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MEETING IN FRANKFURT ON BGFIEND.

1. Material from []

a. Morale is still a serious problem among personnel arriving in the field. New personnel are apparently sent out with false information in regard to the type of work they are to do and living conditions. The greatest problems arise in cases where people are under unofficial cover and hence are deprived of candy bars and chewing gum available to others through PX sources. Pay and allowances are subjects of chronic trouble as new personnel are generally under the impression that they are to receive more than they actually do. In connection with the FIEND vessel, there was a great deal of trouble because the crew believe that they were told that they would be based at a Naval base, would have full PX privileges, that a U. S. submarine would follow the vessel around to protect it, and that automobile transportation would be placed at their disposal when ashore. Much of this false information appears to have been received by them from a man named Sam.

b. Morale among the German staff is deteriorating because new arrivals from the U. S. are not able to secure housing in the areas in which we are working. Because of the increased size of the military establishment, the Army is not making housing available even to military personnel. It is, therefore, undesirable to send people with families to Germany.

c. Any personnel having administrative functions should be sent to Germany []
Others can be sent []
etc.

d. Operation of training schools. The entire FIEND staff and [] agree that with the present training staff and administrative staff available under FIEND and STAIR, it is impossible to operate the two training schools simultaneously. Splitting the present joint staff into

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separate FIEND and STAIR groups would leave both groups incapable of conducting the necessary courses. [] proposed a consolidated camp with both Spiders and Dreamers receiving training in the same area. I indicated that this is an undesirable arrangement.

e. In connection with the proposed centralized control of training establishments in Germany under EDICT, it was concluded that the user must control the training program and curriculum. In other words, the project chiefs must be in a position to select and plan the training required for the men to be used in their operations.

f. [] recommends that [] be put in charge of the school following the former's departure, as he is the best person to have there for training the next Spider class. It was agreed that a more suitable man to head the school should be sent out as soon as possible in order to prevent the disintegration of the excellent establishment which [] has set up.

2. General Discussion.

a. It is essential that the Murnau Estate be retained for training purposes, as any attempt to move the school from this estate to another place would probably set training back two to three months. The new school in the Heidleberg area should be manned with new personnel as the instructors and other members of the Murnau school staff are established locally and a move to another area would impose a hardship on them.

b. The new camp needs a commanding officer, or head of the establishment, four instructors, an administrative officer who speaks German, and two administrative characters to handle the necessary paper work and local support activities. These administrative personnel will also be able to provide the administrative support for several W/T training houses within commuting distance of the main camp.

c. W/T training houses would need a Communications Division supervisor who could provide general supervision over several such houses. Each house needs one W/T trainer, one administrative and general support and handyman character to have general responsibility for the building, the operation of the mess, etc (in some instances it may be possible for the W/T trainer to have general supervision

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over the operation of the house, but in such case he will need a low-level assistant to do such jobs as taking care of the heating, etc), one cook, and one American staff member on a part-time basis who will be in a position to provide instruction in the use of procedures, ciphers, etc.

d. Consideration should be given to the possible training of different nationalities in the same W/T training house. This may be feasible since during the W/T training phase, the students know nothing of the missions which their field teams will be called upon to perform, nor do they know the names of the field team members or their destinations. In fact, from one point of view, there may be a certain advantage in joint training since it will make it clear to the students that their operations are part of a very much larger effort and this realization may have a certain propaganda value.

e. The Spider guard company received a citation for being the best guard company in Germany. A letter should be sent to Lally through Kalish informing him that we understand this to be the case and commending him on his handling of the company.

f. According to [] the communications people in the field tell him that he is to use the SR-1 set for W/T communications. [] has some doubts as to whether the communications people in the field actually have the sets on hand and suggests that we make a thorough check to assure the availability of this equipment when it will be needed this summer. Both [] and Kalish stated that communications support in Germany is not good and that [] is theoretical and inadequate in handling communications problems relating to FIEND and STAIR.

3. Meeting with [] and [] on 8 April.

a. [] reported that Zog was visited by three Americans about 5 March 1951, for unknown reasons, possibly in connection with an offer to support Zog in establishing a resistance movement.

b. [] stated that his plans for the current summer involve the following operations:

(1) Infiltration during the June moon period of 4 teams equipped with Motorolas. These teams will be dropped in the coastal area and will work their way into the foothills forming the eastern margin of the coastal plain.

