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3 April 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with State Department Representatives concerning Albanian and Bulgarian Operations

1. The following is a very brief outline of certain topics which were discussed and certain decisions which were agreed upon at a meeting which took place in the office of Mr. Joyce at 1630 hours on Tuesday, 3 April 51. Present at the meeting were Messrs. Joyce, Higgs, and Campbell for State and Messrs. Wisner, [ ] and [ ] for CIA.

2. The first subject discussed was the draft of policy and operational guidance paper\* which had been prepared by OPC following the Consultants' Meeting of Wednesday, 28 March. It was agreed that Messrs. Higgs and Campbell would endeavor to rework this paper and to render it in a form satisfactory for use as operational guidance for OPC activities. It was further understood that the redraft when completed might be submitted to General Magruder and [ ] .

3. As regards Albanian operations, it was agreed that there should be no more leaflet drops in Albania for a period of two months, at the end of which time we would check again with State. It was tentatively agreed that OPC should proceed with the quiet construction of an internal network in Albania but that for the present and until further notice we would avoid measures designed to create violent outbursts. We would endeavor to avoid activities which are apt to attract notice and would engage in no spectacular forms of activity which might be characterized as aggressively provocative. It was considered that occasional secret parachute drops of agents and small supplies for the support of agents and agent networks would be in order and would conform to the pattern above described.

We agreed to check on the state of readiness of NCFE broadcasts in the Albanian language and to arrange for a discussion of the tone and content of these broadcasts as well as proposed black broadcasts in Albanian. [ ] was to be brought into this process of discussion.

4. [ ] reported extensively on the results of our efforts to check up on the Bulgarian pamphlet drop which apparently went astray into Yugoslavia. Mr. Joyce was interested to know whether we had noted any reaction to the pamphlet drops in Bulgaria, and we

replied that we

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replied that we had not picked up any Bulgarian or Russian protests about the pamphlets. Mr. Joyce stated that it was the thesis of Mr. Davies that neither the Bulgarians nor the Russians would be inclined to mention the pamphlets — that they would be inhibited from complaining of this because of their unwillingness to acknowledge or give further currency to the appearance of subversive pamphlets in Bulgaria. It was agreed that there was no policy reason for suspending leaflet drops in Bulgaria (such as there is at the moment in the case of Albania.) However, we were requested to touch base before the next drop in Bulgaria which is not scheduled in any case until a few weeks hence. ||

5. As regards the cable from Ambassador Allen reporting on the inquiry which he had received from the Yugoslav foreign office, it was agreed that it was not necessary to reply to this communication which was interpreted by the State Department as being an information cable rather than an inquiry calling for a reply. Accordingly, the Department would not reply to Ambassador Allen's cable unless a follow-up is received, and in such case the reply would be highly non-committal.

With respect to the inquiry received from the British Embassy (Lord Jellicoe and Mr. Watson), the State Department would reply as follows:

a. Regarding leaflet drops in Albania, the British would be reminded that their Special Service has all of the information about the drops, in which they were participating. They would be informed that it is the view of the Department that matters in Albania should be allowed to cool off a bit for the present and that no further pamphlet drops are contemplated for the next two months. ( [ ] undertook to check up on the incident of Albanian language pamphlets dropping in the Kosovo area of Yugoslavia and to inform Mr. Joyce whether this was the result of a British operation, as he was inclined to believe.) ||

b. No statement will be volunteered about Bulgarian leaflet drops. If the British Embassy representatives press on this point, they will be informed that an inquiry was sent to the field but that the results of the investigation conducted there have been "inconclusive".

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