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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Record

SUBJECT: Policy - Albania

1. On 2 July, I followed up the discussion of June 26 with John Campbell of State to determine whether, as a result of his discussions with Mr. Reinhardt, there had been any change in the existing policy toward Albania especially with regard to the ban on OPC leaflet drops, and action to be taken with regard to the new Yugoslav - Sponsored Albanian Committee.

2. Mr. Campbell stated that Ambassador Allen in Belgrade had raised certain objections to approaching the Yugoslavs in the manner instructed by State, but that, after several exchanges, he had received final directions on Saturday, 30 June. Mr. Campbell and Mr. Reinhardt still feel that any determination of policy must await the results of that approach.

3. I showed Mr. Campbell [] 9486, IN 49631, attached hereto. He seemed extremely interested and confirmed that on his recent trip to London he had received indications that the British policy was swinging towards making an approach to the Yugoslavs on a diplomatic level to attempt to obtain assurances that any occupation of Albania as a result of hostilities in the Balkans would be of a temporary nature, and to try to set boundaries for Greek and Yugoslav areas of occupation. He stated, however, that he doubted whether any such approach by the British was imminent and felt that it must be still in the discussion stage.

4. Lastly, I discussed with him [] proposal in [] 9820 IN 11197 that the Kupa-Sokoli meeting at Trieste be set up by a letter passed through our Embassy in Belgrade to the Yugoslavs. Mr. Campbell felt that it would be premature to indicate in any way to the Yugoslavs, the United States benevolent interest in the Committee. It was agreed that the letter should be sent through the open mail, and that it should be made clear to [] that the Embassy in Belgrade could not intervene in any way.

5. Mr. Campbell stated that he would advise us when the results of Allen's approach were known so that a general discussion might be held to delineate future policy towards Albania.

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