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(2) 12 W/T operator candidates have been picked and will start training about 1 May. Four months training will make them available about 1 September, providing two men for each of the six teams to be dropped later in the year.

(3) Training of the agents for the six teams will begin in early July to make the teams ready by 1 September. Dispatching will begin 18 - 25 September and three teams will be put in in September and three in October.

c. The training of the support team about to be infiltrated together with any other special teams, presents a great problem since no training personnel are available in Greece. So far, the training burden has fallen on [] who has had no time to do anything else in connection with FIEND as all his efforts have been devoted to the preparation for the supply drop.

d. [] believes that one or two men could be trained to go in on foot with the special mission of attempting to bring about the defection of an Albanian Army Colonel who is considered ready to defect.

e. [] says that supplies for the summer operations are pretty well set except for vehicles. He has bought a Fiat car for the second air crew and needs confirmation that this step is authorized. He also needs a car for the support of the vessel.

f. [] states that he has a source for Albanian money but that [] had informed him that he is unauthorized to purchase any. Instructions should be sent to the field authorizing [] buy such money as [] requires, and indicating that such problems should be handled in the field without reference to headquarters unless special considerations make the latter desirable.

g. [] asked about the status of [] who is being considered, as I understand it, for an economic warfare slot in Trieste. What information do we have on her? She is now a member of the staff of the "Economist" in London, and at one time was living with a girl who is believed to be a communist, or at least is dangerous in some way or other.

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h. [] recommends an increase of \$50 a month in the salaries of the propaganda sub-committee members. He considers this justified since he is now giving them so much work that they have been forced to give up other part-time jobs which they held in the past.

4. With reference to the FIEND notes prepared for me by [] the following answers have been furnished:

Par. II, 1, a - 1951 Plans. A total of some 66 members of the Guard Company are considered useable for infiltration on the basis of the assessment made by the assessment team. It is proposed to infiltrate 10 teams of 4 men each during the current year. Four of these teams equipped with Motorolas will begin training early in May for infiltration in coastal plain area during the June moon period. At the same time, 12 W/T operators will begin training for infiltration with the remaining 6 teams which are to go in in the autumn - 3 teams in late September and 3 teams in October. It is [] opinion that the W/T operators will require approximately 4 months training and the other team members approximately 6 weeks' training. The agents to be trained for these 10 teams have not been selected as yet. Supplies for summer operations are on hand, but there is some question as to the availability of W/T sets and additional motor vehicles must be furnished to permit proper support of the infiltration and the vessel.

Par. II, 1, b. Neither [] nor [] have any objections to the use of Matiani teams. However, it is obvious that if Matiani teams are to be trained by us, our only facilities for such training are those in Germany and hence any special courses for the Matiani men will interfere with the current FIEND/STAIR training program unless the STAIR camp with a new training staff can be set up without delay.

Par. II, 1, d. The movement of additional bodies to the training area and back to Greece presents no problem since the Air Force has agreed to provide a C-54 for this purpose.

Par. II, 1, c. Our training facilities in Germany will eventually become part of the centralized training establishment to be organized there. In a sense we will, therefore, lose our present assets since they will come under the jurisdiction of another element of the organization. However, [] assured me that we shall have priority in the use of the facilities established by us, and that he will do everything he can to protect our interests and to see that our training programs are carried out as planned by us. The present facilities are not really adequate, largely because of

insufficient training and administrative personnel for the operation of two schools simultaneously. A new staff must be built up without delay for the STAIR training school in Heidelberg and also the necessary training equipment must be forwarded there immediately, i.e., such items as a projector for training and recreation films, training literature, etc. Some one individual should be charged with the responsibility of getting this school going.

Par. II, 1, f. Some 64 or 66 members of the holding company are available for operational use. A complete list showing the two categories of men, i.e., good and not-so-good-but-useable, has been forwarded by pouch. [] has explained to the Committee the necessity for using the best men and has secured their agreement to the formation of teams on a best qualified rather than on a political basis.

