

Sept 9/8

Memorandum to [redacted] info copies to [redacted] in Washington
and [redacted] in Heidelberg

.....

1. The writer has just returned from Geneva, where he and [redacted] met with Mr. René Pointe of the I.R.O. Department of Operations.
2. At our first meeting with Mr. Pointe, which was held on 7 August, the broad aspects of our need for I.R.O. cooperation were explained. This preliminary meeting was followed by a second meeting on 8 August to allow Mr. Pointe time to discuss the matter with his associates and to allow [redacted] and the writer time to prepare a memorandum summarizing the points covered in the preliminary meeting.
3. Attached hereto is a copy of the memorandum, which [redacted] and the writer felt covered the broad objectives which we hoped to attain. Details and specific cases on which we need I.R.O. cooperation were not summarized in this memorandum because it was felt that the I.R.O. people might bolt and run if we became too detailed in our discussions.
4. For example, we dwelt heavily upon the fact that some LC-Batmen are found to be either mentally or physically unfit for duty after volunteering their services for HTNeigh. We said that in such instances we would like to turn these people back to I.R.O. for resettlement. In our discussion on this subject we spoke briefly of the men we have in LCFlake who were found unfit and are now separated from their families, most of them being in I.R.O. camps in KMulcer. We stated that we would like to reunite these men with their families and have them resettled in some place such as New Zealand or Australia, since they were unable to contribute anything to HTNeigh.
5. As another example, we mentioned the case of one man who has tuberculosis, a case which we are unable to treat because we lack facilities.
6. As another example, we told Mr. Pointe that HTNeigh had a recruiting team of five men, consisting of three HTNeigh members and two LCBatmen doctors, that we would like to visit I.R.O. camps where LCBatmen are concentrated, for the purpose of recruiting, but that we had no way of equipping these men with travel documents and would like to call upon I.R.O. for assistance.
7. To all of the above Mr. Pointe answered in the affirmative. From the I.R.O. standpoint, however, he made two points very clear....

DECLASSIFIED AND RELEASED BY
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
SOURCE METHOD EXEMPTION 3828
NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT
DATE 2007

(a) Because of the nature of the I.R.O. organization, he will not undertake any activity which places the I.R.O. in the position of cooperating politically. In other words, he does not choose to know too much about our activities.

(b) Our dealings are to be conducted entirely with Mr. Pointe and his superior, Mr. Jacobson, because I.R.O. is riddled with agents and Mr. Pointe cannot guarantee that security will not be violated if recruiting lists, etc., are not kept on a very high level and top secret basis.

8. Our meeting with Mr. Pointe ended with the agreement that [] and the writer would return to Geneva either late this month or early next month to discuss all of the specific activities in which we wish to have I.R.O. cooperation - the names of our recruiting team members we want equipped with travel documents, the names of the seven rejects in LCFlake that we want reunited with their families in KMulcer for resettlement elsewhere, etc., etc.

9. Meanwhile, it is suggested that Washington instigate clearance on Mr. Pointe because we appear to have a most valuable contact which should solve all of the annoying problems we have had with I.R.O. in the past.

10. F.Y.I., the writer used the fictitious name of [] (the name by which he is known to LCBatmen) with Mr. Pointe. His connection with HTNeigh was inferred rather than outspoken, on the following basis: "HTNeigh, as you know, is supported by the National Committee for Free Europe, an organization which is supported by private enterprise in America."

11. In speaking of HTNeigh activities no mention was made of agent work. We dwelt entirely upon the Radio Free Europe operation in Munich, which is known to everyone, and the publication of a newspaper in New York, which is also public knowledge. We inferred that men recruited by HTNeigh are to be used in the conduct of such activities.

8 August, 1951

MEMO FOR MR. POINTE OF I.R.O.

Following will be found a rough outline of the matters discussed with you yesterday and on which the National Committee for Free Albania would like to reach an agreement with I.R.O.

1. Procedures for accomplishing the movement of Albanian refugees (who desire to work with N.C.F.A.) from I.R.O. hands to N.C.F.A. stations in Western Europe and the U.S.A. In such instances it is understood that N.C.F.A. will assume all obligations having to do with the support of such individuals.
2. Procedures for turning back to I.R.O. (for resettlement) those Albanians physically or mentally unfit to carry out the duties and functions of N.C.F.A.
3. An arrangement whereby N.C.F.A. representatives (a five-man team consisting of three N.C.F.A. members and two Albanian doctors) may visit I.R.O. installations where sizeable numbers of Albanians are concentrated for the purpose of recruiting Albanians for N.C.F.A. employment.
4. An agreement under which these recruits would be turned over to N.C.F.A. under procedures outlined in Paragraph (1).

If I.R.O. officials view it possible to cooperate with N.C.F.A. to the degree requested, the writer is prepared to furnish more details with respect to the activities mentioned.

Sincerely,

[]

For the National Committee for
Free Albania

8 August 1951

413

MEMO FOR MR POINTE OF I.R.O.

Following will be found a rough outline of the matters discussed with you yesterday and on which the National Committee for Free Albania would like to reach an agreement with I.R.O.

1. Procedures for accomplishing the movement of Albanian refugees (who desire to work with NCFR) from I.R.O. hands to NCFR stations in Western Europe and the U.S.A. In such instances it is understood that NCFR will assume all obligations having to do with the support of such individuals.

2. Procedures for turning back to I.R.O. (for resettlement) those Albanians physically or mentally unfit to carry out the duties and functions of NCFR.

3. An arrangement whereby USFA representatives (a five member team consisting of three USFA members and two Albanian doctors) may visit the installations where sizable numbers of Albanians are concentrated for the purpose of recruiting Albanians for USFA employment.

4. An agreement under which these recruits would be turned over to USFA under procedures outlined in paragraph (1).

If I.R.C. officials were in a position to cooperate with USFA to the degree requested the writer is prepared to furnish more details with respect to the activities mentioned.

Respectfully,

[]

FOR THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE
FOR FREE ALBANIA