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690-CAGWU

14 August 1951

SUBJECT: Annihilation of BGFriend Olive Team

TO: Chief, ZACactus
Washington, D.C.

INFO: Chief, ZACactus

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1. The destruction of the BGFriend Olive party at G-3042 on 27 July, three days after its infiltration, was reported by the Jayhawk Tiger team upon its exfiltration 7 August. The Tiger group was infiltrated by sea on or about 10 July and operated in Area B-5, generally H-2942. Their debriefing exposed a hectic month of hostile pursuit, including four ambushes by Special Pursuit detachments, police, armed civilians, and soldiers. One of these attacks which lasted 24 hours, nearly depleted the team's ammunition supply, and resulted in an escape so miraculous that the members do not know yet how it happened. Their route to LCFlake followed the higher flats of the valley (away from roads) from H-2942 southeasterly to an exit somewhere near J-3092. Civilian hostages were reported seized all along the escape route.

2. Two sources told the Tiger team leader of Olive's fate. One was the brother of Identity (1), a local man, who had befriended Olive with food and safekeeping. It was this man who related the story to the cousin of the Tiger party leader who, in turn, told the leader while he was in (2), his home. According to the news, the befriender later was forced to participate in the Olive round-up which included all civilians and troops nearby. (Note: heretofore, only trusted BGGypsies were armed and pressed into posse duty.) Also in this search party were unarmed civilians, some of them women, who preceded the armed hunters with pleas to surrender, obviously with the thought that the hunted would not fire on the unarmed searchers and might give up more easily.

3. Surrounded, the Olive team suffered this fate: Identity (3) was captured; (4) killed himself together with (5) who had agreed to a double suicide with a grenade. One died with a grenade but the other lived to kill himself with his pistol. Identity (6) reportedly escaped. Identities (4) and (5) were supplied by name by Tiger exfiltrates; others from description and deduction.

Map of Olive Team

PALMELY

FIDAS VELL

RIZA ZYBERI

MUHAMMET HONOR

KASEM SHEHU

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4. Incidental intelligence: (a) H-2942 and the adjoining valley is alive with troops (maneuvers?). (b) Shepherds, who formerly were actively sympathetic toward ZRSpells, have been replaced by informers and BGGypsy followers, probably as a result of the nationalization of the flocks and subsequent removal of the original owners. (c) BGGypsies and members of the (7) in all villages are armed at all times and now are formed into regular night patrols.

5. A Jayhawk summary written by the debriefing officer is attached.

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1 Attachment - As above (s.c.)

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IDENTITIES:

1. ARSHI DAUT.
2. VILLAGE OF LAZARET.
3. MUHAMET HOXHA.
4. FIDAJ VELI.
5. RIZA ZYBERI (ALSO RECD MYBDRI).
6. KASEM SHEHU.
7. DEMOCRATIC FRONT.

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