Par. II, 1, g. The future of the leaflet drops program remains in the hands of headquarters, since the sub-committee can go on turning out leaflet tests indefinitely. There was some discussion as to the usefulness of leaflets in general, and it was agreed among the FIEND staff that drops should be continued and that the texts of the leaflets be revised to include a few instructions on what the people inside can do or should do. This will probably have a better effect than merely repeating to them something that they already know about the wretched conditions in their country.

5. Instruction in secret writing must be given to agents going out into the field. Is it necessary for [] to have a special authorization before such training can begin?

6. Jani Dilo would make an excellent instructor for the camp in Germany. See if he can be recruited. [] would like authority to recruit an Albanian instructor locally for use in the school.

7. [] needs a Greek-speaking supply man with some clerical experience, fairly low grade. In view of the apparent inability of headquarters to furnish personnel for low-level jobs, [] suggests that we consider using more Poles.

8. Neither the Fiend nor Stair establishments has any reading material for personnel held in reserve or personnel in training. The field needs support in securing material having the right political, educational and recreational character.

9. Adequate clothing for operational training is on hand at the school for training one class. If two classes are to be trained simultaneously, additional clothing and supplies must be provided.

10. A message should be sent to Germany authorizing [] for [] and determining what cover arrangements have been made. [] with the aid of [] edict.

11. Both [] and the German establishment consider that [] is needed as an interpreter for the school and is not to be considered available for command of any Bulgarian guard company. He should be left where he is.

12. Discussions with the personnel at the training camp:

a. Some of the training literature should be translated and reproduced for use by the students. Facilities are not available at the camp for this work.

b. The training school staff recommends that several former officers be selected from among the Albanians and Bulgarians for training as assistant instructors to be used on a more or less permanent basis at the training school.

c. The students are in great need of literature for recreational purposes and for indoctrination.

d. The long hours which the present small staff is required to work are a cause of many serious problems. Everyone works ten hours or more a day and, in addition, the personnel have periodic 24-hour watches. Everyone feels it and resents it. Those living at the camp work 12 to 15 hours since, in addition to working a whole day, they have to give lectures in the evening. There are no opportunities for anyone to have weekends off. Training schools need at least two guards for evening duty - one to remain at the gate, the other to patrol grounds.

e. The new Albanian language speaker at the school (Logori ?) would like to have someone relieve him of the various duties which he wasn't engaged to perform and which are expected of him. He feels that he was engaged as an interpreter and now has to do all kinds of other things including three months guard duty. He feels that he deserves a raise in pay and says that he was not paid his per diem of \$9.00 for his duty in Washington.

f. [] says that he was engaged to be an instructor, but performed in that capacity for only about ten days, working the rest of the time as a truck driver, guard, etc. He would like to know what the career possibilities are, particularly since his contract expires

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in July. He would be interested in continuing if he can come in as a permanent employee. He feels that the type of contract he has carries a certain stigma with it since he is treated differently from the permanent employees when he visits Edict officers. He was sent over, in his opinion, as an operations and guerrilla instructor, and since he has no particular language qualifications, he feels that it hasn't worked well and that anyone else could do the job.

g. [] says that his contract expires on the 19th of June and he would like to know whether a new contract will be offered. When he signed up, Germany was to be his permanent station. Then [] told him that [] would be [] and his duty in Germany would be TDY. Consequently, he should be paid per diem for the first couple of months, i.e., August 28 to October 22.

h. [] says that his contract expires in November. He left the Air Force to accept the present assignment with the understanding that he was being considered for a career job and that he is on a year's probation. He would like career status and is not interested in working for a couple of years only.

i. [] states that [] should be replaced, since he wants to go back to the U. S. and is a bit unstable. [] does his work very well but needs constant control. He is the smartest one in the organization and should be continued in his present assignment if he will stay. [] is the best candidate for acting chief of the school. He should do well if limited strictly to school problems and if [] watches him closely.

j. A letter commending [] for the excellent work he did in setting up the school should be prepared.

k. The training establishment is getting no recreational films. An effort should be made to supply these if at all possible.

l. [] recommends [] as a suitable candidate for an administrative job. [] is a Princeton graduate and was formerly in ORE.

m. Cars are needed for the [] camp, including one small truck of ambulance type. A light car, say a Volkswagen, is needed for [] in order to permit him to carry out his duties.

