND project must assume to achieve complete success.

In the other fields it is necessary to expand activities as outlined in the general policy directives and attack the enemy at every point of weakness. Rapid development of the Propaganda Attack is imminent and will forcefully drive an expanding wedge between the Albanians and their Russian controlled government. The projected Propaganda Attack that has evolved since the outline was originally written envisages an active mailing campaign, character assassination, and defection of Albanian political and military figures. Such an expansion of the Propaganda Attack will contribute materially to the entire project.

To date OPC activities in the field of Economic Warfare are nonexistent. To be consistent with the development of the project in other fields it is essential to undertake direct action. As the outline does not provide anything but the most general program or suggest a point of departure FIEND must immediately establish a definite plan in this sphere of activity and begin its operation. The memorandum of 19 May 1950 OPC Action Against Shipping to Albania proposes a blow at Albania's foreign trade. Adoption of the program outlined in the above mentioned memorandum, a carefully directed attack against Albania's mineral industry which produces virtually the only exports of strategic value, or sabotage of the newly constructed electrical generating plant near Tirana are examples of the targets that should be considered as this phase of the project is activated.

As the review indicates FIEND has made auspicious progress in some directions. To achieve overall objectives FIEND must expand its activities in all its assigned fields. Such a step is already laid down, and will bring returns in direct proportion to the efforts and thought put into the project.

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