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n. According to [] the present training school could put out two classes each of Albanians and Bulgarians through mid-September, with a third class of Bulgarians after mid-September if winter operations, or at least November and December operations, are feasible. A tentative program for the next few classes is as follows:

Bulgarians	20 Mar to 20 Apr
Albanians	27 Apr to 10 June
Bulgarians	17 June to 17 July
Albanians	24 July to 10 Sept.

13. Discussions in Istanbul, 11 April 1951:

a. It is unfortunate that the Department of State sent the Consul General a cable listing [] with other people who are working for CIA.

b. [] is very easy in Istanbul and will arouse no curiosity for periods up to at least six months.

c. Skerlev is reported to have given JARGON 12 men, 8 of whom have already gone to London.

d. [] Turkey and [] who is presumably a Treasury narcotic agent, would be agreeable. This should be investigated further.

e. [] has been given a fictitious salary rating [] This is basepay of \$7200 plus allowances, bringing the figure up to about \$15,000. He has been expected to work accordingly.

f. The American Bureau of Shipping there, McKinstry, may be interesting as a prospect.

g. Hawles, an American working with the Deniz Yollari (Turkish Marine Lines) may be a suitable man for part-time work and it may be possible to secure cover among the American advisers working for the company.

h. The Hilton Hotel people are active in Turkey and may provide cover.

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i. John Hall, who has an export-import company called Avipa, Corso 7, Trieste, is said to know a lot about the Balkans and may be of interest as he could open a branch in Turkey. He has a Yugoslav wife.

j. [] finds it very difficult to obtain cut-outs as he has no way of approaching them himself, and this is also a serious problem for []

14. Discussions with [] 12 April 1951:

a. According to Zogby, Skerlev has 15 men and possibly a few more who are suitable for agent work.

b. Abstracting information for OPC from the files will be a job when [] arrives. No personnel are available for this and hence new personnel will be required.

c. OPC will have to handle its own communications.

d. The Turks will not cooperate with regard to training sites at this time because of their fear of starting anything with possible political repercussions before they are allowed to join some western defense system.

e. [] in Istanbul and Turkey in general, and can last for at least a year with no problem.

15. Discussions with [] 13 April 1951:

a. It is extremely difficult for [] and [] to find cut-outs. A man is needed who can speak Bulgarian.

b. A total of 150 to 175 Bulgarians are left in Turkey. Of these, 50 are receiving IRO support, some 60 have jobs, and 85 are loose on their own, having chosen not to go to New Zealand. Out of the total number on hand, 15 to 20 may be good material as agents. Six to 8 Bulgarians are crossing the border every week.

c. There are about 100 Albanians in Istanbul, mostly Kossovars who seem to be reasonably well established locally. Aylett can be used for odd jobs if given a little money, but will report to the Turkish Service.

d. [] needs a car very badly and should be authorized to buy one locally.

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16. Discussions with [] 15 April 1951:

a. [] wants an indication that his accounts are in order, especially those items which he has been unable to support with vouchers. He requests prompt action.

b. The shore support man for the vessel will need a jeep.

c. Additional crew requirements: cook, messman, engineer's assistant and deckman. The first three have already been engaged locally, pending final clearance.

d. The navigator who left is discontented, surly and a bad influence.

17. Discussions with []

a. There is a great need for additional vehicles.

b. [] suggests [] could possibly be more useful in Germany. This suggestion is based on the fact that hitherto the financial support in Germany has been poor.

c. [] would like [] to assume responsibility for handling the administrative work and correspondence relating to FIEND. He feels that his operational work takes all his time as it is, and he is just letting the correspondence pile up.

d. [] feels that the loss of the navigator for the vessel is no problem since the present captain knows celestial navigation and since planned operations will not require celestial navigation anyway. He strongly recommends that we retain the present captain because he has established excellent relations with his crew, with the Greek authorities in Patras, and has a lot of good sense. Furthermore, the captain knows how to use sails, a most important point. [] suggests that we consider using a foreign crew and that we secure the man recommended in his letter of 28 March 1951.

e. [] claims FIEND is getting inadequate support from EDICT and, in fact, that FIEND itself has to support EDICT. I feel that this is probably something of an exaggeration and stems from the all-around lack of adequate personnel and the consequent necessity for doubling up on FIEND and EDICT jobs.

f. [] should send [] a cable authorizing him to spend a certain amount of time on things outside the office, such as surveys for additional business, surveys with a view to uncovering business possibilities for other concerns, etc. The whole object of this is to provide him with an excuse for being absent from the office for much of the time, and for turning over routine matters to his Greek assistant.

g. [] suggests that in view of the great need for vehicles, a car be sent in the name of one of the secretaries. I should like to add the comment that unless this can be done with the express understanding that the secretary does not have use of the car, it may cause hard feelings among the other girls who don't have cars. [] needs a station wagon badly and wants it sent in on a triptique.

h. [] is developing a leg bag, but [] takes a dim view of it on the basis of what he has been able to learn. He considered the new type developed by the British and equipped with its own parachute to be best.

i. [] maintains that the British are supplying their people in the field with equipment in better shape for immediate use. In other words, with carrying cases and all accessories, thus relieving the field of the necessity for half-baked improvisations. He needs cases for sub-machine gun purposes and for motorolas.

j. There appears to be poor liaison in the Communications Division between the field and headquarters, with headquarters not familiar with what is going on in the field and unaware of our dissatisfaction of the Motorola. Sudden changes in signal plans cause endless trouble in the field in training, particularly when partially educated agents are involved.

k. FIEND has two jeeps in Greece and needs at least two more.

l. The vessel needs a Greek cook or some other cook who will do the work. An American cook won't work under the conditions which exist on the vessel.

m. [] suggests that since the IRO camp in Capula, Italy will be closed this summer, we could possibly get it from the Italians as a holding area in exchange for a Klissura man on the Committee. This view is a bit unrealistic.

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13. The field should be informed that I was told by [] in London that [] will be the British liaison officer for Fiend in Germany.

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19. I have asked [] to buy 5 dinghy-parent ship hoisting devices. This matter should be brought to the attention of [] and [] and we should authorize [] to pay for them. I have also asked [] to get us 5 additional leg bags on top of the 2 already on order. Of this total of 7 [] one should be sent to us here, and the others should be sent to [] for Fiend/Stair use.

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20. [] suggested that it may be desirable for training officers from British and our training camps to exchange visits. This applies to the Field-Valuable camps. I explained that from our end, security conditions arising from the deep cover under which our camps operate may make it difficult for us to receive visitors. In any case, [] indicated that they would be glad to have our trainers visit their camp.

21. [] suggested that we exchange the briefs given to the outgoing teams. There is no objection to this if the material furnished covers only the general principles governing our agents' operations.

22. The British are preparing a paper estimating what could be achieved by a follow-up force and containing proposals for immediate action to prepare such a force.

23. [] has been making inquiries about a man named Yanev in France. He must be warned about Christo Yanev, who is a bad character. Review and furnish [] with the latest data on both Christo and Vakarel Yanev.

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24. 24. With reference to indigenous non-American personnel to be employed in the training establishments, it is essential that such personnel be restricted to a single training school or safe house in order to prevent them from learning of the existence or whereabouts of other similar establishments.

25. Discussions in Rome - 20 April to 21 April.

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a. Charity reports should be made available to [] then to [] for transmission to [] Local Ogive man cannot deliver these reports without permission from Washington. It would be desirable that the local Ogive man turn over information on Albania from other sources too.

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b. No reply has been received to 870-CRIMU sent in March 1951. [] reads this material badly. (Subject is unknown to me).

c. [] indicated that she would probably be willing to go abroad again following a six-months tour of duty in the United States.

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d. [] desires some books on psychological warfare. Select a number of the best ones and send them to him immediately.

e. The propaganda committee, the British, and [] have been dissatisfied with []'s leaflets and feel that his leaflets are unsatisfactory because he lacks close association with Albanians. This is a matter which must be looked into thoroughly and straightened out. I instructed [] to keep in close touch with [] and see him as often as possible.

f. [] considers it desirable to have a plane for Fiend in Italy. A six-passenger, two-engine aircraft could be procured for some \$40,000. [] could fly and arrange for the maintenance of this aircraft.

g. [] suggests that Fiend could serve to distribute leaflets directed at the Soviets in Albania.

h. I instructed [] to explore possible ways of broadening the Committee without precipitating a BK withdrawal.

i. The Committee feels strongly that Tito is trying to take part of Albania and to split the country with the Greeks.

j. [] states that the Committee leaders have agreed not to see the teams after training has been finished. [] will arrange for the leaders to see their men before training begins.

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k. The rejects in Greece are writing harmful letters denouncing the Committee. One has written to the Camp Commandant, IRO, requesting that he be returned to the Camp with his wife. In the letters they complain of bad treatment received and refer to the training they have had, etc. The Committee feels we should intervene with IRO and send them to New Zealand, Australia or elsewhere.

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Four of the rejects are married, have wives and some have children, and they wish to be reunited with their families. The Committee says they are trying to do what they can to keep things quiet, but claim that the men are not well treated, not gainfully employed, and are practically out in the street. This matter should be taken up immediately with [] and with our reject people if [] considers it safe to move these men out of Greece, or if [] cannot arrange to have the Greeks maintain better security.

1. [] states that the BK claims they have the philosophy appealing to the greatest number of people in Albania and that many mistaken persons who have been supporting the Communists and now realize their error will join the BK. The BK rejected [] suggestion that they give up political activity for the present and stop recruiting on a party basis.

P [] asks what happens to the families of the men in the holding camp when IRO closes out in Italy. As long as IRO functions, they are cared for, but an acute problem will develop later in the year, after the camp is closed.

n. [] would like to know more about our responsibilities for defections and how we would dispose of defectors. He feels that he can arrange for defections from the Albanian Legation, and even thinks that the Minister could be induced to defect. This is a delicate matter and [] may well be led into a trap by the Albanian Legation. However, the matter is worth further investigation and suitable directions should be drawn up for [] and as a policy guide for Hoxter.

W W [] would like to expand the activities in Italy to include the penetration of several of the groups there since Rome is full of various persons of interest to us. Since this is a delicate matter and involves OSO's responsibilities, I do not think [] should be encouraged in this respect.

J P [] I would like a paper outlining the concept of the National Committee and stating clearly the basic principles involved. He needs this in order to be able to talk authoritatively with the Committee.

q. [] wants a letter drop set up in Trieste.

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r. [] must come to the U. S. during the summer, by 1 August, in connection with some matters relating to his passport. Instructions must be sent to directing []'s return on TDY.

s. [] feels that the New York paper needs very much closer supervision than London has been giving it and that constant control must be exercised. It is slanted too much toward the American Albanian. [] suggests that we engage a specialist to improve the layout and that we arrange for the paper to carry a certain amount of advertising from important U. S. companies. This would not only provide a certain financial support for the paper itself, but would also have quite an influence on Albanians abroad, in whose eyes the paper's prestige would be raised by the presence of advertising from well-known companies with an international reputation. This matter should be discussed with the NCFE.

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t. The salaries of the propaganda committee staff should be increased to a total of \$150 per month since the added work load thrown on them by [] has made it impossible for them to hold down other part-time jobs which helped them to eke out a living formerly.

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u. [] states that dispatches he sends from the Rome office are "approved" [] Although this is a small matter, he would prefer to have them signed as [] We should look into the regulations governing the handling of correspondence relating to field projects and see that [] follows whatever rules have been established.

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v. [] states that the evacuation list has been prepared by the Committee and that it is now up to us in Washington to go through the names and make up the final list.

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w. [] would like to declassify some of the biographic information on enemy individuals in order to permit the propaganda committee to use it. Authority for this must come from Washington.

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x. As a matter of interest, [] probably as a tactful suggestion, indicated that [] recently received a thousand dollar per annum increase in his living allowance.

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y. [] reports that an American named Monroe McDonald, connected with IRO, Bagnoli, is recruiting Albanians and other foreigners for a "radio service".

z. [] must be informed immediately of the name of his employers. He needs this for income tax purposes. Hitherto, he has been ostensibly a member of Imperial Pictures. This matter should be taken up immediately with Confidential Funds and an answer sent by cable.

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